

# EZRA

430 B.C.

1 &amp; 2 Chronicles

## Construction

Leader Zerubbabel the prince

Cyrus' Decree to Return

538 BC  
Cyrus decrees to sends Zerubbabel

1-2

Altar Rebuilt and Temple Foundation Laid

536 BC

3

Political Opposition Halts Work

535 BC

4-6

Temple Completion

520-516 BC

5-6

70 years

Book of Esther

(God is not Silent)

Xerxes  
Ahasueres  
486-464

ca. 60 years

Artaxerxes  
Commissions Ezra  
Preparation, Journey, and Arrival

458 BC

7-8

Ahasueres I  
464-423

Second Return

1754 Men and families

9-10

Restoration of People

MEDO-PERSIAN KINGS:

559-530

Cyrus  
559-530Cambyses  
530-522Darius  
521-486

First Return

49,897 Men and families

Restoration of Temple

“Don’t stay in Babylon”

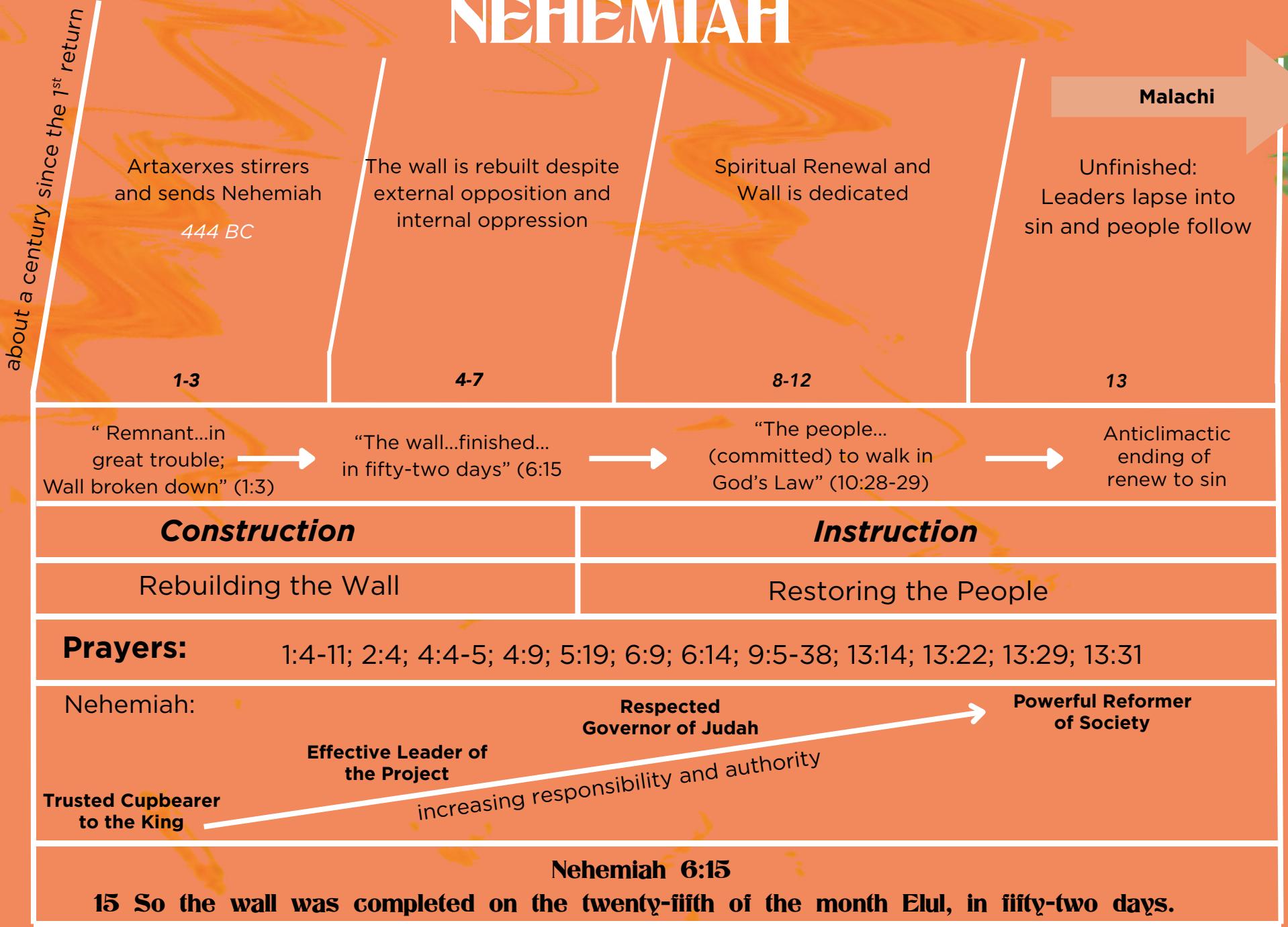
“Don’t be deterred from doing God’s will.”

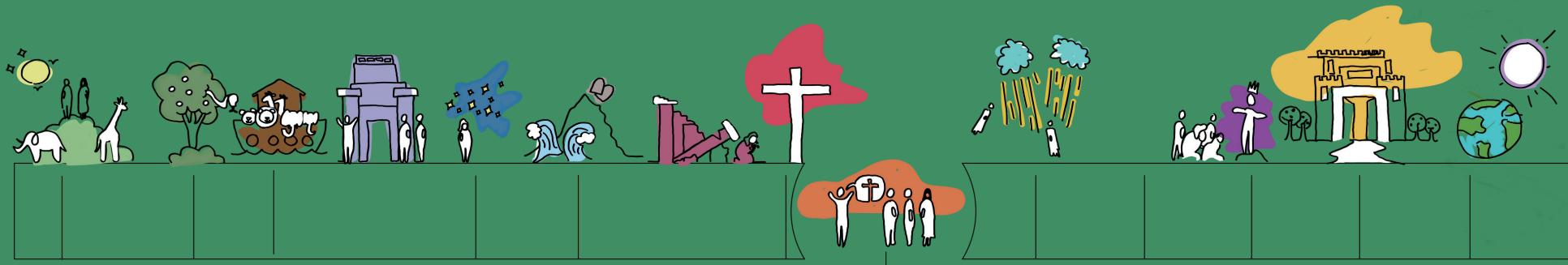
“Don’t settle for half-done.”

“Don’t repeat past mistakes.”

*“This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years...For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.” (Jeremiah 25:11, 29:10)*

# THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH





Innocence

Conscience

Government

Promise

Law

Grace

Church

Rapture

Tribulation

Second Coming

Millennial Kingdom

Eternal State

<b>Group</b>	<b>Who They Were</b>	<b>Primary Responsibilities</b>
Priests	Descendants of Aaron	Offer sacrifices, pronounce blessings, teach the Law
Levites	Tribe of Levi (non-Aaronic)	Assist priests, teach the Law, care for Temple furnishings
Singers	Levites from the sons of Asaph	Lead musical worship and praise
Gatekeepers	Levitical families assigned to the gates	Guard Temple entrances, regulate access, protect holiness
Temple Servants	Likely descendants of the Gibeonites (Josh 9)	Manual and logistical labor (wood, water, support)
Sons of Solomon's Servants	Descendants of royal laborers (1 Kgs 9:20-21)	Skilled and support labor

<b>Group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total Returnees (42,360)</b>
Priests	4,289	10.13%
Levites	74	0.17%
Singers	128	0.30%
Gatekeepers	139	0.33%
Temple Servants (including Solomon's)	392	0.93%
Total Temple Workers	5,022	11.85% (1 out of every 8)