

The history bit

Nehemiah in context

THE ACHAEMENID PERSIAN EMPIRE, c. 500 BCE



The exiles

721 BC

Israel



Assyria

(ten lost tribes)

They never went back. They were scattered and assimilated into Syria, Iran and throughout the Assyrian Empire.

586 BC

Judah



Babylon

3 deportations

606 BC rulers and rich
(Daniel)

597 BC craftsmen and merchants
(Ezekiel)

587 BC everyone else –
Jerusalem destroyed

The exile in Babylon lasted 70 years (prophesied by Jeremiah) and ordained and orchestrated by God

Jeremiah 24; 11

This whole country will become a desolate wasteland and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

Jeremiah 29:1 – 5

This is what the Lord Almighty the God of Israel says... ‘build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also seek the peace of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it because if it prospers you too will prosper.’

Jeremiah 29:10

This is what the Lord says, ‘ When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place.’

3 returns

- 537 BC Cyrus . Social 50,000 led by Zerubbabel -to start rebuilding the Temple.
- (descendant of David – fulfilling prophecy 1 Chronicles 3:19 He is named as a descendant of David and God had promised David that his line would always be on the throne of Judah
- 2 Samuel 7: 16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.' Jesus!)
- 458 BC Artaxerxes ; Religious . Levites under Ezra
- 444 BC Artaxerxes Physical. craftsmen under Nehemiah
- At this time called Jews instead of Hebrews.

Nehemiah

God's man in Babylon

Southfield Church

God's people in Nailsea

Geraldine and Paul

God's people in Bucklands View and in the
Witcher Family .

You

God's person where you are and in
the family you belong to.