

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 2



“For I know the plans I have
for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you;
plans to give you hope
and a fu-ture.”
Jeremiah 29:11
you have heard!

To the tune of “Jingle Bells”



The Old Testament

Five Major “E”vents

Eden	The beginning
Election	2000 BC
Exodus	1500 BC
Empire	1000 BC
Exile & Return	500 BC

(Dates are approximate)



Same People

Hebrews: Eber (Gen 10:21)

Israelites: Jacob/Israel (Gen 32:28)

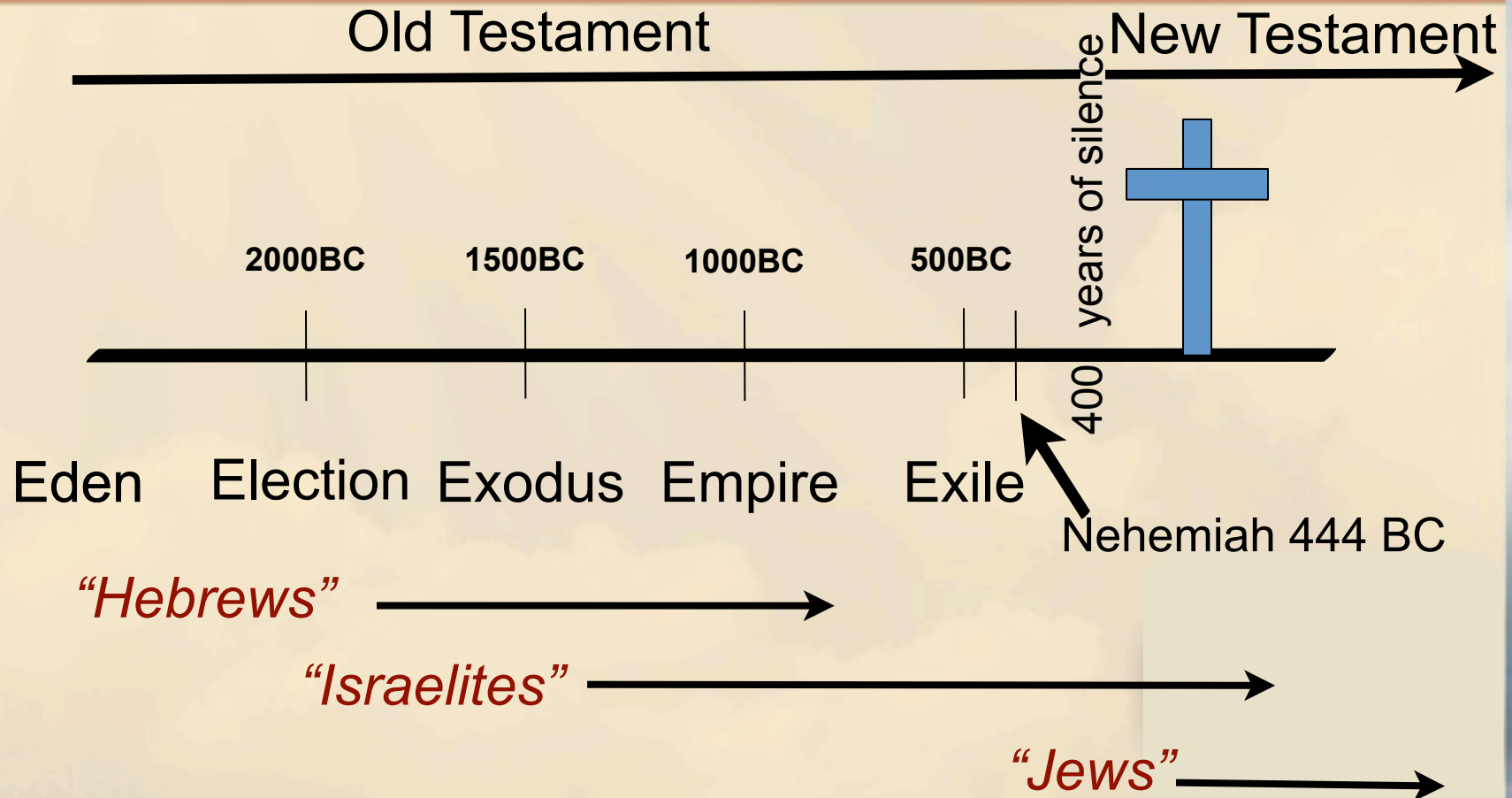
Jews: Judah (Ex 31:2)



The “Jews” of Judah



Five Major “E”vents



Nehemiah Chapter 1

The Problem (vs 1-4)

The Prayer (vs 5-11a)

The Proclamation (vs 11b)



What is special about Jerusalem?

It is in the Promised Land. (Gen 12:1)

God promised to bring the
Israelites back. (Jer 29:10)



The Problem

“Possession of the land had been central to the covenant that had created the people of Israel, and exile meant anguish.”

~Maxine Beach “The Bible Part I Origins and Formations”



The Prayer

vs 5a	Gen 24:3
vs 5b	Deut 7:21
vs 5c	Deut 7:9
vs 6a	1 Kings 8:30
vs 6b-7	Ps 106:6
vs 8a	Gen 24:3
vs 8b-9	Deut 28-30
vs 10	Ex 32:11
vs 11a	1 Kings 8:28
vs 11b	Gen 43:14

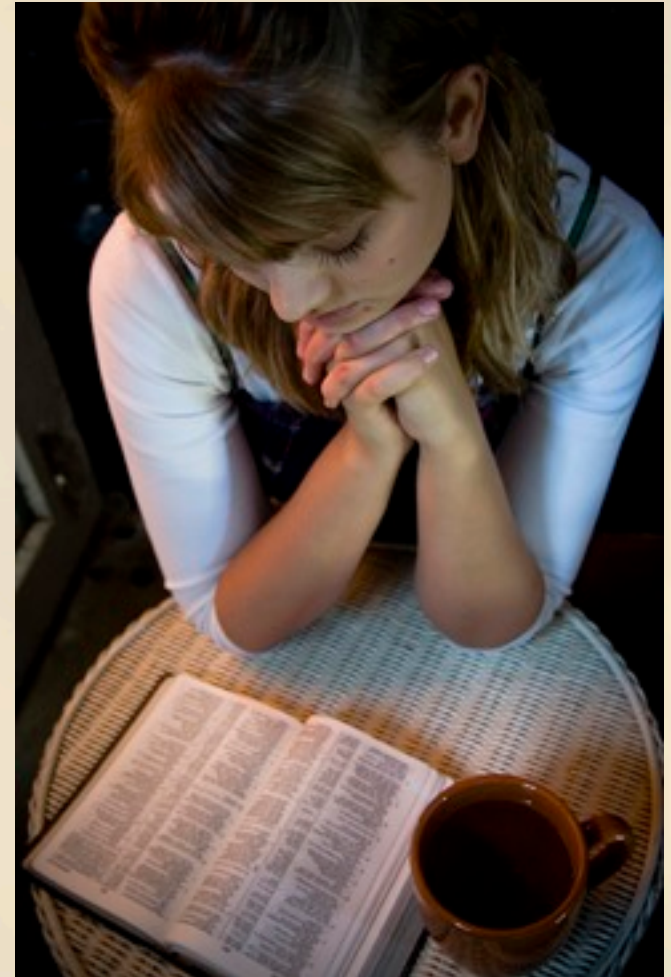


Nehemiah prays God's Word to Him.

Why memorize Scripture?

- 🕒 Helps us pray (Mt 6:9–13)
- 🕒 Helps us resist temptation (1Cor 10:13)
- 🕒 Provides comfort (2 Cor 1:3–4)
- 🕒 Helps us comfort others (2 Cor 1:3–4)

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“Pray continually”

1 Thess 5:17



“I was cupbearer to the king.”

Nehemiah 1:11b





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Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Is God calling you outside your comfort zone?

Write a short prayer asking for His guidance.

Col 1:29, Phil 4:13, Rom 12:1–2, Phil 4:6

