

# The Highlights of the Restoration Period.

## Ezra Highlights:

**First, Zerubbabel leads a group back in chapters 1-6:**

- ★ We see God lead Cyrus king of Persia to provide freedom and resources for the exiles to go back to Jerusalem and establish Godly priorities. Chapters 1-3
- ★ Problems come from local opposition and stalls the project. God sends the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to prophesy and motivate the people. Chapter 4-6

**Second, Ezra leads the second group back in Chapters 7-10:**

- ★ Ezra reveals the secret of his success: "Study and be a doer of the Word."
- ★ Ezra leads a reform in Judah and rebuilds the temple.

## Nehemiah Highlights:

**Chapters 1-6.** The destruction of the walls causes Nehemiah to fast, pray, plan and then courageously rebuild the walls through much opposition.

**Chapters 7-12.** Ezra encourages the people with God's Word and they renew their covenant to God.

**Chapter 13.** Nehemiah purges the sins that the people have allowed to creep in. Seeing the hand of God in Ezra and Nehemiah.

## Malachi Highlights:

Malachi is the prophet to Jerusalem who confronts faulty worship habits and unfaithfulness in marriage.

## Esther Highlights:

**Chapters 1-2.** God providentially allows Esther to become queen of Persia.

**Chapters 3-4.** Haman plots to kill Mordecai and the Jews.

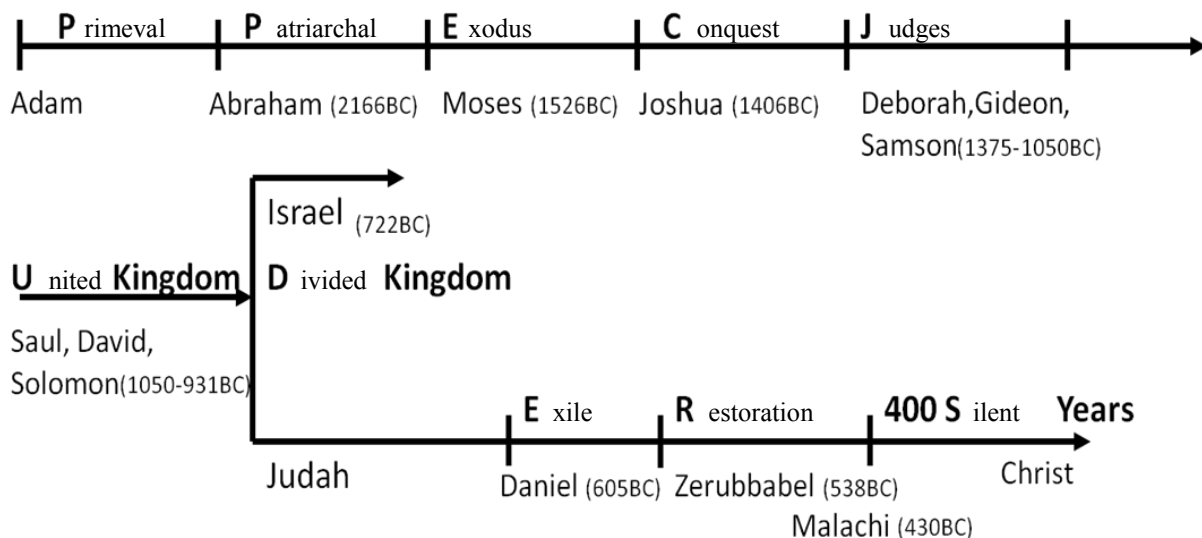
**Chapters 5-8.** Esther risks her life and intercedes for the Jews and their enemies are destroyed.

**Chapter 9-10.** The Feast of Purim is established as a memorial and Mordecai is honored.

GOD'S NAME DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE BOOK BUT HIS PRESENCE IS FELT.

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, HIS GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL." Romans 12:2*

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