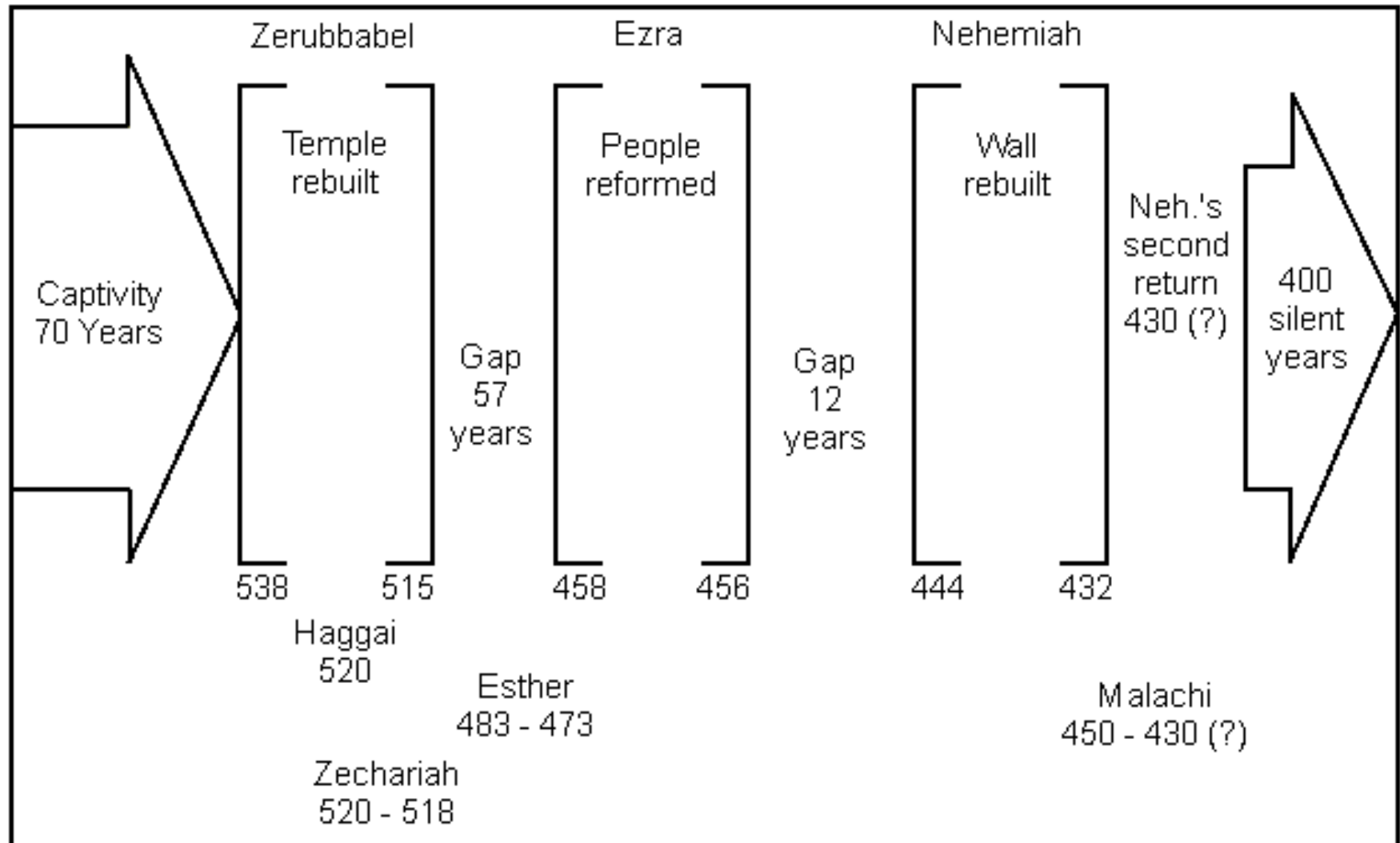


Zechariah 1:7-11

(Part 1) Vision of Horses

Historical Setting - Review



The Three Returns from Exile

Themes

- Repent – Turn to the Lord
- Experience again the Lord's blessing
- Comfort and encourage the people
- The complete restoration of Israel by the coming Messiah

Timeline (v7)

This vision takes place **3 months** after the call to repent.

- Verse 1, 8th month
- Verse 7, 11th Month

In the second year of Darius

Saw by Night: *ra'ah* רָאָה (v8a)

to see, look at, inspect, perceive,
consider

I. to see

II. to see, perceive

III. to see, **have vision**

The Players

I. Zechariah (v7)

II. The angel who talked with me (v9)

I. Interpreter angel

III. The Angel of the LORD (v11)

I. Pre-incarnate Christ

The Angel of the LORD

theophanic

(theophany) a visible (but not necessarily material) manifestation of deity to a human person

The Angel of the LORD

Exodus 3 (The Burning Bush)

3 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush;

The Angel of the LORD

Exodus 3 (The Burning Bush)

and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. ³ So Moses said, “I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

The Angel of the LORD

Judges 13:16 (Sampson's Dad)

The angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Though you detain me, I will not eat your food, but if you prepare a burnt offering, *then* offer it to the LORD.” For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.

The Angel of the LORD

Judges 13:16 (Sampson's Dad)

²⁰ For it came about when the flame went up from the altar toward heaven, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground.

²¹ Now the angel of the LORD did not appear to Manoah or his wife again. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. ²² So Manoah said to his wife, “We will surely die, for we have seen God.”

The Angel of the LORD

Why Jesus and not God the Father?

John 1:18 (NLT)

No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

What Does the Horse Symbolize?

Strength, especially in war (v8a)

Psalm 20:7 (KJV)

Some trust in chariots, and some in **horses**:
but we will remember the name of
the LORD our God.

What Does the Horse Symbolize?

Strength, especially in war (v8a)

Deut. 17 (The king should not multiply / put his trust in)

- 1. Horses** (Military might)
- 2. Wives** (Turn his heart away)
- 3. Gold & Silver** (Riches)

(He Must Put His Trust in God Alone!)

What Does the Color Red Symbolize?

Judgment & Wrath (v8b)

Psalm 75:8

For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, And the wine is **red**; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain *and* drink down.

- **Isaiah 63** – Clothing RED with blood
- **Revelation 6:4** – Red Horse, takes peace

What Does the myrtle trees Symbolize?

Jerusalem as different Trees (v8c)

Psalm 80:8-11 You have brought a **vine** out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. ⁹ You prepared *room* for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land. ¹⁰ The hills were covered with its shadow, And the **mighty cedars** with its boughs. ¹¹ She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River.

What Does the myrtle trees Symbolize?

Jerusalem in a low state (v8c)



What Does the myrtle trees Symbolize?

Jerusalem in a low state (v8d)

Hollow – מַצְלָה

- ravine, basin, low place

What Does the Color White Horse Symbolize?

Victory / Righteousness (v8e)

- **Revelation 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a **white horse**. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
- **Revelation 19:14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, **white** and clean, followed Him on **white horses**.

Resting quietly (v11)

**God had used the nations to chastise Israel but now that he is calling them to help them they are sitting by idle.
(see vs 15)**

