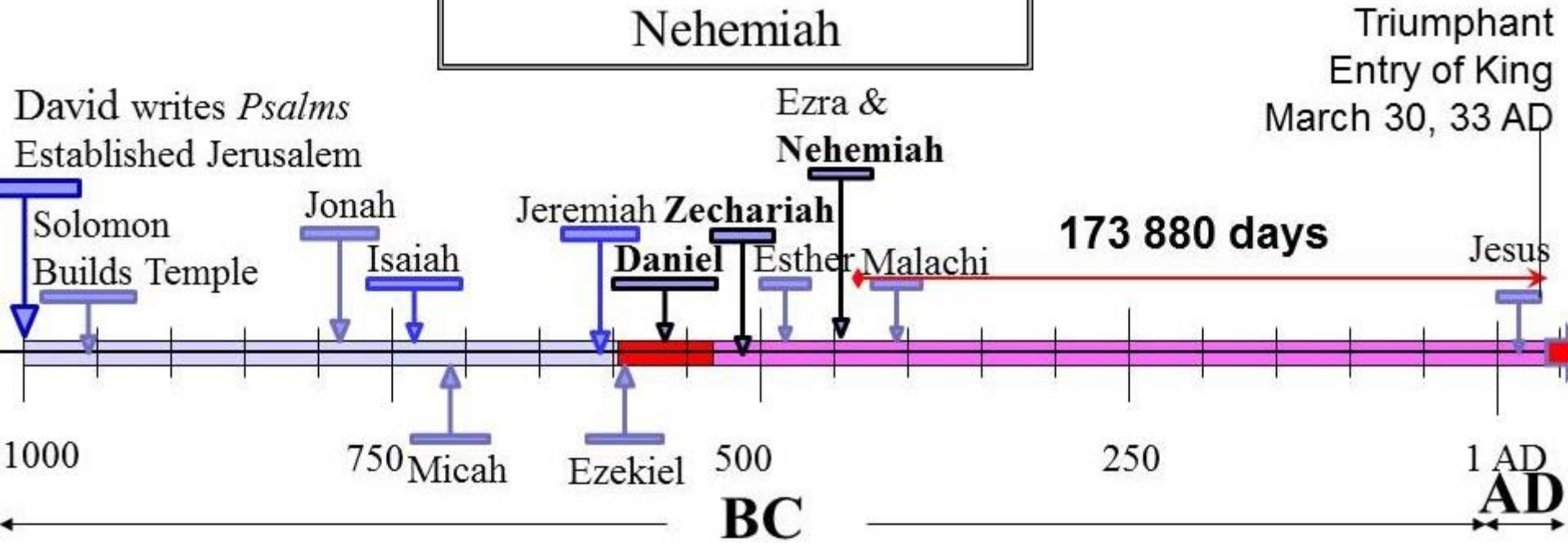


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Historical Timeline with Daniel, Zechariah & Nehemiah



- Independent Kingdom with Kings ruling from Jerusalem
- Conquered by Babylonians; lived in exile in Babylon
- Returned to Israel to live as a province within Gentile Empires
- Jerusalem destroyed by Romans in 70 AD; Jews sent into worldwide exile

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**1 These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah.
Nehemiah's Concern for Jerusalem**

**In late autumn, in the month of Kislev,
in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign,
I was at the fortress of Susa.**

**2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me
with some other men who had just arrived
from Judah. I asked them about the Jews
who had returned there from captivity and
about how things were going in Jerusalem.**

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3 They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah.

They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

4 When I heard this, I sat down and wept.

In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

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5 Then I said, “O Lord, God of heaven,
the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant
of unfailing love with those who love him
and obey his commands,

6 listen to my prayer! Look down and see me
praying night and day for your people Israel.

I confess that we have sinned against you.

Yes, even my own family and I have sinned!

7 We have sinned terribly by not obeying the
commands, decrees, and regulations that
you gave us through your servant Moses.

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8 “Please remember what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations.

9 But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored.

10 “The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants. 11 O Lord, please hear my prayer!

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- Rebuilding starts with Real Compassion
 - Requirement of True Discipleship
 - Responds in Heartfelt Prayer
 - Partners in Faithfilled Action

Matthew 7:12

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.