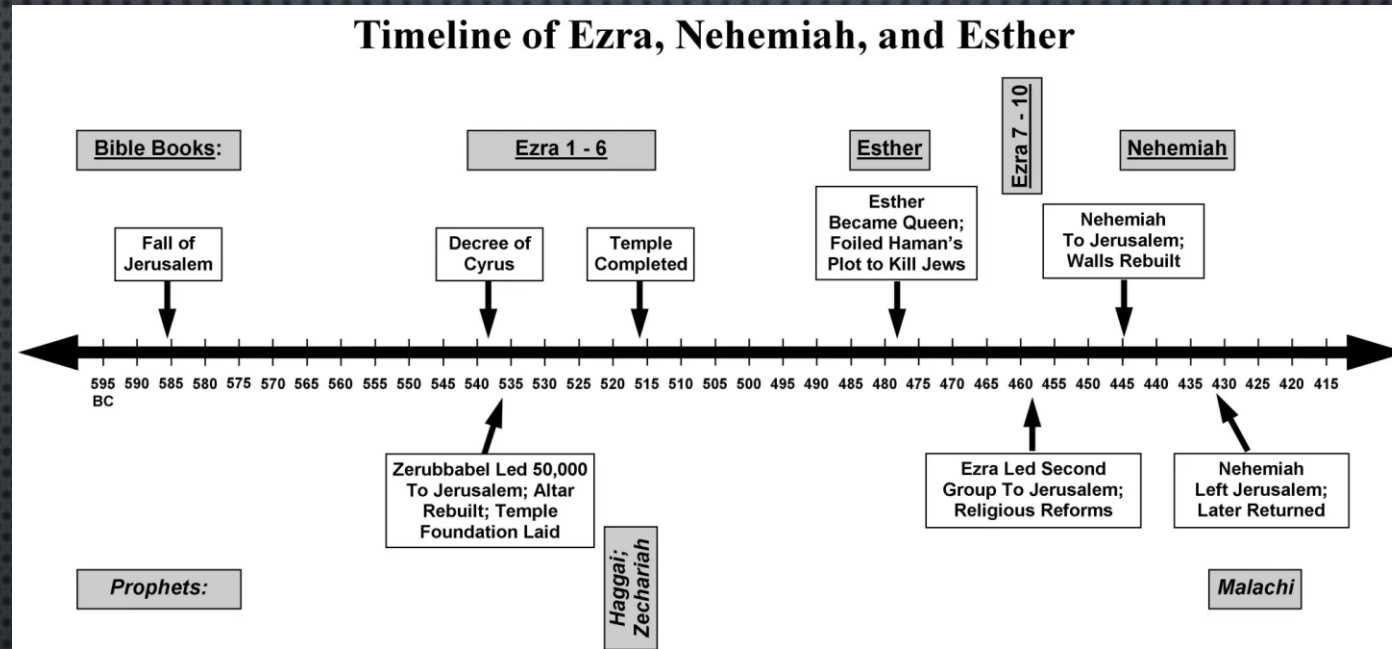


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**NEHEMIAH 4:4-15**

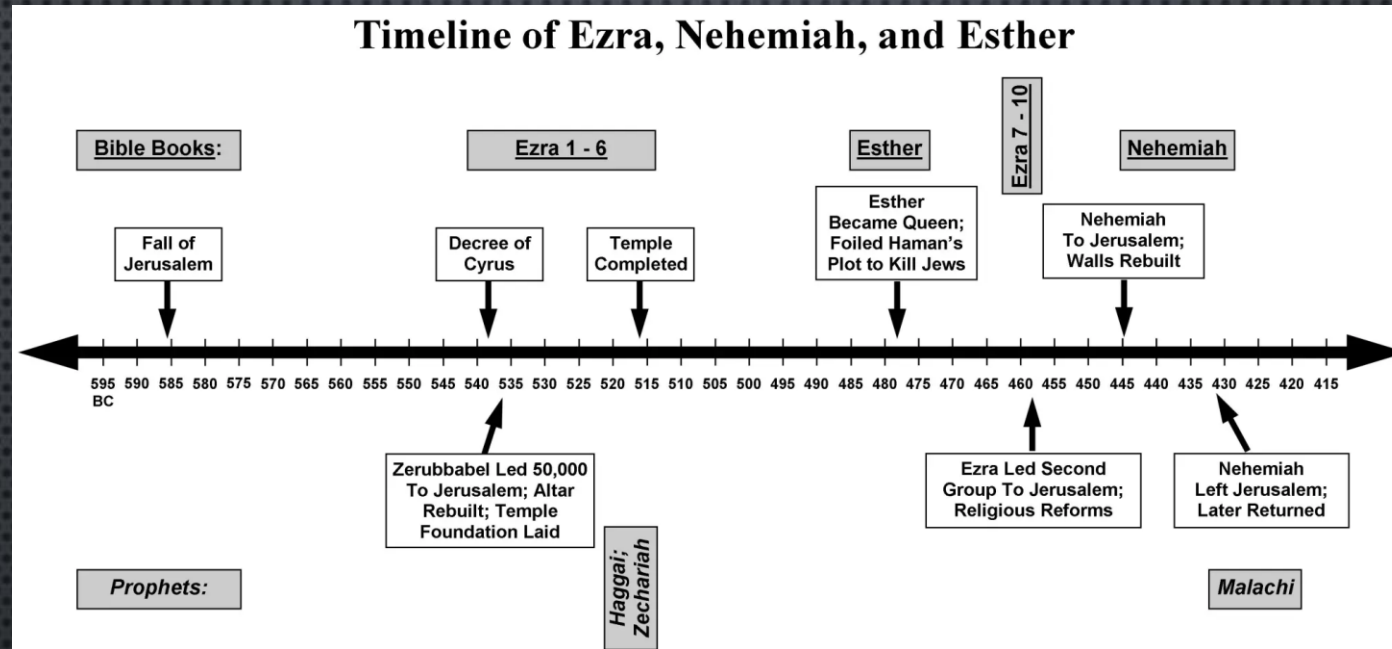
# HISTORY LEADING UP THE NEHEMIAH 4:4-15



- Exodus began around 1445 BC
- Israel was told not to break their covenant with the Lord. LEV 26:14-29.
- King David united the all the tribes around 1010 BC (2 SAM 5:1-10)
- After Solomon's reign the nation split in the Northern kingdom (10 tribes) and the Southern kingdom (Judah and Benjamin)

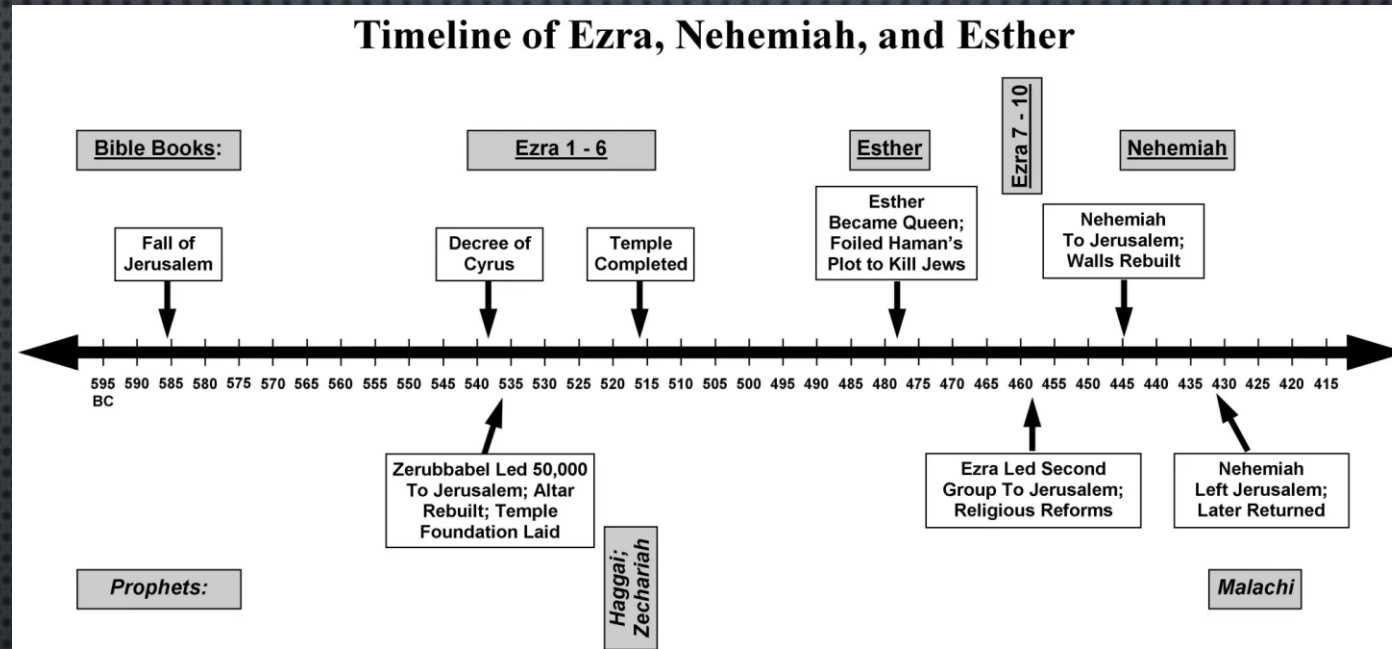


# HISTORY LEADING UP THE NEHEMIAH 4:4-15



- 10 Northern tribes fell to the Assyrians and were deported between 722 and 686 BC
- Jeremiah Prophesied to Judah from 626 to 586 BC
- Jeremiah told them what was coming (Jer 2:14-25)
- Judah came under siege from the Babylonians in 605 BC and was conquered and fully destroyed in 586 BC

# HISTORY LEADING UP THE NEHEMIAH 4:4-15



- Babylonians are conquered in 539 BC by the Persian empire
- Decree of Cyrus to rebuild the temple in 538 BC
- Three main groups return to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel (538 BC, Temple), Ezra (458 BC, reinforce the law), and Nehemiah (445 BC, Walls and restore the people)



# NEHEMIAH'S EXAMPLE OF PRAYER AND RELIANCE

## Nehemiah's examples

NEH 1:4 – He prayed and waited on the Lord.

NEH 2:4 – He Prayed and stepped out in faith despite the fear.

NEH 4:4-5 – He prayed and brought his troubles before the Lord and trusted in God's plan

NEH 4:9 – He prayed, then acted.

**Prayer is the link between balancing God's sovereignty and the need for action. – D.A. Carson**