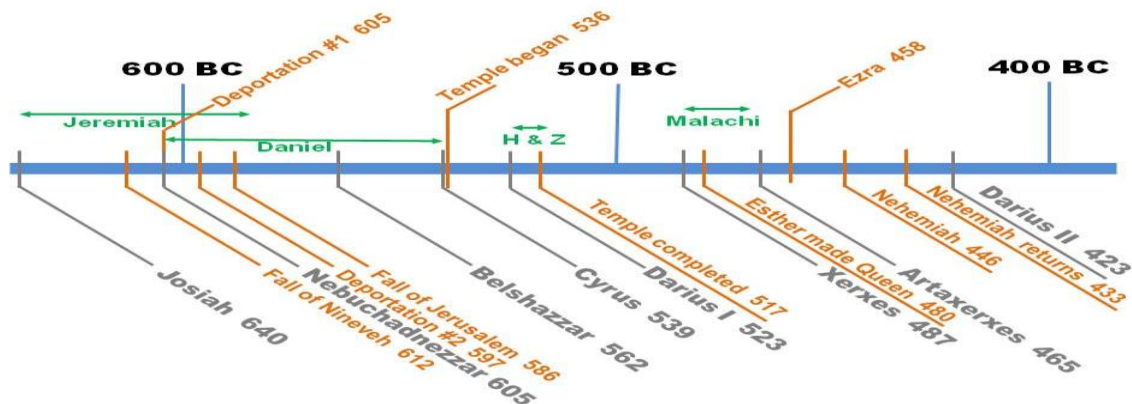


**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**  
**Ezra 4:6-23**

**Suggested Additional Study Reading: The book of Esther**

1. What happened in Sunday's study in Ezra 6:13-23?
  - a. The Israelites continued to build the temple.
  - b. The Israelites prospered under the preaching of Haggai and Zechariah.
  - c. They celebrated the finishing of the temple.
  - d. The Israelites celebrated the Passover, remembering God's faithfulness and deliverance.
  
2. Was this the end of all opposition, according to Ezra 4:6? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_
  
3. When did all of this opposition happen?
  - a. I don't know, it seems like we've entered a time-warp.
  - b. Wait, why did we just move backwards in Ezra???
  - c. This opposition happened during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes) and then Artaxerxes, 30-60 years after the temple was finished (see timeline)



4. What does the letter to Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:11-16 say about the Jews?
  - a. They are building the rebellious and evil city, and are restoring the walls and repairing the foundations.
  - b. It warned that after the city is built and its walls are restored, no more taxes, tribute or duty will be paid.
  - c. It painted the writers as heroes who are looking out for the king's interests.
  - d. It points the king to Israel's history to prove that they are rebellious.
  
5. How did the king reply, according to Ezra 4:17-22?
  - a. The king made a search in the records with regarding to Israel's history.
  - b. It was found to be true that Israel had revolted against the kings that had ruled over them.
  - c. The king ordered that work be stopped on the walls of the city.
  - d. The king told the recipients of the letter to be careful not to neglect the matter.
  
6. What did the leaders of the Trans-Euphrates do when they received the letter from the king, according to Ezra 4:23? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Does this mean that God was unfaithful to his promises? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_  
 How have you handled these moments when you can't see God working? \_\_\_\_\_