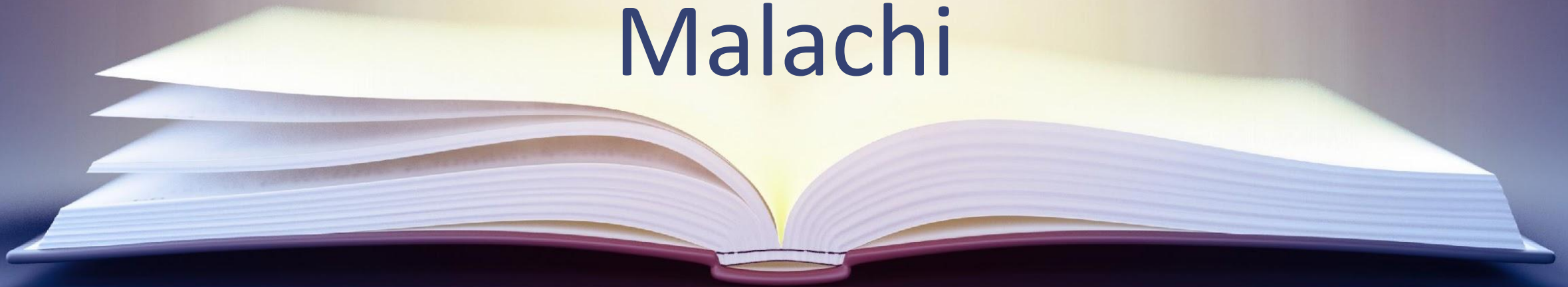


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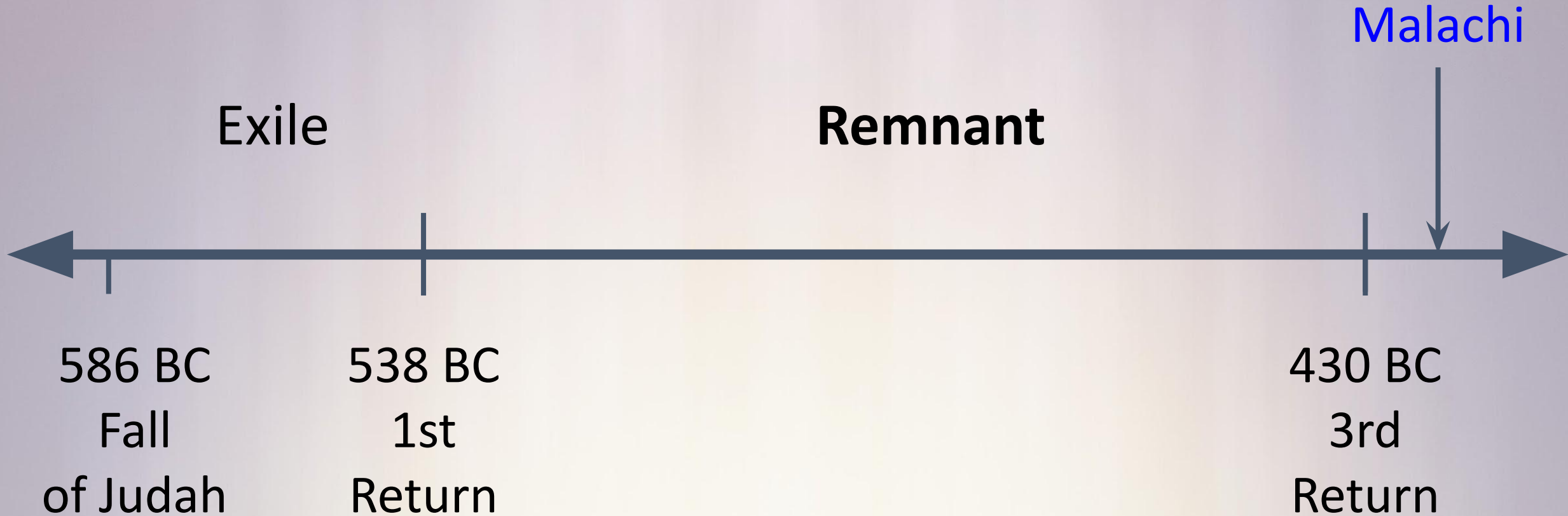
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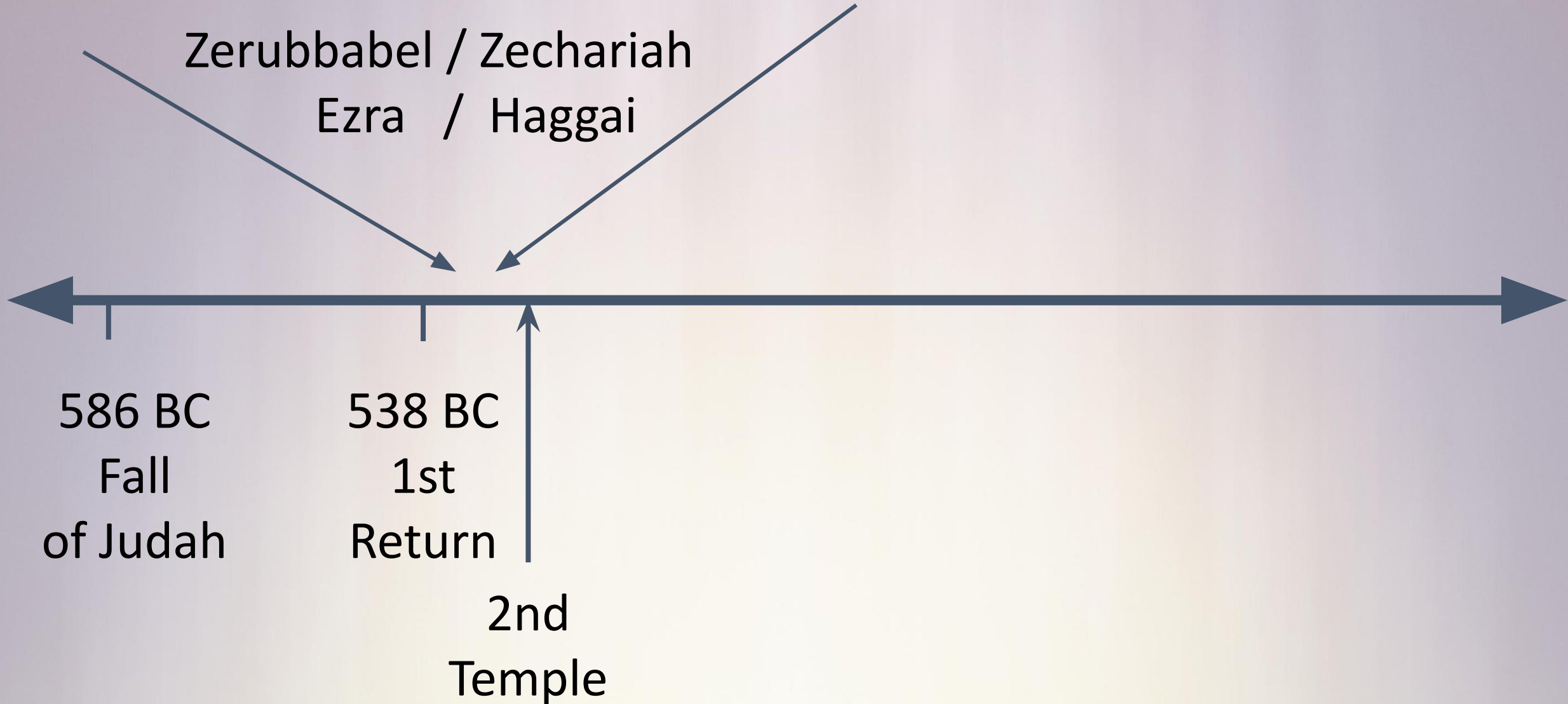
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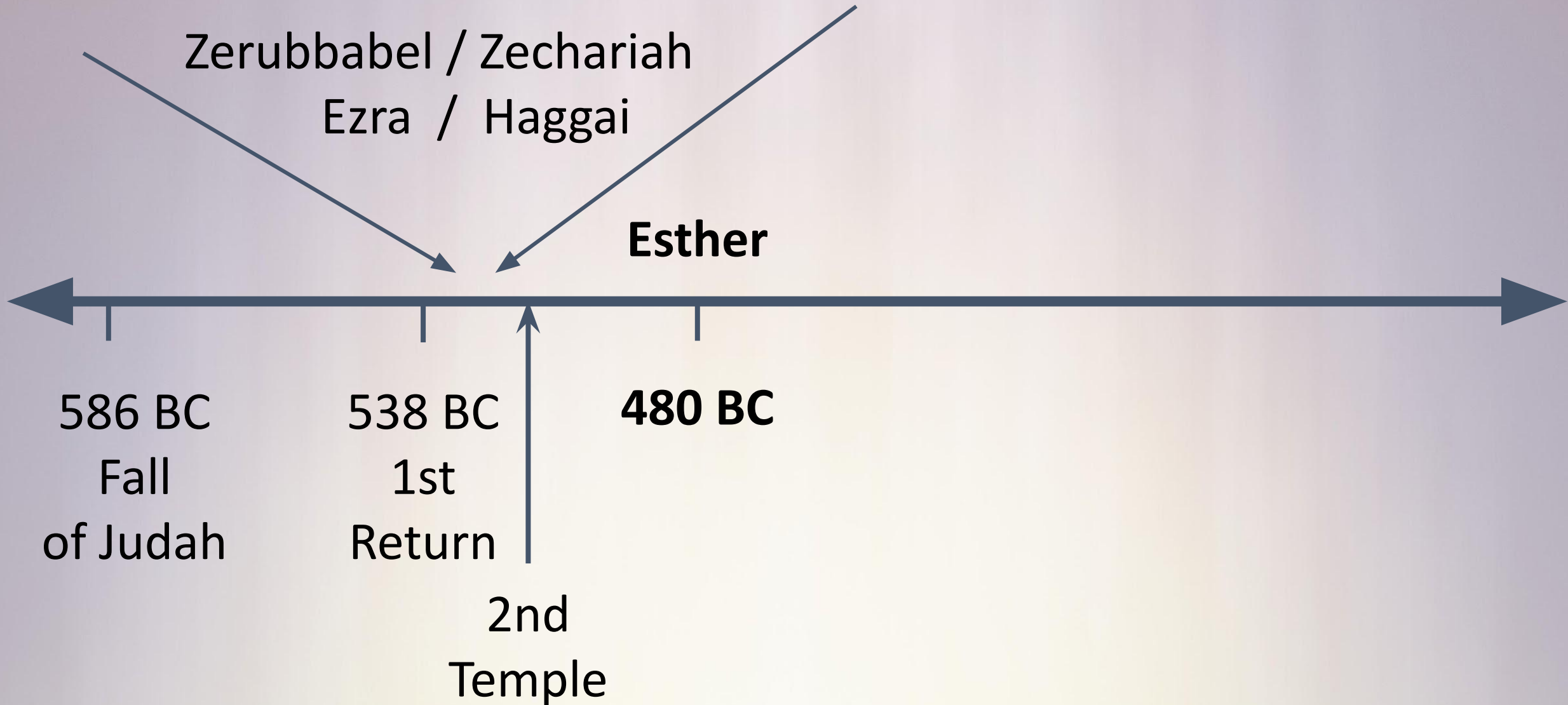
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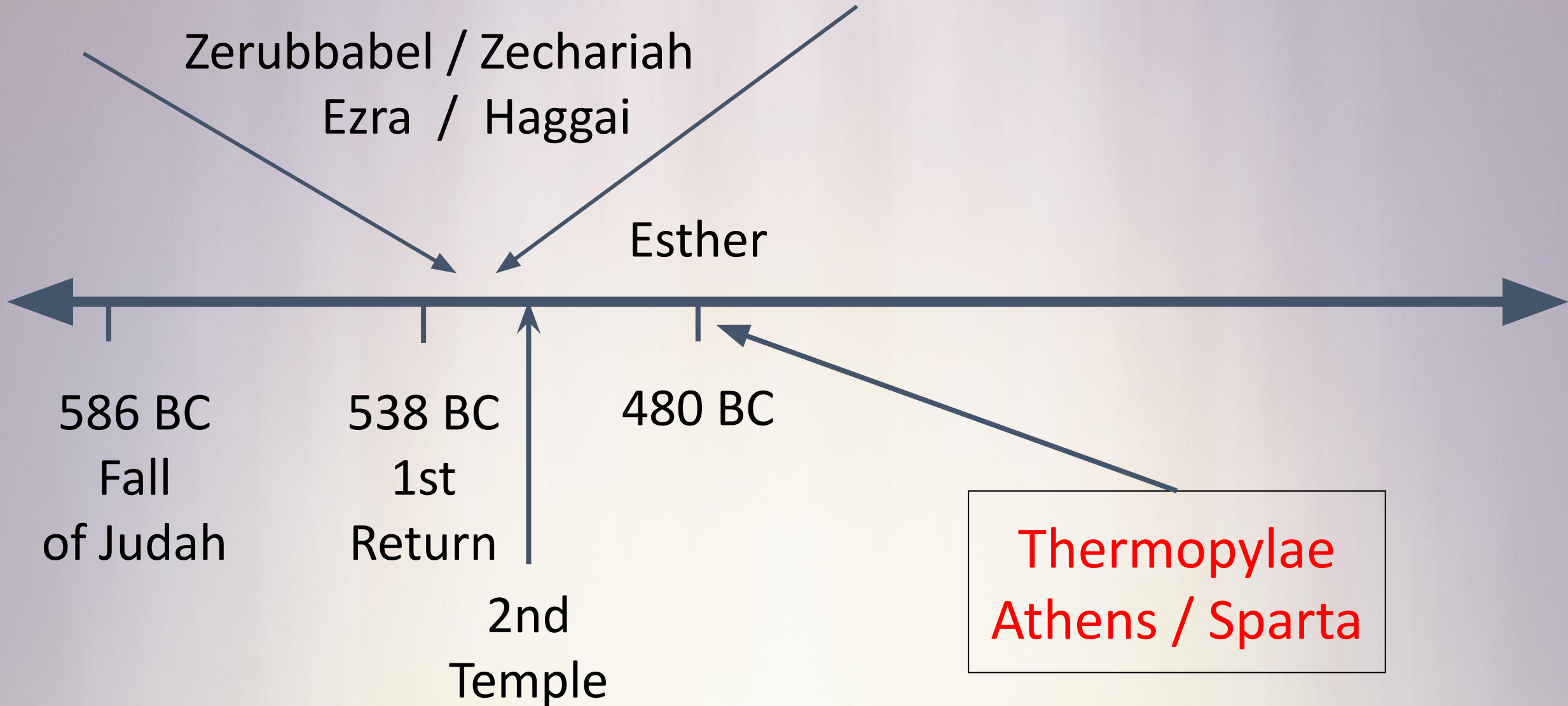
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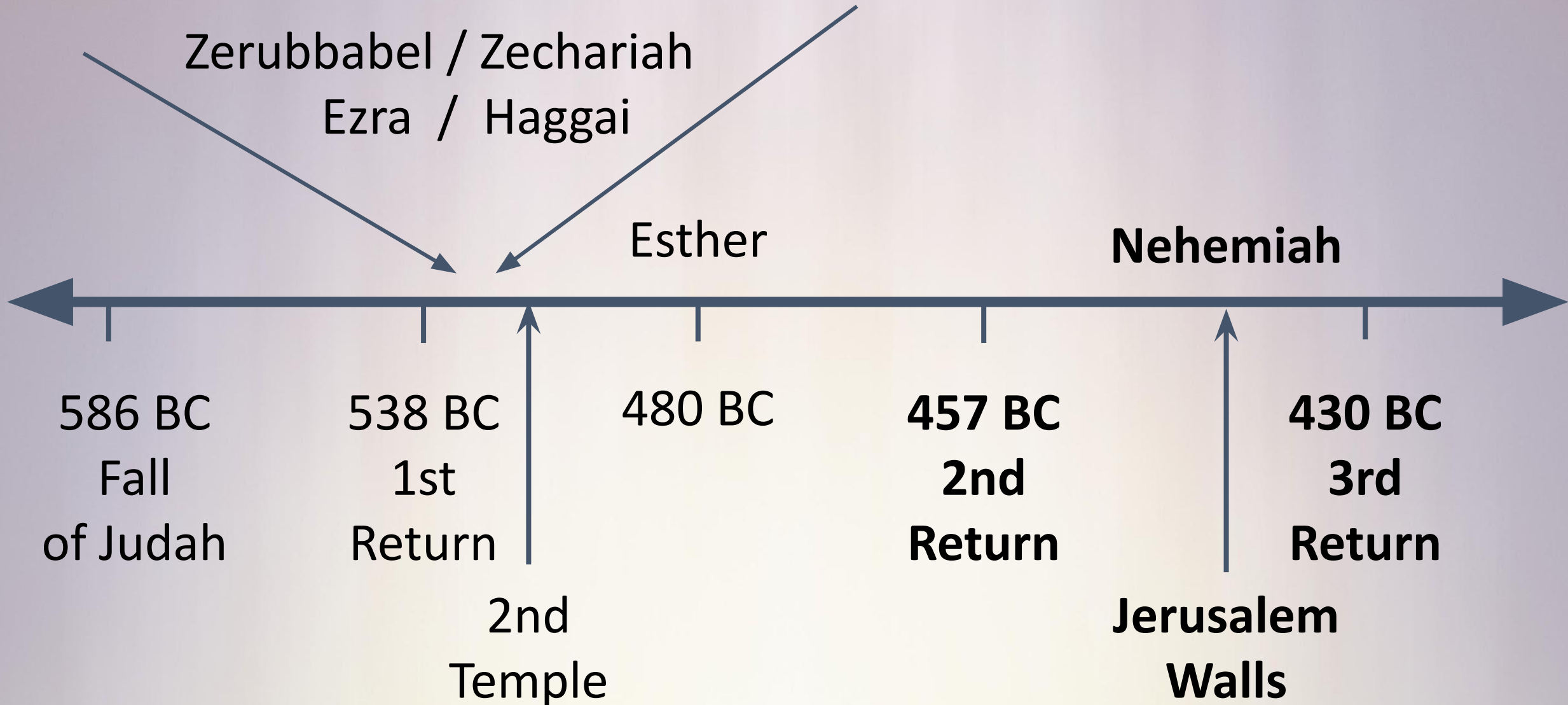
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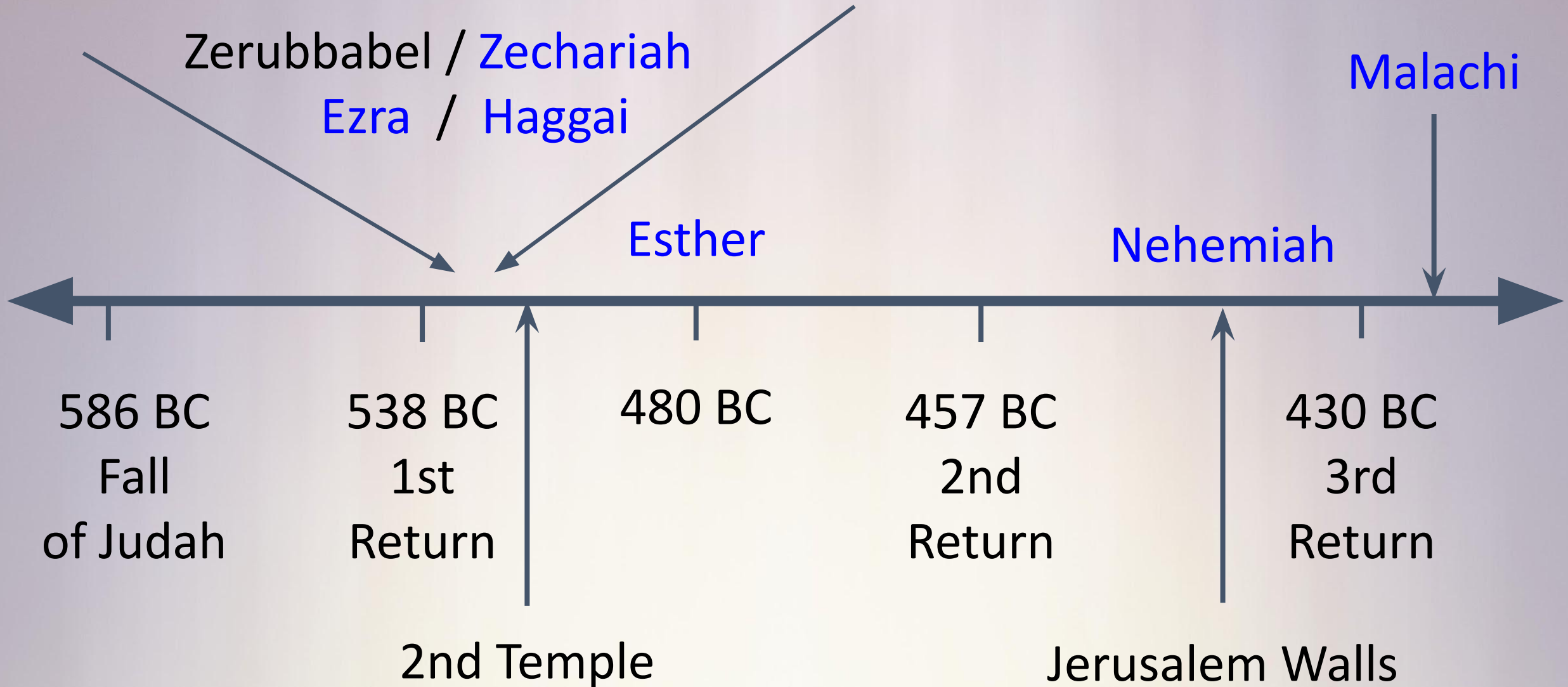
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Did Israel learn its lesson?

Well....

Did Israel learn its lesson?

No idolatry!

Yeah!

Did Israel learn its lesson?

No idolatry!

Rather apathy, materialism and discouragement

Same as Haggai and Zechariah

Questions Asked

“I have always loved you,” says the LORD.
But you retort, “Really? How have You
loved us?”

Malachi 1:2 NLT

Questions Asked

“...you ask, ‘How have we ever shown contempt for Your name?’

“You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on My altar.”

Malachi 1:6,7

Questions Asked

“You say, ‘It’s too hard to serve the LORD,’
and you turn up your noses at My
commands,” says the LORD of Heaven’s
Armies.”

Malachi 1:13

Questions Asked

“Cursed is the cheat who promises to give a fine ram from his flock but then sacrifices a defective one to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “and My name is feared among the nations!”

Malachi 1:14

Snapshot of a hard heart

Israel's Complaint

- How have You loved us?
- How have we shown contempt?
- It is too hard to serve the LORD! <scoff>

God's Response

- I have always loved you!
- You offer defiled sacrifices.
- Cursed is the cheat.

God's Response

Patient

Generous

Reasonable

Honest

Saints!



Can you explain?

Lessons of Malachi

God's Method

- Questions and Answers
- Short-term solution
- Long-term solution

The Result

- Expose the Need
- Restore Passion
- Messiah

Short-term Solution - Restore Passion

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Malachi 3:10

Short-term Solution - Restore Passion

What is the symptom of your hard heart?

Long-term Solution - Messiah

“Look! I am sending My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to His Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

“But who will be able to endure it when He comes? Who will be able to stand and face Him when He appears?”

Malachi 3:1,2

Long-term Solution - Messiah

“Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

Malachi 4:5,6

Long-term Solution - Messiah

- Messengers: Malachi, Elijah, John the Baptist
- Prophecy of First and Second Coming

Long-term Solution - Messiah

- Mystery of the Gospel = Jesus' mission as a suffering servant was hidden to the Jews
- Golden Thread is a prophecy that links the Old Testament to Jesus' earthly life AND to His second coming.

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“O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
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and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8