

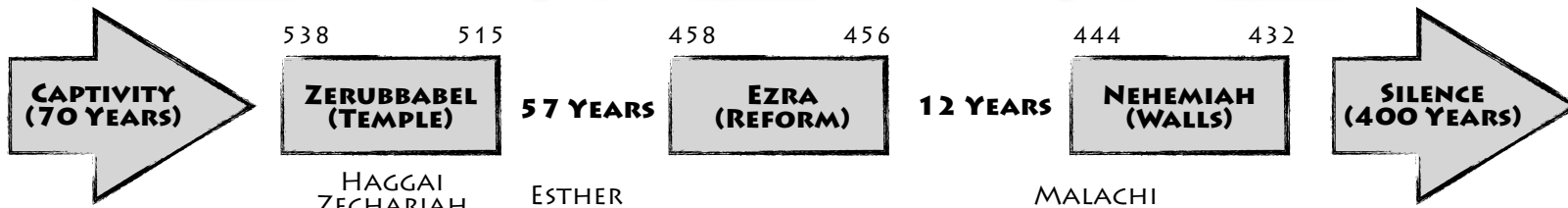
# THE POST-EXILIC PERIOD

THE UNSTOPPABLE STORY OF GOD'S PLAN WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE POST-EXILIC PERIOD DURING WHICH HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI PROPHESED.

EVENT	DATE	REFERENCE
CYRUS' DECREE TO RETURN	538 B.C.	EZRA 1:1-4
FIRST RETURN UNDER ZERUBBABEL (49,897 RETURNEES LEAVE BABYLON FOR ISRAEL)	538 B.C.	EZRA 2
TEMPLE RECONSTRUCTION STARTED	536 B.C.	EZRA 3-4
<b>HAGGAI &amp; ZECHARIAH PREACH</b>	520-518 B.C.	EZRA 5:1-2
TEMPLE COMPLETED	515 B.C.	EZRA 5-6
ESTHER IS QUEEN	479 B.C.	ESTHER 1-10
SECOND RETURN UNDER EZRA (5,000 RETURNEES)	458 B.C.	EZRA 7-10
THIRD RETURN UNDER NEHEMIAH (49,942 ARRIVE TO RESIDE IN JERUSALEM)	444 B.C.	NEHEMIAH 1-2
REBUILDING THE WALLS IN 52 DAYS	444 B.C.	NEHEMIAH 3-7
<b>MALACHI PREACHES</b>	430 B.C.	MALACHI

## CHRONOLOGY



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE POST-EXILIC PROPHETS