



THE BOOK OF  
ESTHER



Old Testament

New Testament

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts

Gospels

History

Job  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Nehemiah  
Ezra  
Esther

1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians

History

Letters of Paul to Churches

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Song of Songs  
Ecclesiastes  
Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

Philemon  
1 Timothy  
2 Timothy  
Titus

Wisdom

Major Prophets

Letters of Paul to Individuals

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Micah  
Jonah  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Joel  
Hosea

1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
James  
Hebrews  
Revelation

Minor Prophets

General Letters

Apocalyptic



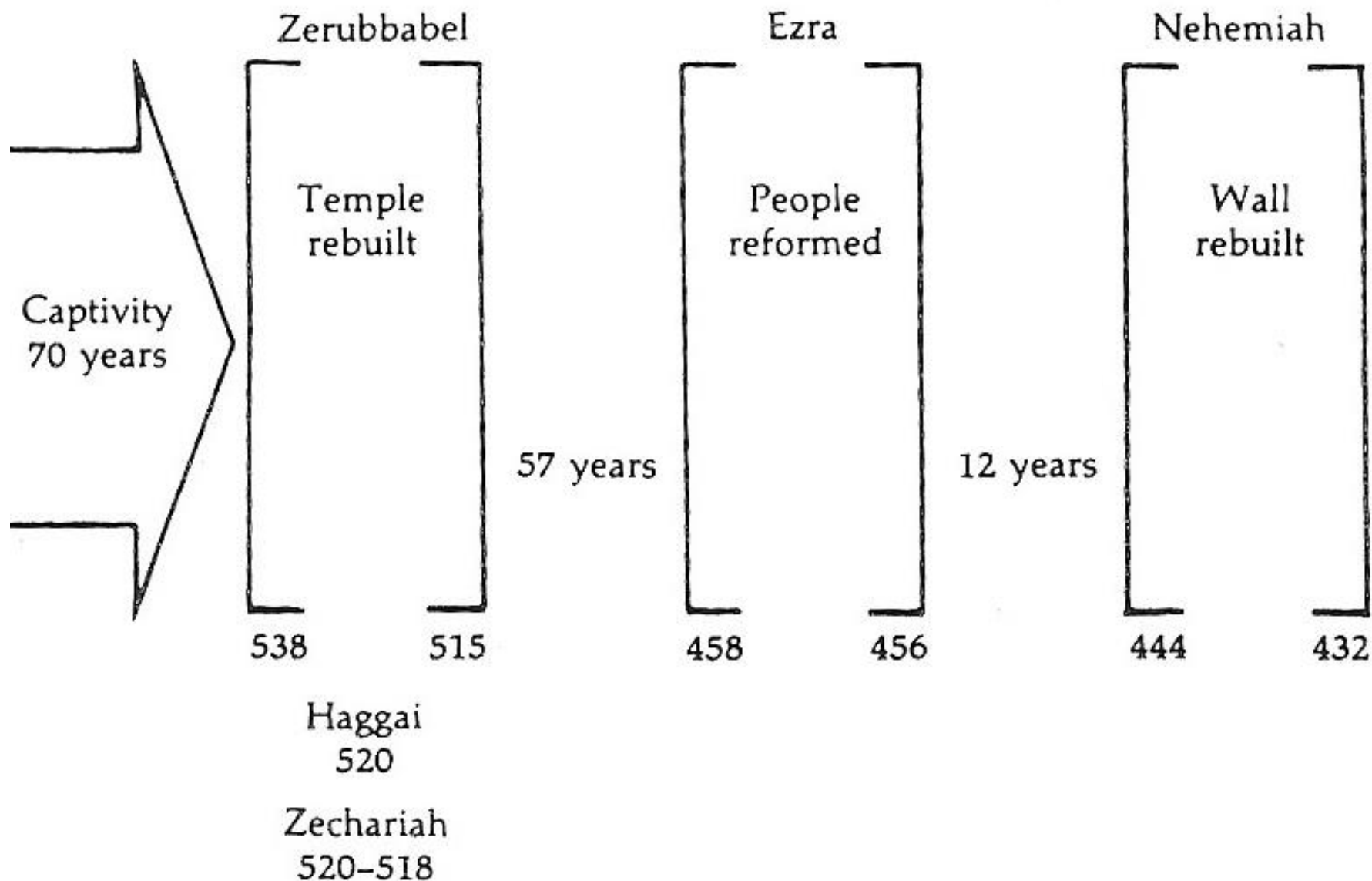
# Unique Characteristics

- God's name not mentioned
- NT does not quote from it
- Not in dead sea scrolls
- Law, sacrifice not mentioned
- Prayer not mentioned

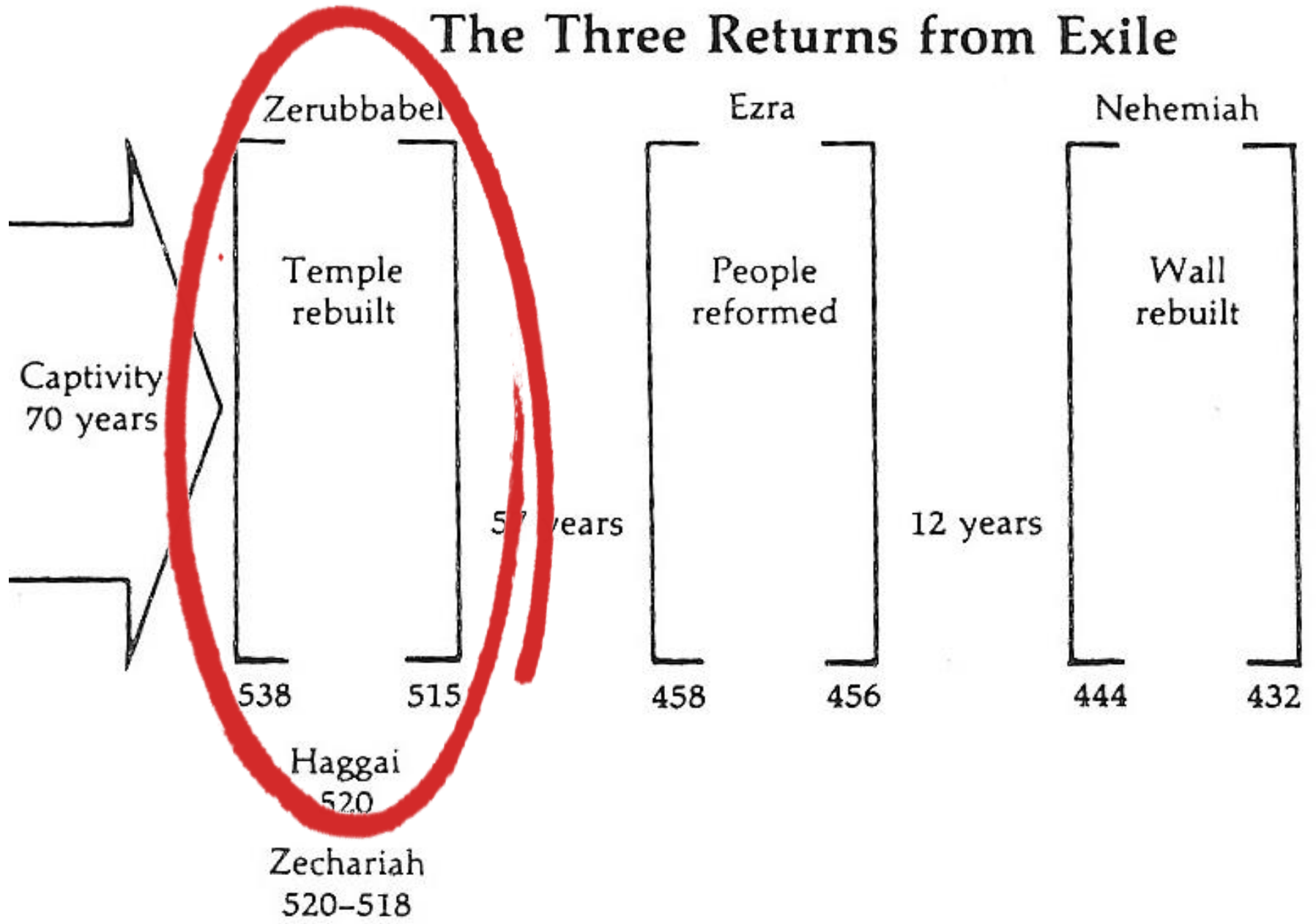
# **Providence in Esther**

- Mordecai uncovered plot
- Esther chosen as queen
- Lot cast gives 1 year
- King couldn't sleep, finds out about Mordecai

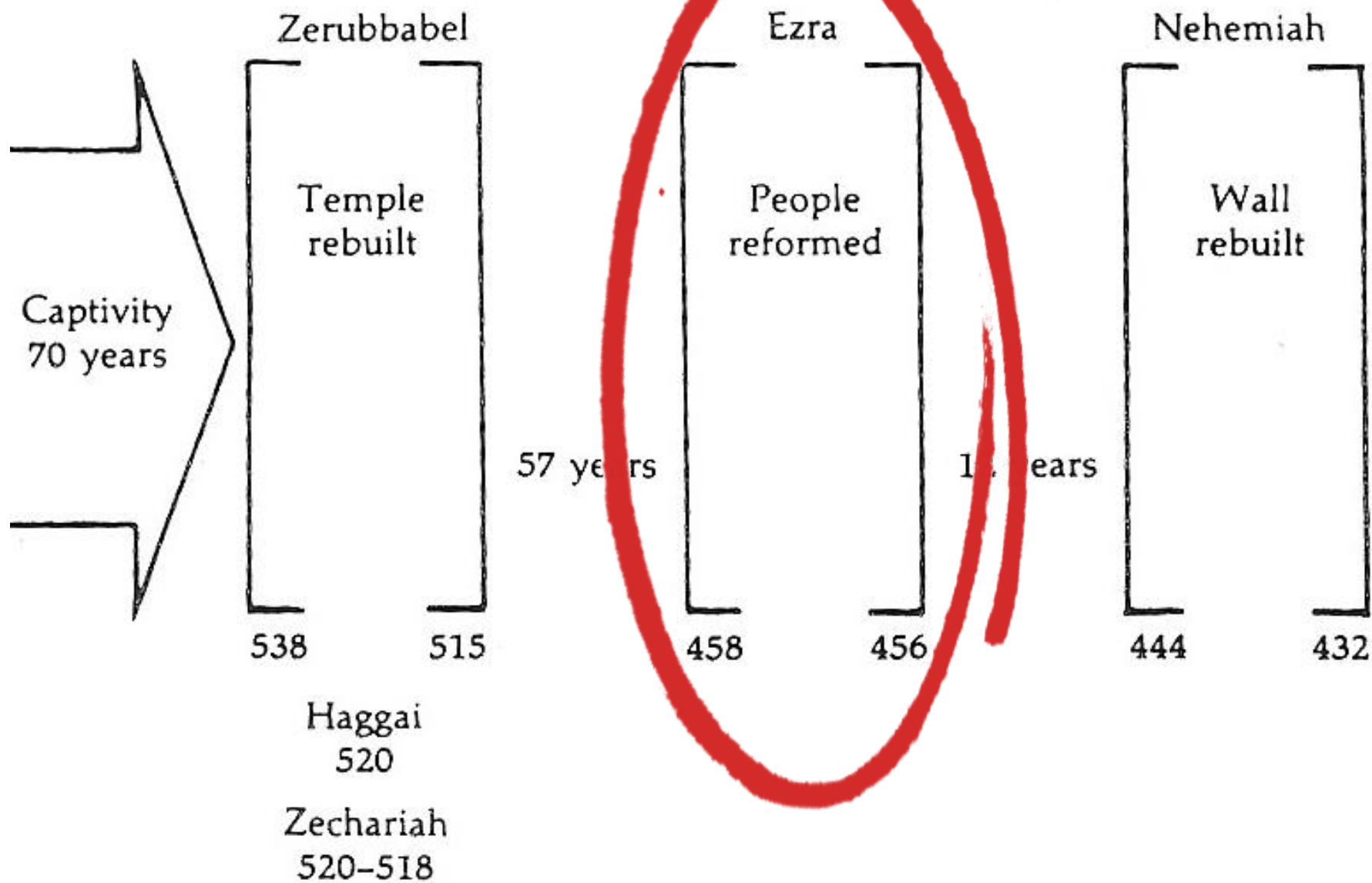
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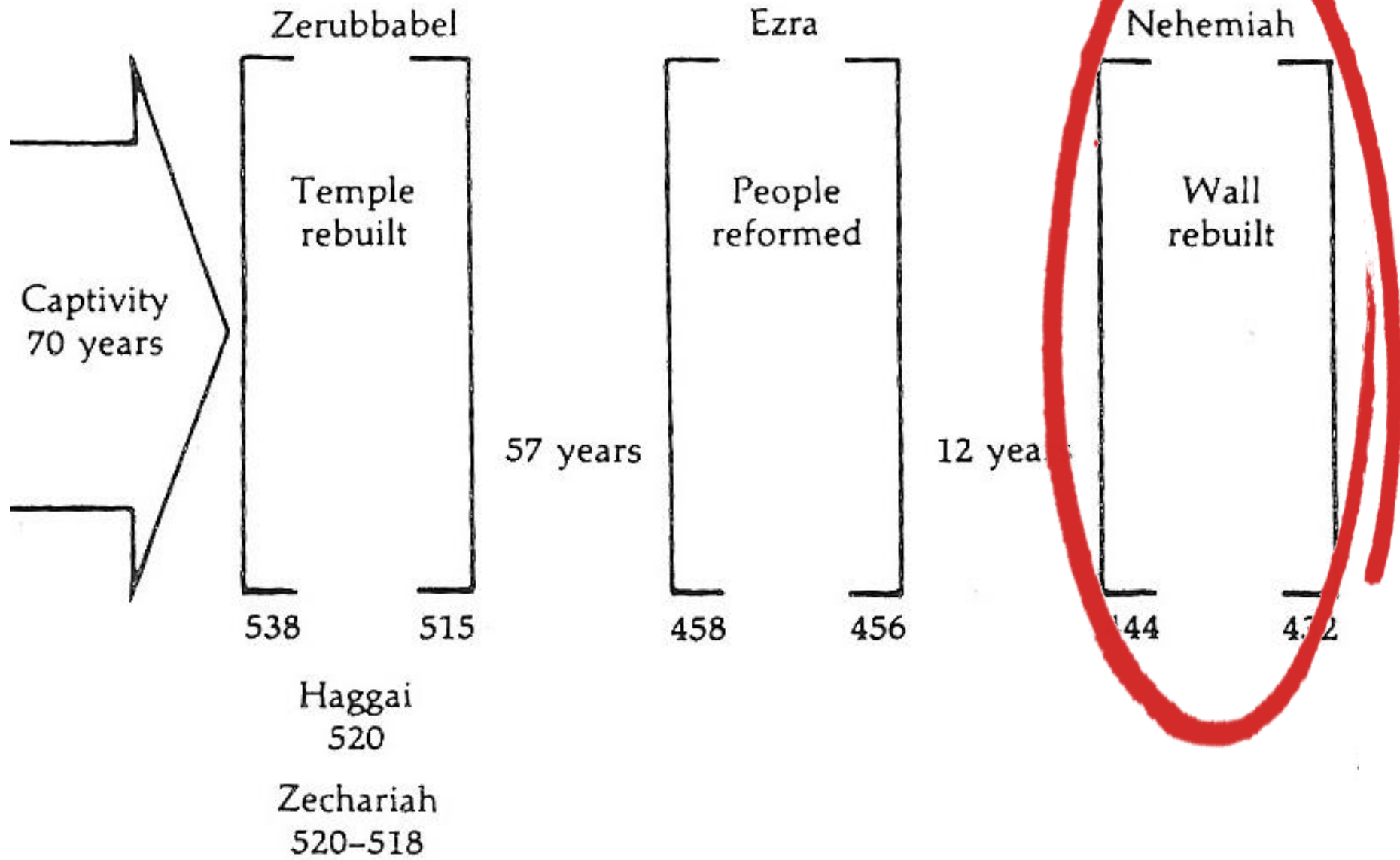


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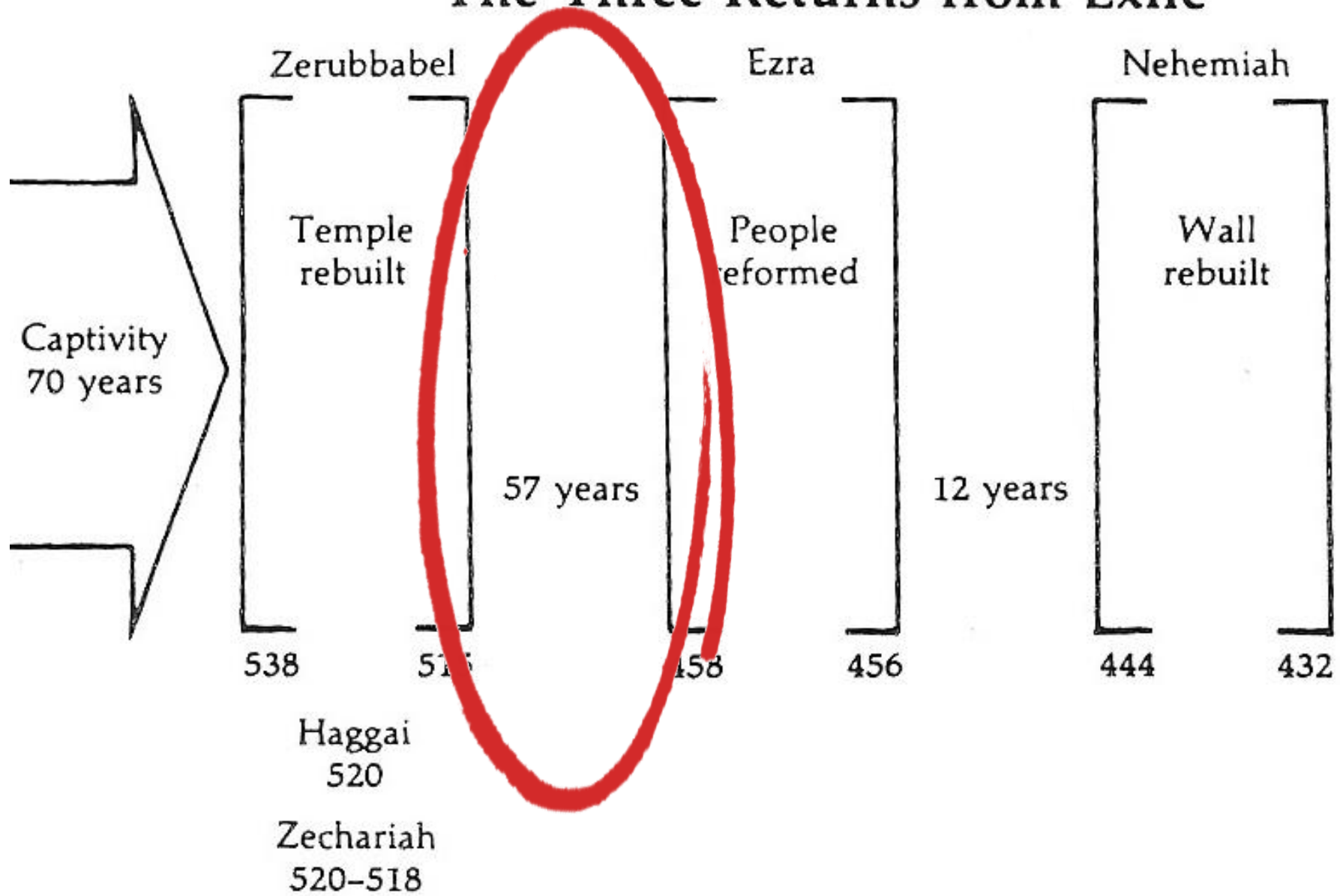




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# Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

Ezra 1-6	Esther	Ezra 7-10		Nehemiah
Restoration under Zerubbabel	58 year gap	Reformation under Ezra	13 year gap	Reconstruction under Nehemiah
538-515 B.C.		457 B.C.		444-425 B.C
Temple		People		Walls
Prophets: Haggai & Zechariah		–		Prophet: Malachi
1 <sup>st</sup> return (about 50,000 or 2%)		2 <sup>nd</sup> return (about 2,000)		3 <sup>rd</sup> return

# **Post Exilic Books**

1 Chron

2 Chron

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Haggai

Zachariah

Malachi

# **Persian Kings**

539-331 (200 yrs)

**Cyrus** 539-530

**Cambyses** 530-522

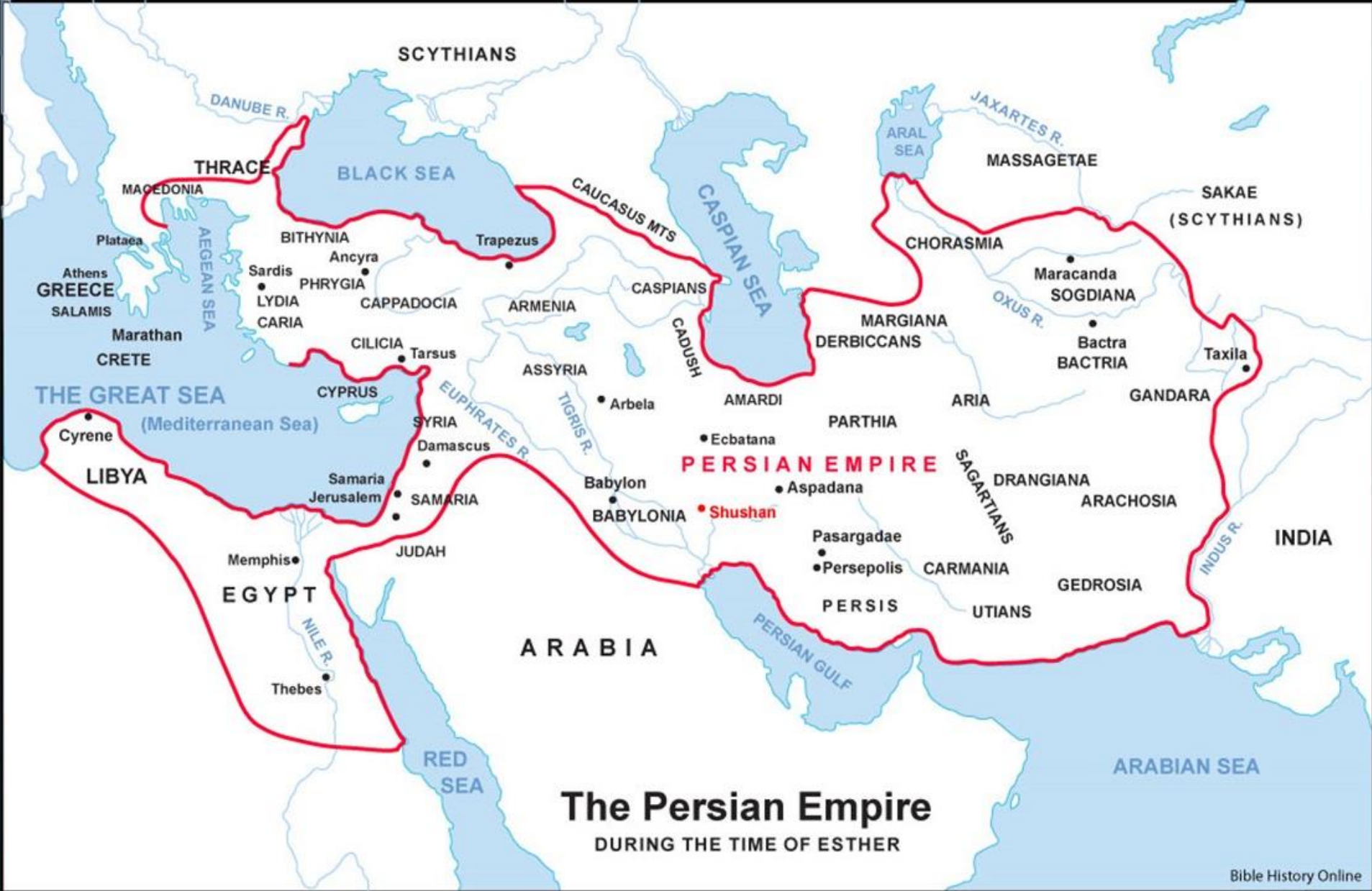
**Darius** 522-486

**Xerxes** (Ahasuerus) 486-465

**Artaxerxes** 465-425

# The Book of Esther

Focus	Grave Danger				Great Deliverance			
Divisions	Esther's Exaltation		Haman's Cunning Plot		Haman's Humiliation		Mordecai's Exaltation	
	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	10
Topics	Feast of Ahasuerus		Fast of Mordecai		Feast of Esther		Feast of Purim	
	Exaltation		Persecution		Preservation		Commemoration	
Place	Persia							
Time	About 10 Years (483-473 B.C.)							
Author	Ezra / Nehemiah							





# Chap 1 – Queen Vashti



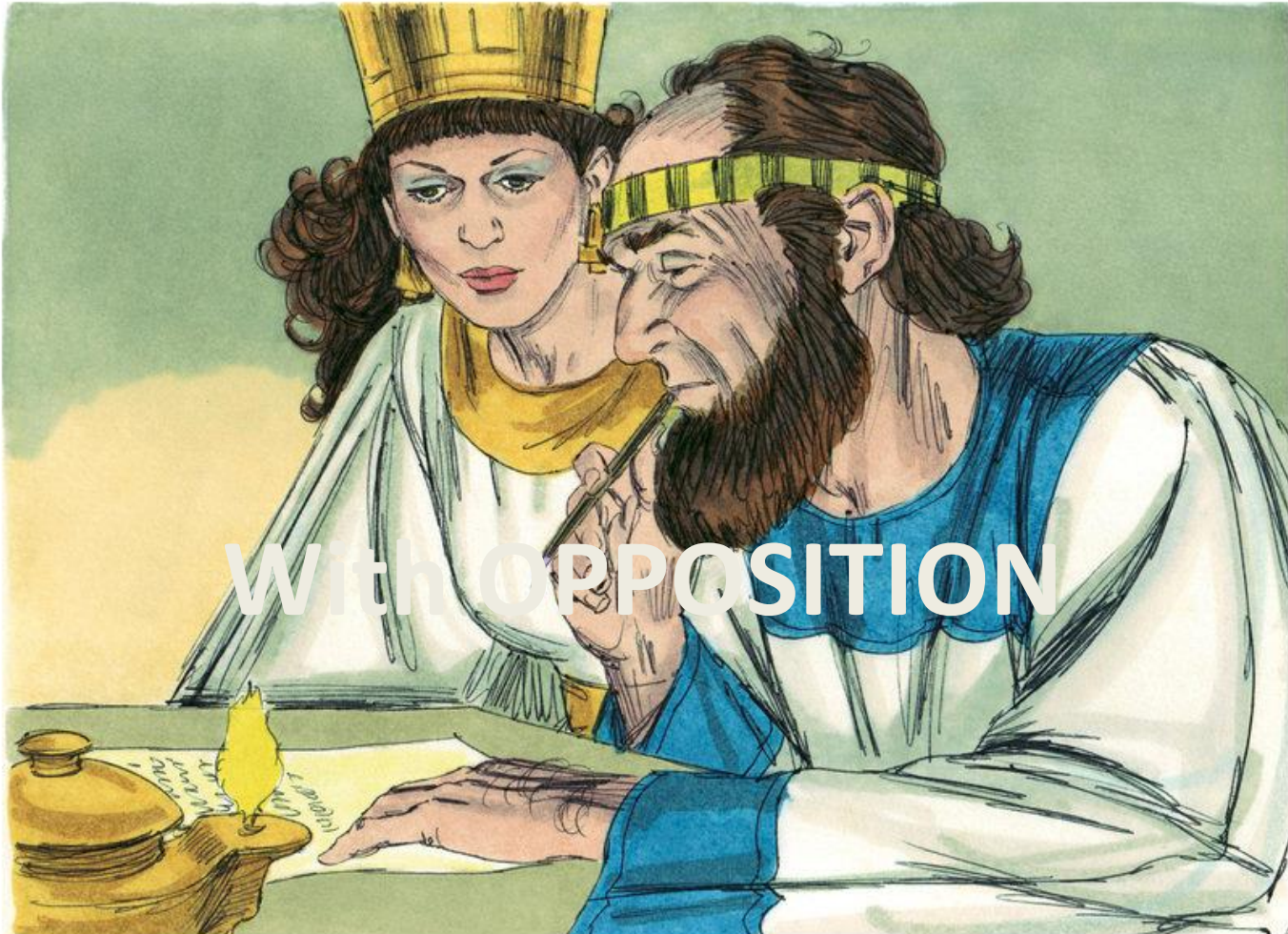


**Chap 2 – Queen Esther**

# Chap 3 – Haman's Plot



# Chap 4 – Mordecai's Request



# Chap 5 – Grace from The King





# Chap 6 – Haman's Humiliation

# Chap 7 – Haman Exposed





Chap 8-10 – Mordecai Exalted

