

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 9

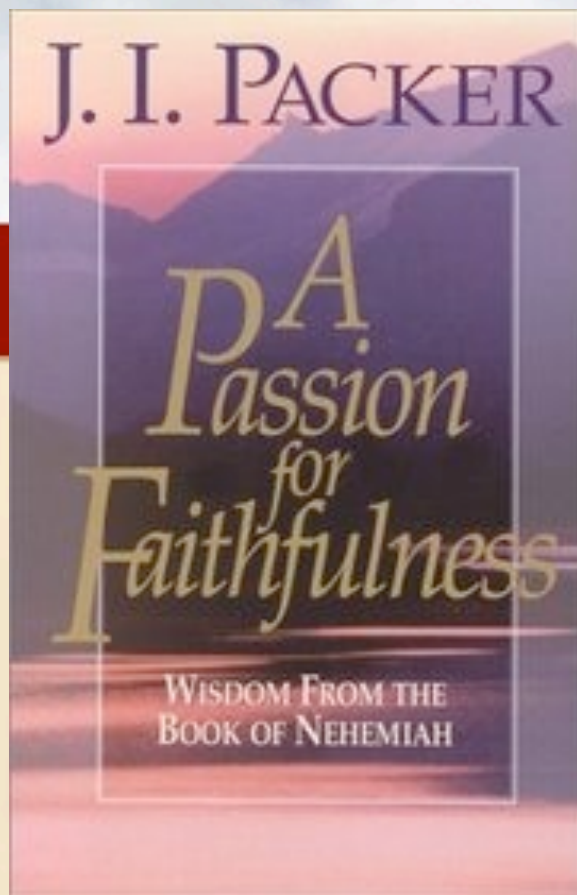


Therefore if anyone is in Christ
he is a new creation.
The old has gone;
The new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17



The Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18)





“The counterpart of **Nehemiah** in the New Testament is the **Apostle Paul**, another human ball of fire with a passion for faithfulness in building up God’s church, a passion rooted like Nehemiah’s in a life of faith, hope and joy.”

~“*A Passion for Faithfulness*” J.I. Packer

Old Testament

New Testament

2000BC

1500BC

1000BC

500BC

400 years of silence

30AD

35AD-
68AD

Eden Election Exodus Empire Exile

Nehemiah
444 BC

Paul's
Conversion
and Ministry

(Dates are approximate)

The Intertestamental Period

Alexander the Great

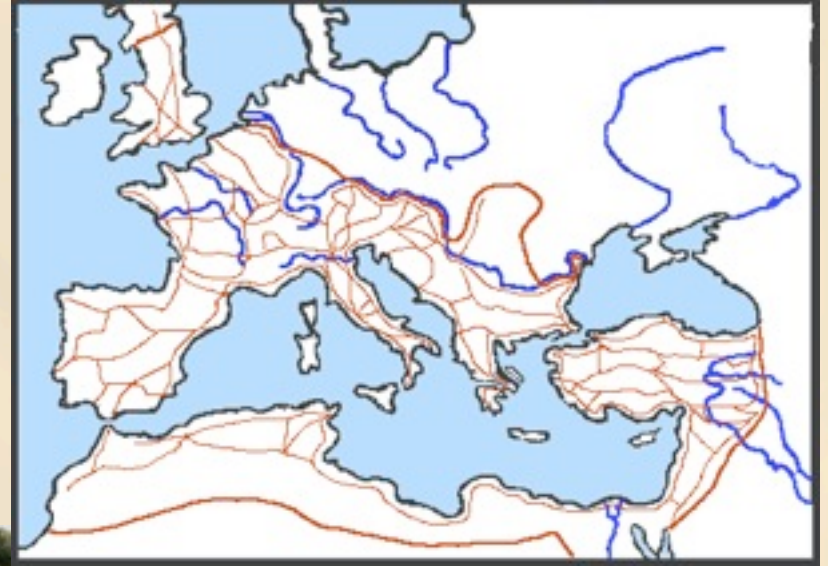
- 1) Alexander's conquests spread the Greek Language
- 2) Large communities of Jews began speaking Greek
- 3) Old Testament scriptures were translated into Greek
"Septuagint" 255 BC
- 4) Scriptures were then available to Gentiles.

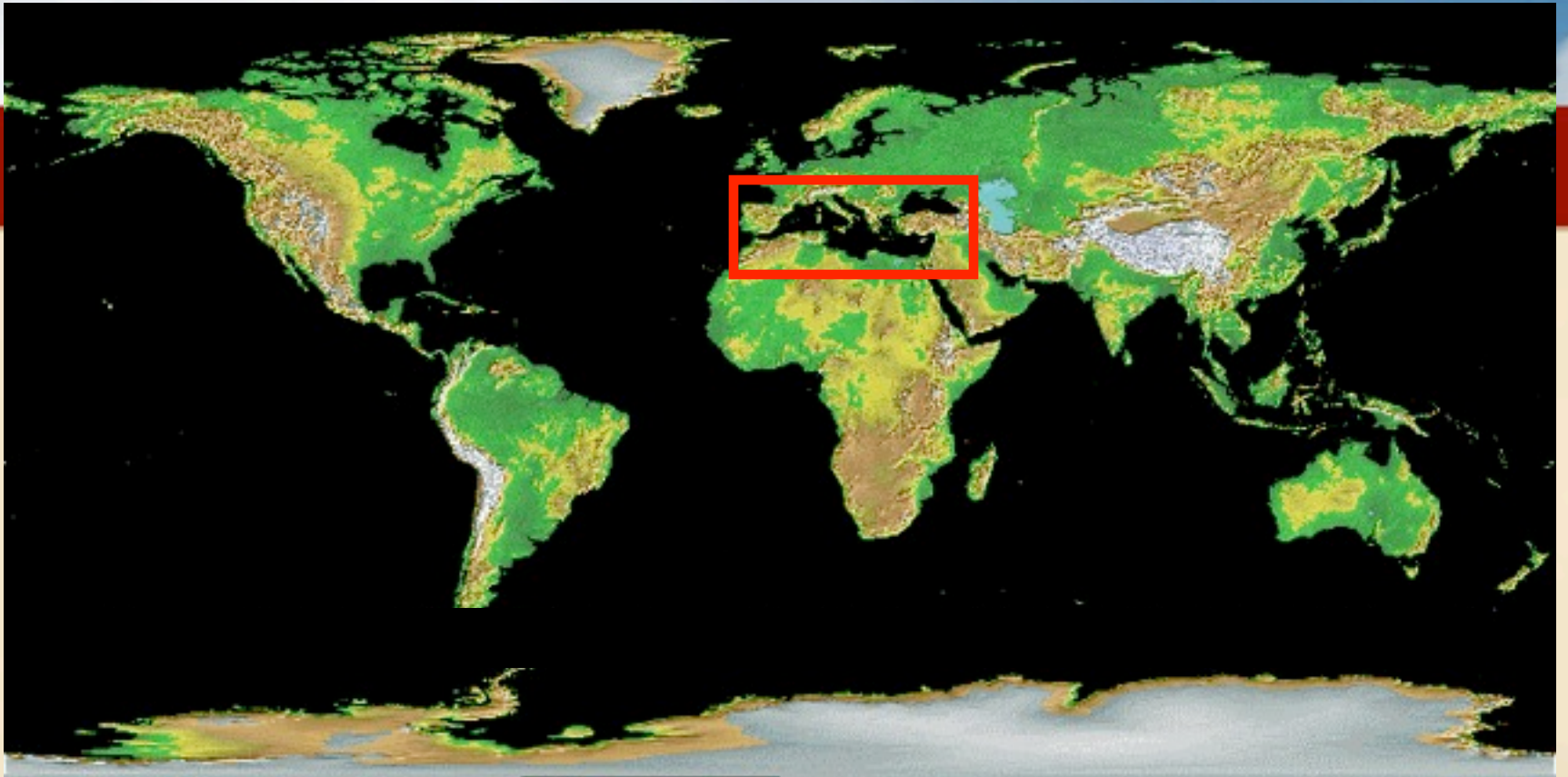


The Intertestamental Period

Roman Influence

- 1) Roads made travel easier and safer
- 2) Period of relative peace
27 BC to 180 AD





“But when the fullness of time came,
God sent forth His Son.”
Galatians 4:4

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples...



...suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

“Who are you, Lord?”

“Kurios” - a person exercising absolute ownership rights



Acts 9 “Shine”

Paul's (Saul's) conversion

- Persecuting Christians
- Met Jesus on the road to Damascus
- Changed directions



“The old has gone. The new has come!”

Persecuting Christians



Preaching Jesus

Books written by Paul

Old Testament	3	9	39 books
New Testament	3	X 9	27 books
Books in the Bible			66 books



13 Books written by Paul





The Corinth Canal Today



Corinth

The Acrocorinth--Temple of Aphrodite, Goddess of Love



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When Nehemiah left Jerusalem...

Disobedience to God's Word

Desecration of the Temple

Disrespect for the Sabbath

When Paul left Corinth...

Immorality

Lack of unity

False apostles

“God does not comfort us
to make us comfortable,
but to make us comforters.”

~John Henry Jowett



Nehemiah means ‘comfort’ or ‘comforted by God.’

“We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure....

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God” (2 Cor 1:8a-9)



And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. (1 Cor 10:13b)

“He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us...” 2 Cor 1:10

“He has delivered us”

“He will deliver us”

“He will continue to deliver us”



“as you help us by your prayers. ” 2 Cor 1:11a

“I urge you...to join me in my struggles by praying to God for me.” Rom 15:30



“There is no such thing as a self-reliant Christian.”

Applying the Lesson in Your Life



How is God speaking to
you in the lesson today?

How will you respond?

