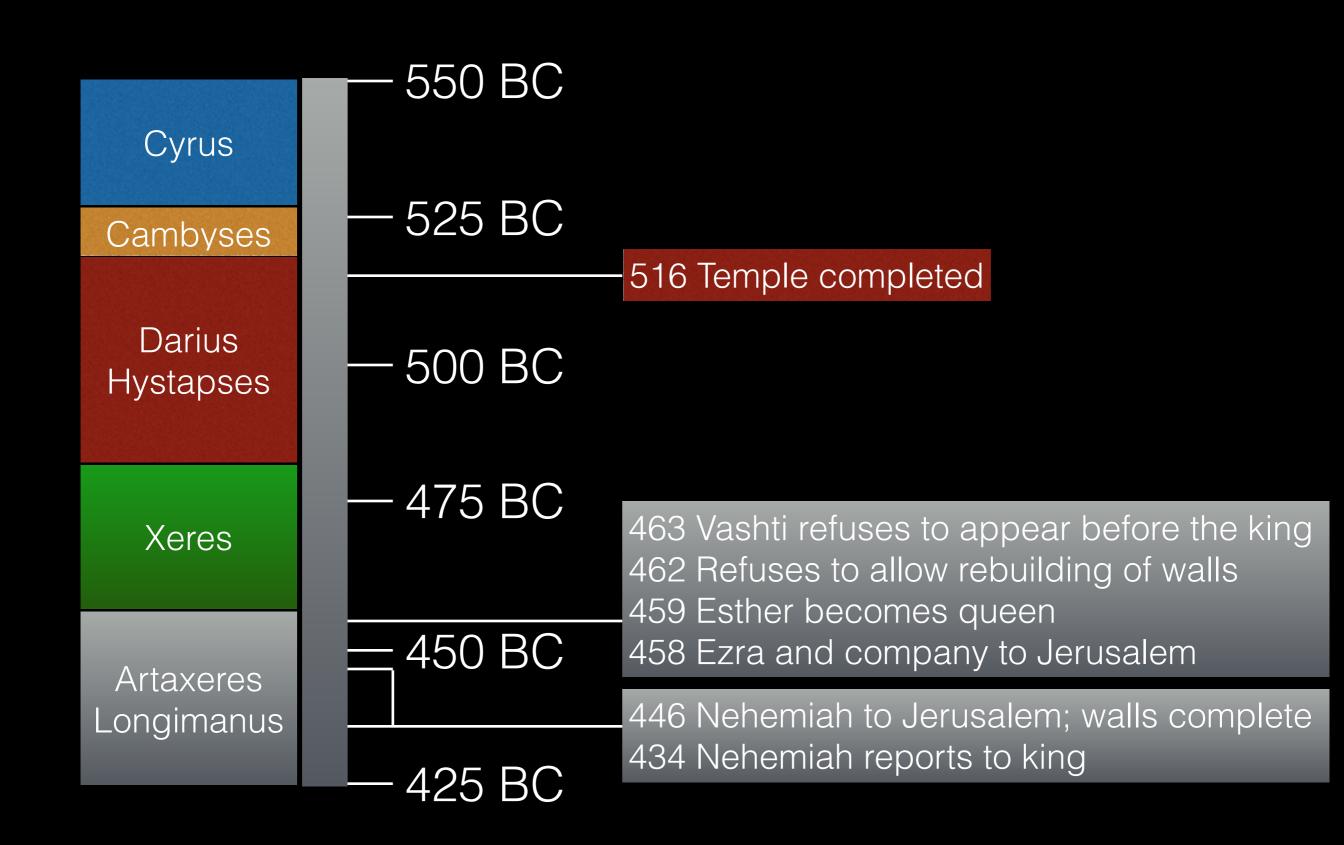
# Israel and the Super Powers

Walls of Jerusalem



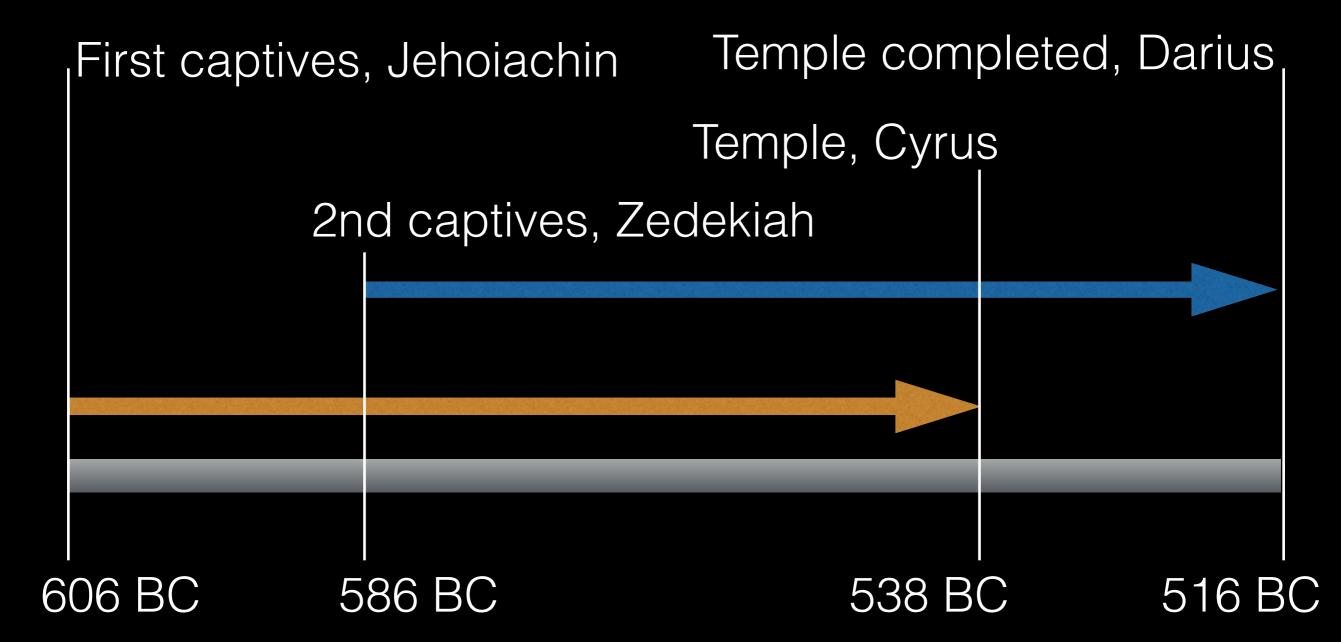
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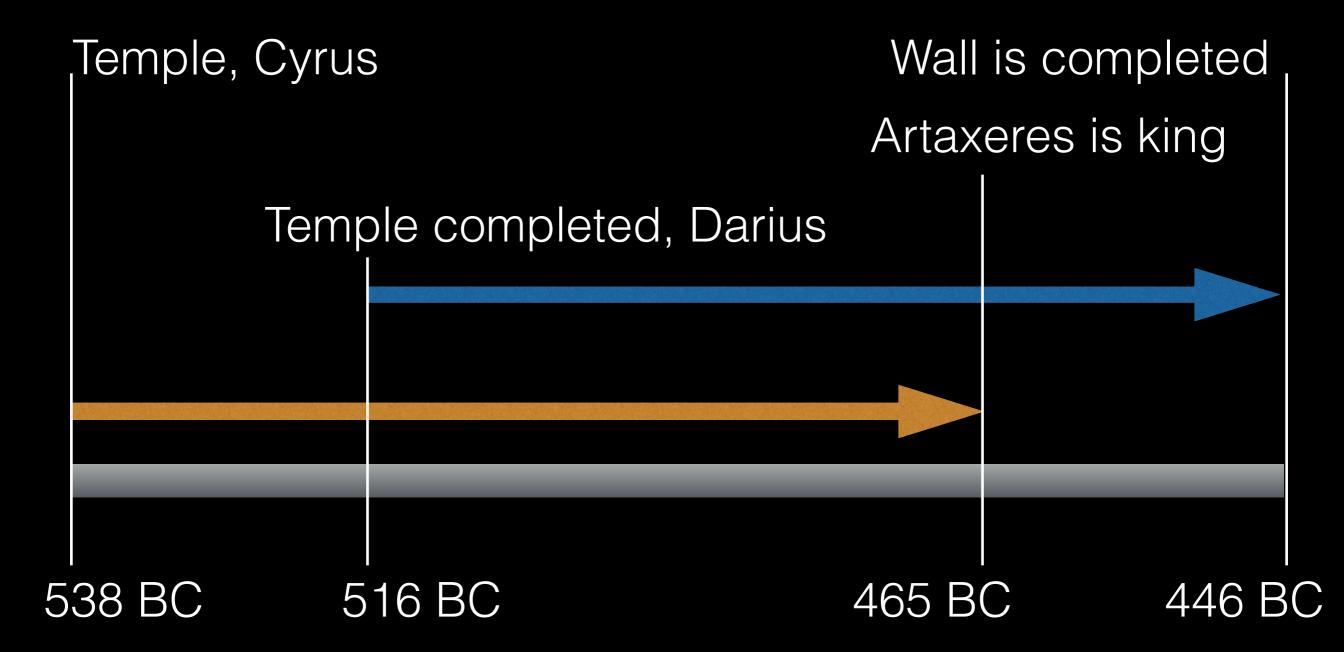
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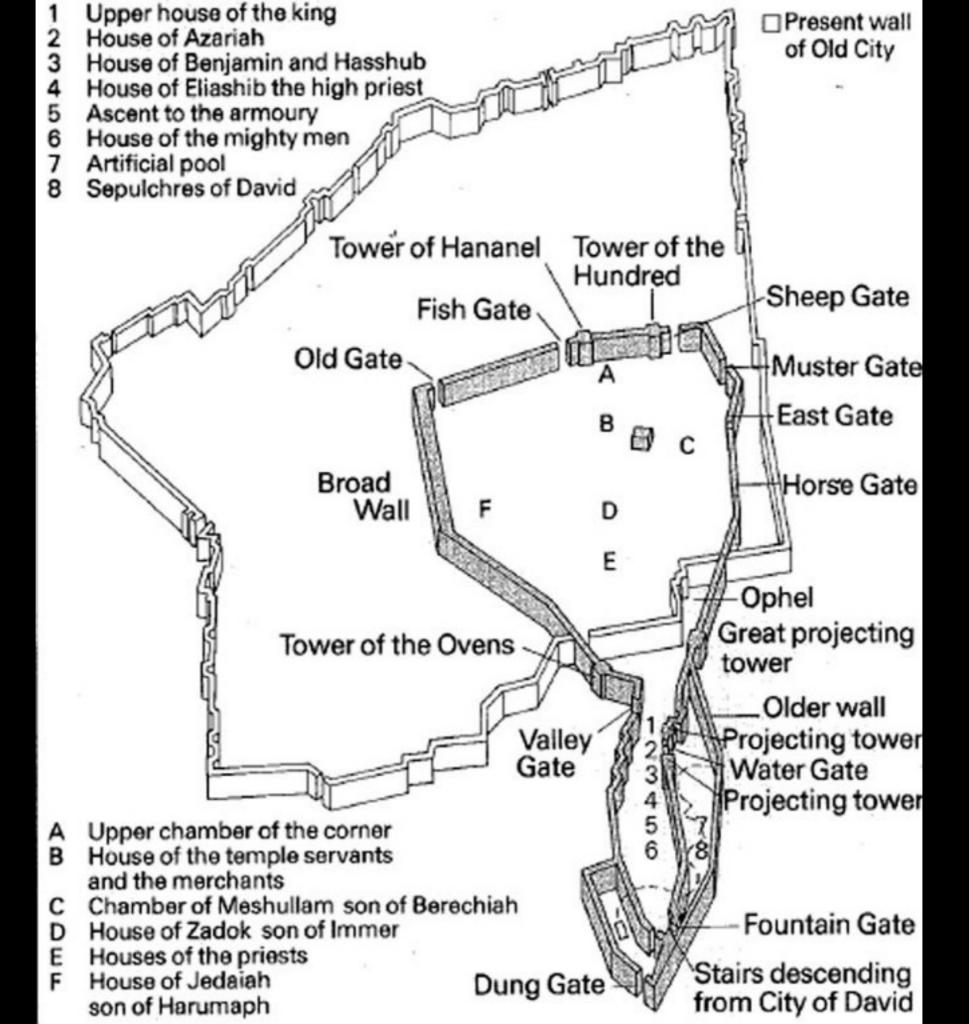
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Motivation

Remnant in great affliction

Jerusalem a reproach (Neh 1:3)



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#### Threat of War (Neh 4)

- ⋆ Prayed to God
- ⋆ Set a watch
- ★ Armed the people with spears, bows, swords
- Nehemiah encouraged the people by God
- ★ Worked with one hand carried weapon in other
- \* All lodged in Jerusalem
- ★ Remained ready (remove clothes only to wash)

#### Threats to Nehemiah (Neh 6)

- Secluded meeting to do Nehemiah harm
- ★ I am doing a great work
- ★ 4 attempts in this manner
- ★ 5th, All say you are planning a revolt; we'll report
- ★ Recognized as a plan to cause fear
- Shemaiah prophesies for the enemy
- ★ Repair finished in 52 days in Elul the 6th month

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