Lesson 13:
Nehemiah, the Faithful Governor

Nehemiah 11-13

Ezra-Nehemiah

Ezra

(1-6) Zerubbabel's Rebuilding Project {539 BC}

(7-10) Ezra's Rebuilding Project {457 BC}

Nehemiah

(1-7) Nehemiah's Rebuilding Project {444 BC}

(8-13) Culminating Section

A Pattern Repeated in Ezra 1-6; Ezra 7-10; and Nehemiah 1-7

- In captivity God stirs hearts for a return and a rebuilding project.
- The return and rebuilding project are threatened by many obstacles.
- All obstacles are overcome.
- The rebuilding project results in success.

Nehemiah 11

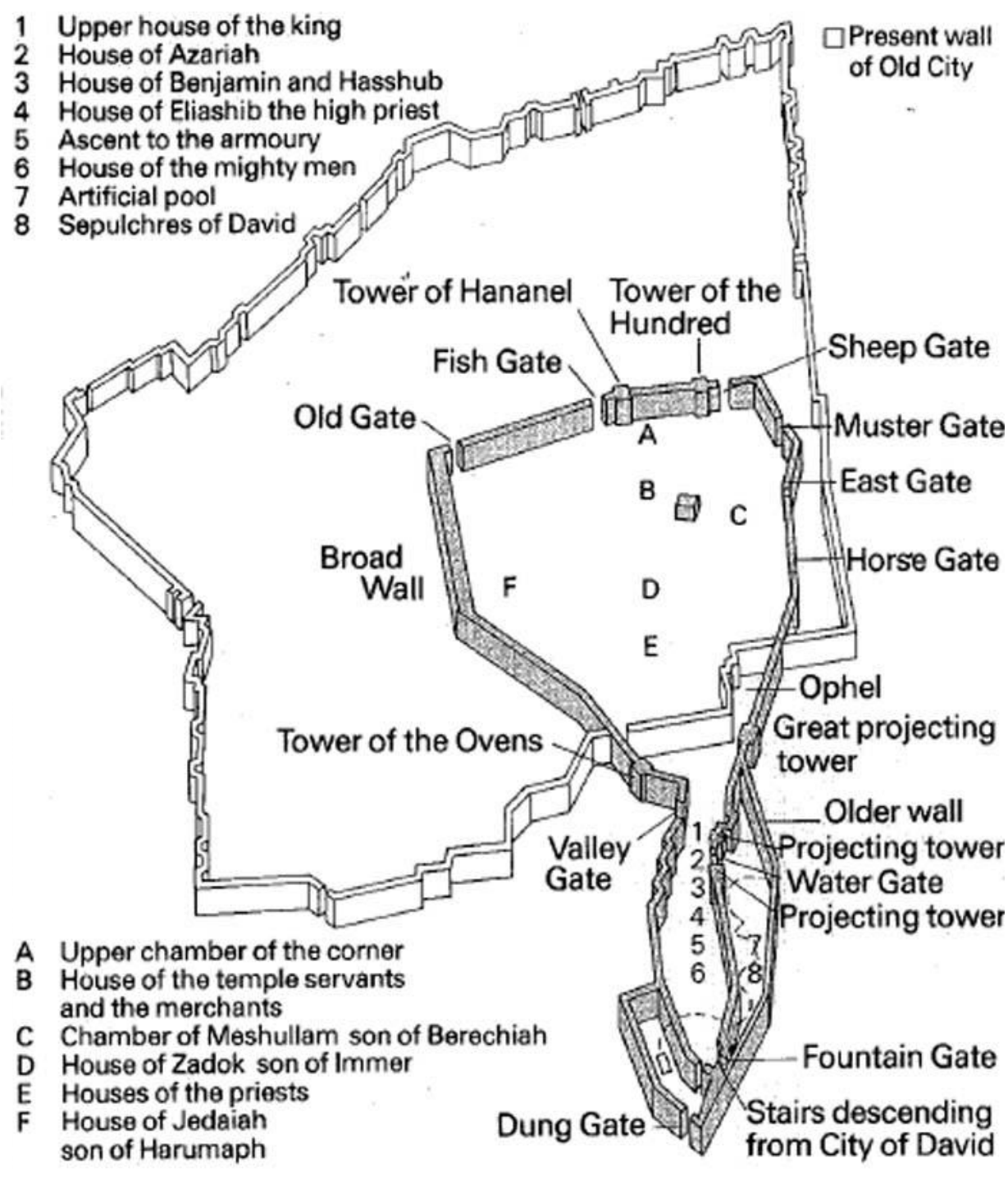
- Jerusalem Residents (vv. 1-19)
  - Judahites: 468
  - Benjamites: 928
  - Priests: 822 + 242 + 128
  - Levites: 284
  - Gatekeepers: 172
- Additional Notes (vv. 20-24)
- Residents of Other Towns in Judah (vv. 25-36)

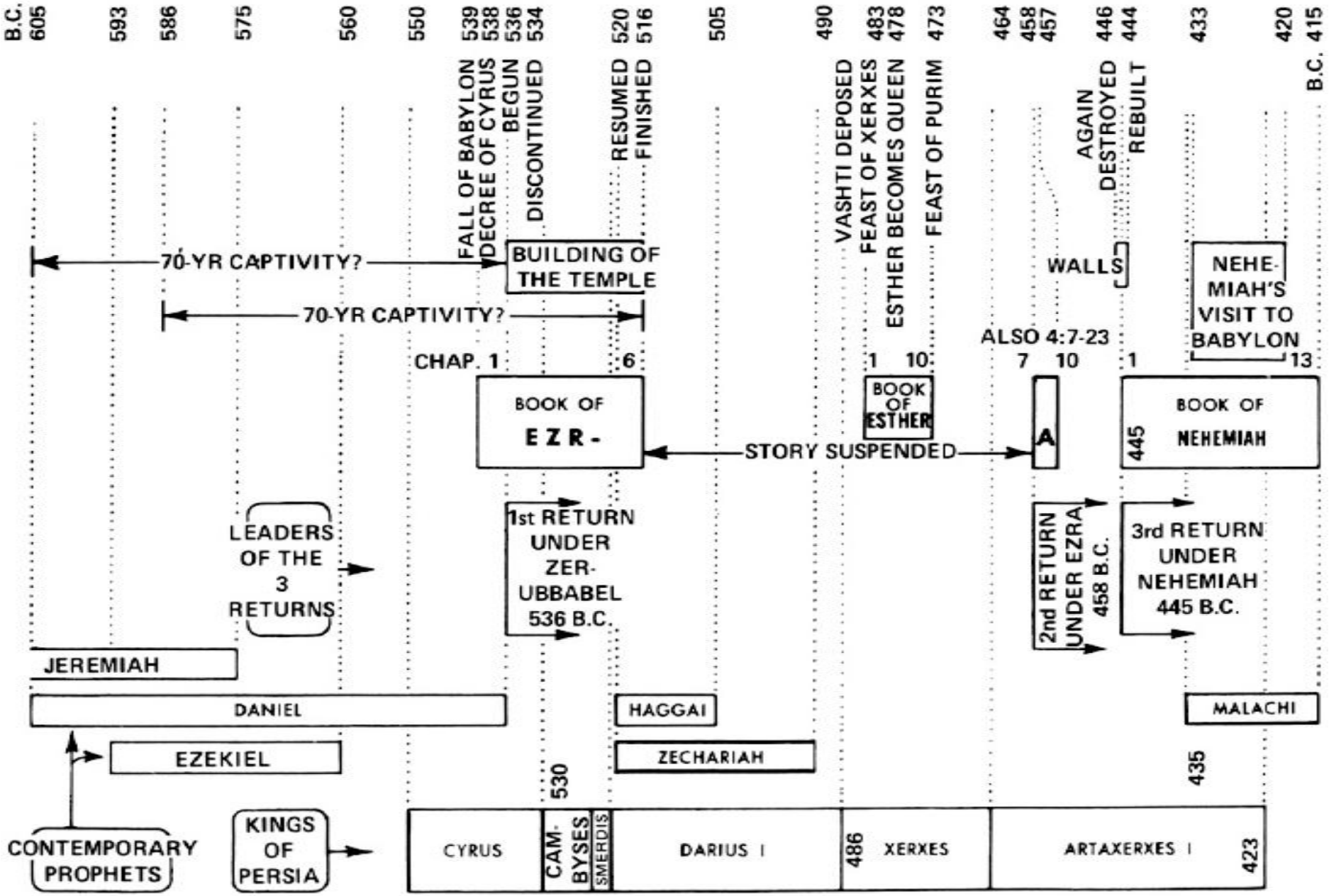
Nehemiah 12:1-26

- “The priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel” (1-9)
- Succession of High Priests (10-11)
- Priests “in the days of Joiakim” (12-21)
- Records kept “in the days of Darius the Persian,” and “in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and in the days of Ezra, the priest, the scribe.” (22-26)

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31

- Dedication Ceremony for the Walls (12:27-43)
- Temple Provisions Organized (12:44-47)
- The People Separate from Foreigners (13:1-3)
- Nehemiah's Return (13:4-31)
  - Tobiah's Room Cleansed (4-9)
  - The Levites' Tithe Enforced (10-14)
  - Sabbath Enforced (15-22)
  - Separation Enforced (23-29)
  - Summary of Reforms Enforced (30-31)


1 Upper house of the king
2 House of Azariah
3 House of Benjamin and Hasshub
4 House of Eliashib the high priest
5 Ascent to the armoury
6 House of the mighty men
7 Artificial pool
8 Sepulchres of David
Present wall of Old City
Tower of Hananel
Tower of the Hundred
Fish Gate
Sheep Gate
Old Gate
Muster Gate
East Gate
Horse Gate
Broad Wall
Ophel
Great projecting tower
Tower of the Ovens
Older wall
Valley Gate
Projecting tower
Water Gate
Projecting tower
Fountain Gate
Dung Gate
Stairs descending from City of David
A Upper chamber of the corner
B House of the temple servants and the merchants
C Chamber of Meshullam son of Berechiah
D House of Zadok son of Immer
E Houses of the priests
F House of Jedaiah son of Harumaph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“Remember me. . .”

- Nehemiah 13:14
- Nehemiah 13:22
- Nehemiah 13:31

- Nehemiah 5:19

- Luke 23:42