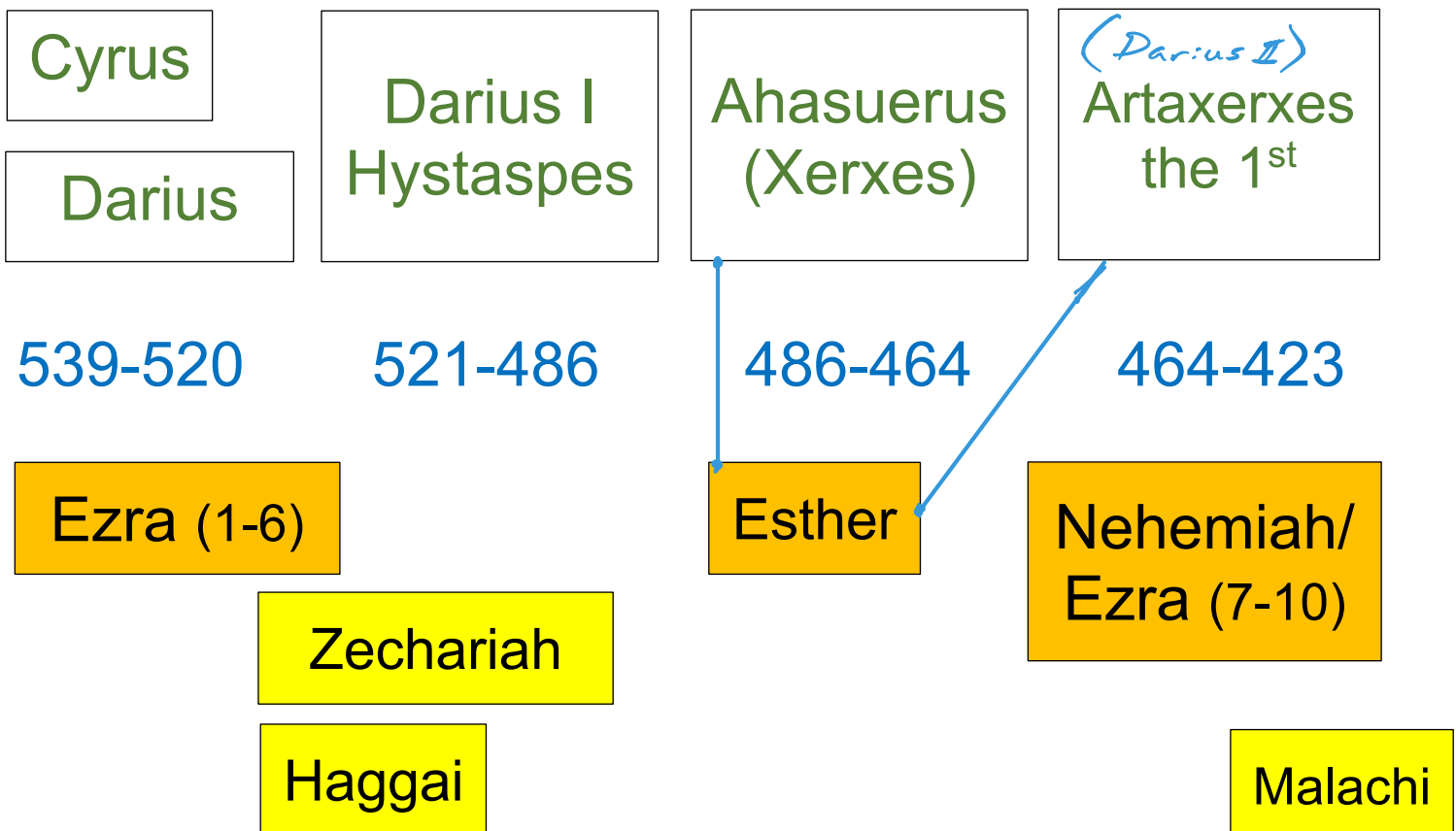


The Problem Is the Solution

A Brief Study in Ezra

Kings of Persia (539 – 423 B.C.)



PART 1

Chapter 1

**Cyrus' Decree to return to the Land
and rebuild the Temple**

Chapter 2

Roster of the returnees

Chapter 3

**Rebuilding the Altar and
Foundation of the Temple**

v.2

Yeshua the son of Yotzadak

ישוע בן יוצדק *High Priest*

v.3 They set up the altar on its foundation, for they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to Adonai, burnt offerings morning and evening.

v.4 And they kept the feast of Sukkot ...

v.12-13 Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, the old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Chapter 4

The Adversaries

v.1-6

The enemy's tactics:

- Offer to help (v.2)
- Discouragement (v.4)
- Bribery (v.5)
- **Accusation** (v.6,12-16)

שִׂטְנָה

(sitnah)

“accusation”

“Satan”

v.21 “So, now issue a decree to make these men stop work, that this city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.”

Chapter 5

The work resumes & an appeal is made (More Accusations)

v.1 Now the prophets Haggai and Zechariah ... prophesied...

Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Y'hoshua the High Priest standing before the angel of Adonai, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him...

v.17 “Now if it pleases the king, let a search be conducted in the king’s treasure house, which is there in Babylon, if it be that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to rebuild this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send to us his decision concerning this matter.”

Chapter 6

The King intercedes & The Temple is completed

v.6-12 (*The enemy gets his *tukkus* kicked.*)

PRINCIPLE:

The Problem IS the Solution

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Problem: Business
burned down

Solution: God blesses,
Sustains & Expands

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v.15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar...

v.19 On the fourteenth day of the first month, the returned exiles kept the Passover.

PART 2

Chapter 7

Ezra ordered to go to Jerusalem

v.6 ...He was a scribe **skilled** in the Torah of Moses that Adonai, the God of Israel, had given.

מְהִיר
(mahir)
“skilled”

from מַהֲרָה
(mahar)

Psalm 45:1

... My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a **skilled** writer.

Proverbs 22:29

Do you see a man **skilled** in his work? He will stand before kings. He will not stand before obscure men.

Isaiah 16:5

A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, and a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David. Moreover, he will seek justice and be **skilled** in righteousness.

Four Skills of the True Disciple:

- Torah
- Praise *(Prayer)*
- Work
- Righteousness

v.10 And Ezra had set his heart to (a) **study** the Torah of Adonai, and (b) to **do** it and (c) to **teach** His statutes and rules in Israel.

Chapter 8

Ezra arranges his journey and travels to Jerusalem

Chapter 9

Ezra's prayer of confession for Israel's sins

v.3-4 ... I sat appalled ...

v.10 “And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments.”

Chapter 10

The people confess their sin and correct the problem

v.11 “Now therefore, make confession to Adonai God of your fathers and do His will, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the **foreign women.**”

נשים נכריות

(*nashim nachriot*)

"Women"
or
"Wives"

"foreign women"

v.44 All these had taken up **foreign women**, and some of the women had given forth children.