

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIBLE

The Return Era

The Return Era – The _____ return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the temple, though they remain under the dominion of _____.

Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____

Storyline Summary

Ezra _____ back from exile to rebuild Jerusalem.

Four Main Subjects in the Return Era

1. _____: Jerusalem is a wreck, having suffered the ravages of war and seventy years of neglect.
2. _____: Under the leadership of Zerubbabel the rebuilding of the temple is begun.
3. _____: Ezra spiritually rebuilds the returning exiles.
4. _____: Nehemiah oversees the rebuilding of walls around Jerusalem and the restoration is complete.

A Classic Passage

Esther 6: Mordecai Is _____ and Haman Is _____

- A sleepless Persian king discovers the identity of an _____.
- The evil Haman, believing he is that hero, advises the King to _____.
- The King agrees, ordering Haman to exalt ... _____ (Haman's mortal enemy).
- Haman's wife and friends insists that Haman's _____.

A Step to Grow

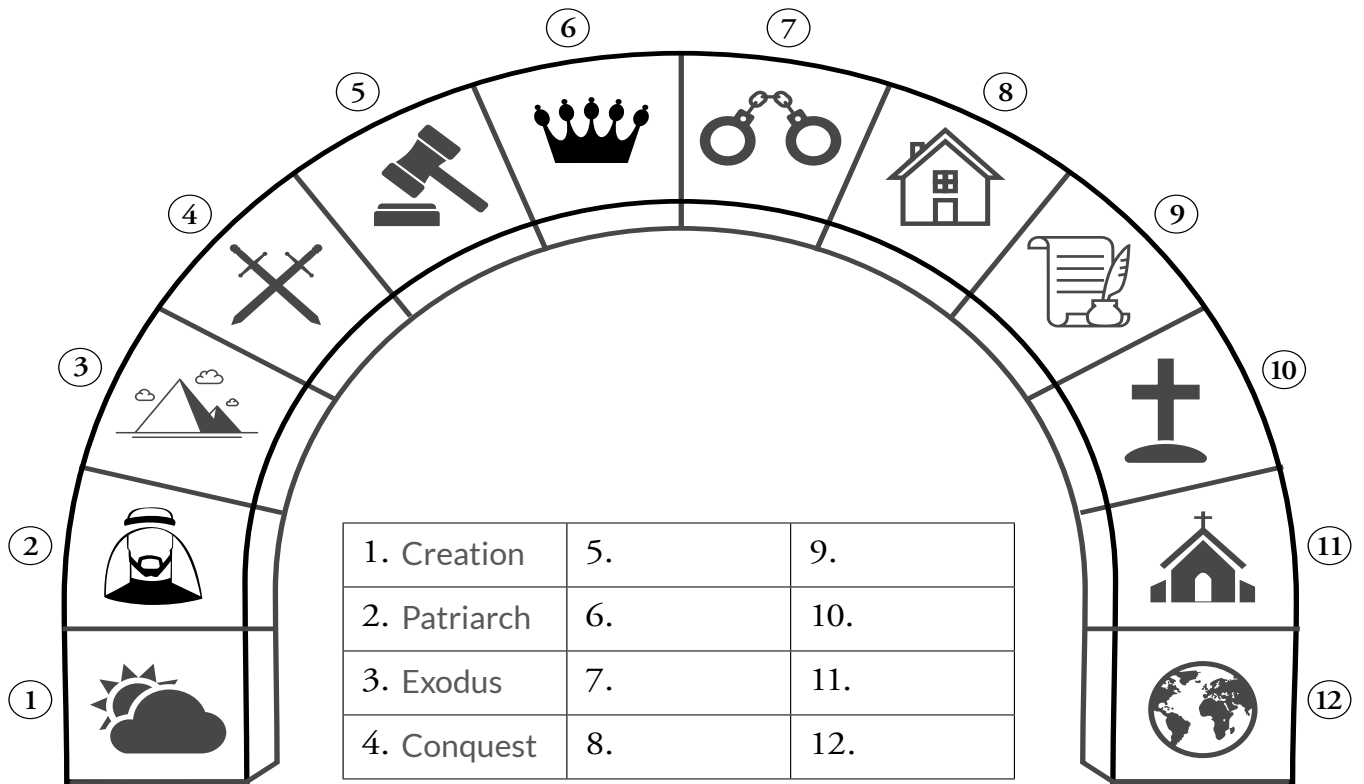
- This week hold on to the truth that God delights in the _____, turning the seemingly _____ into the genuinely _____.

Looking Ahead

- Next week we will study the _____ Era and take a closer look at _____ in Malachi 4.



ARC OF BIBLE HISTORY



The Geography of the Return Era

