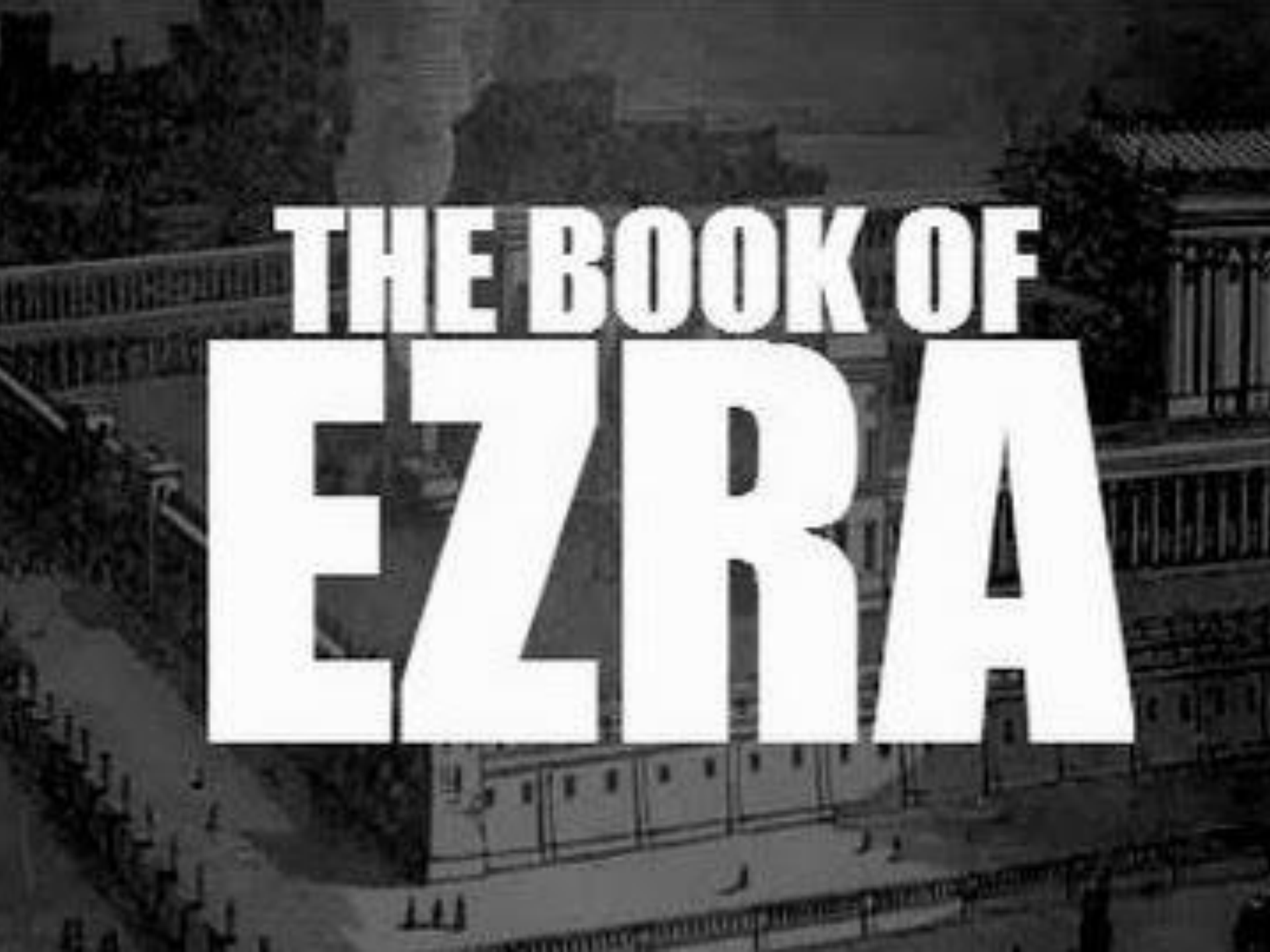


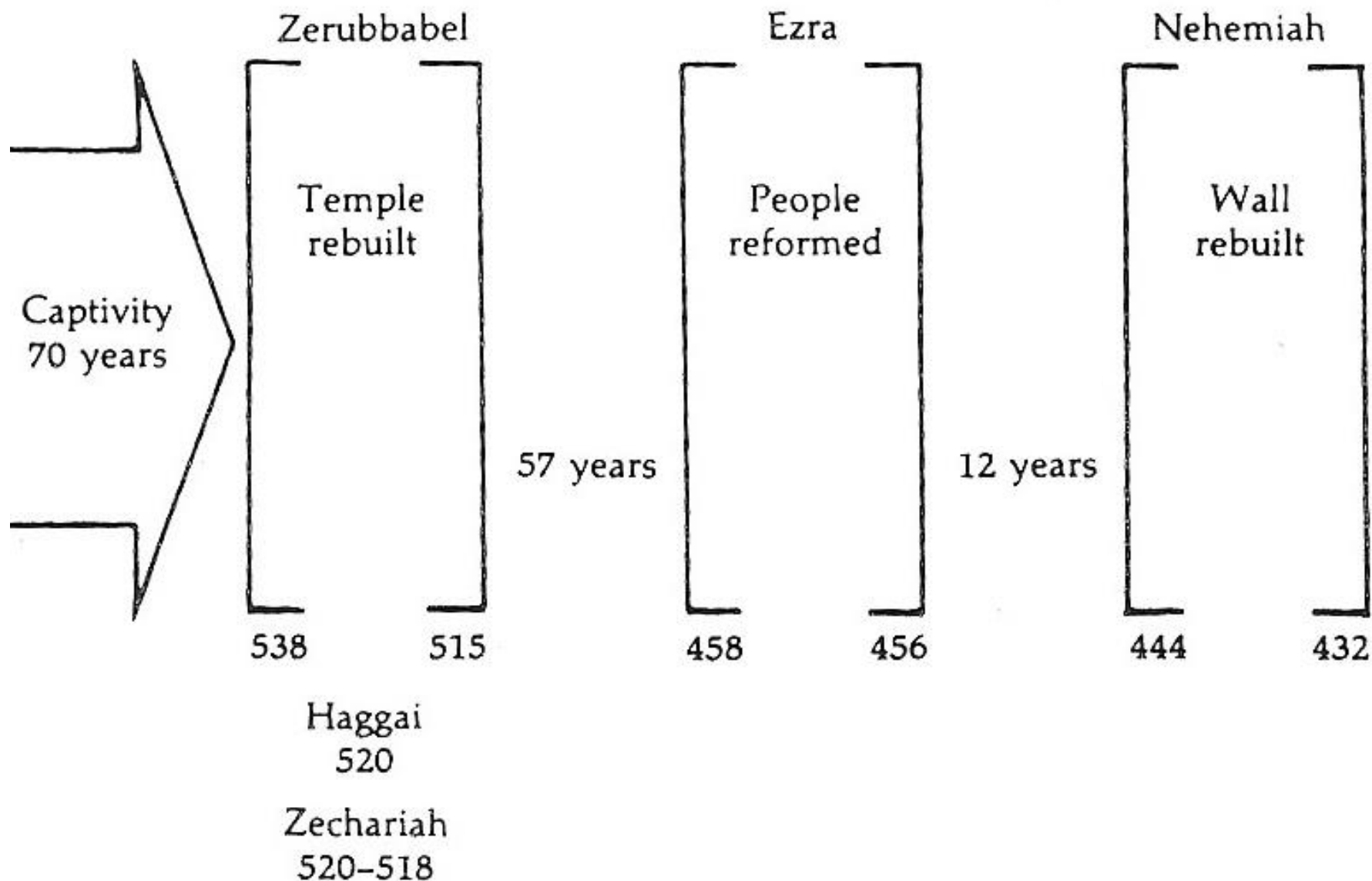
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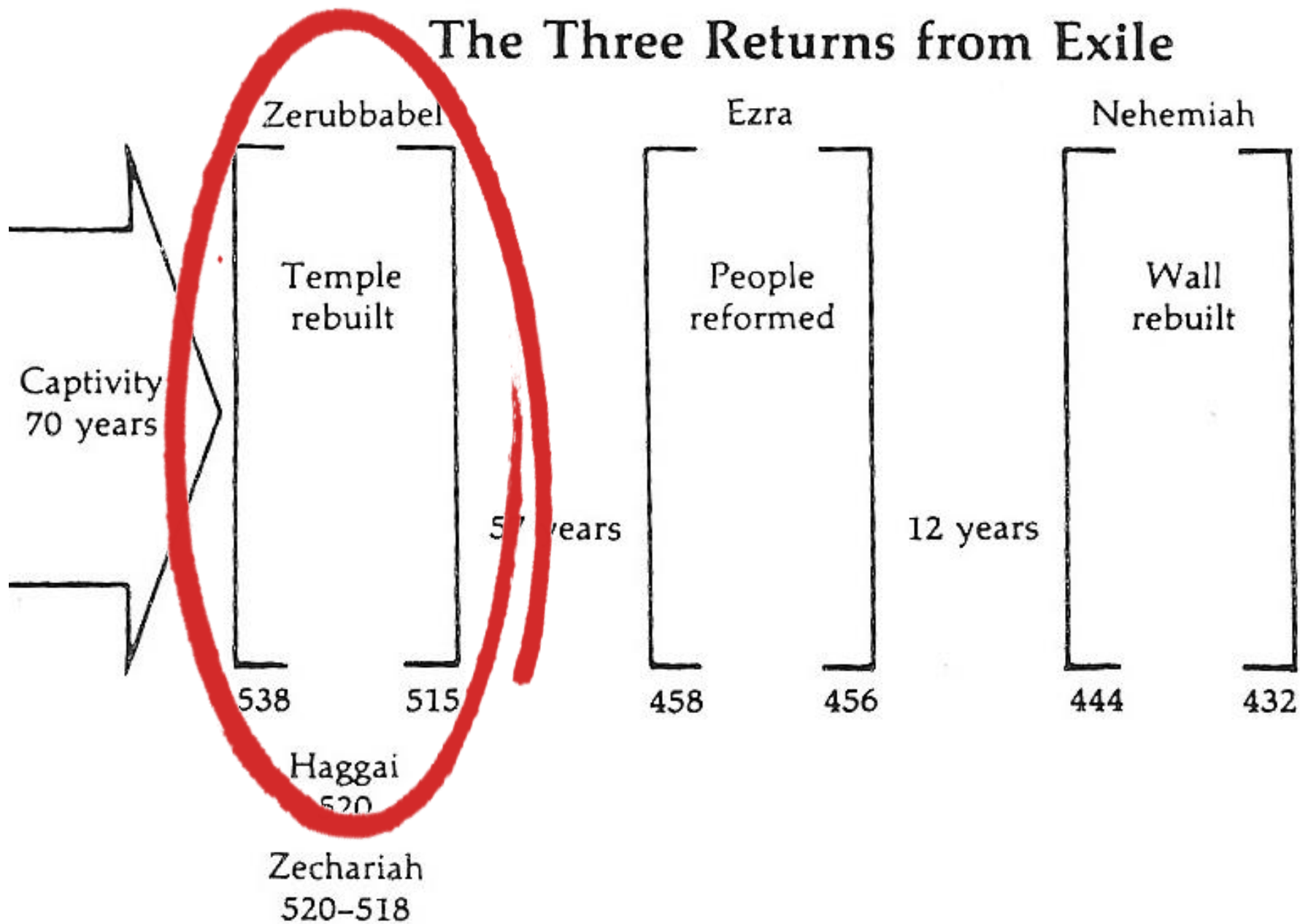


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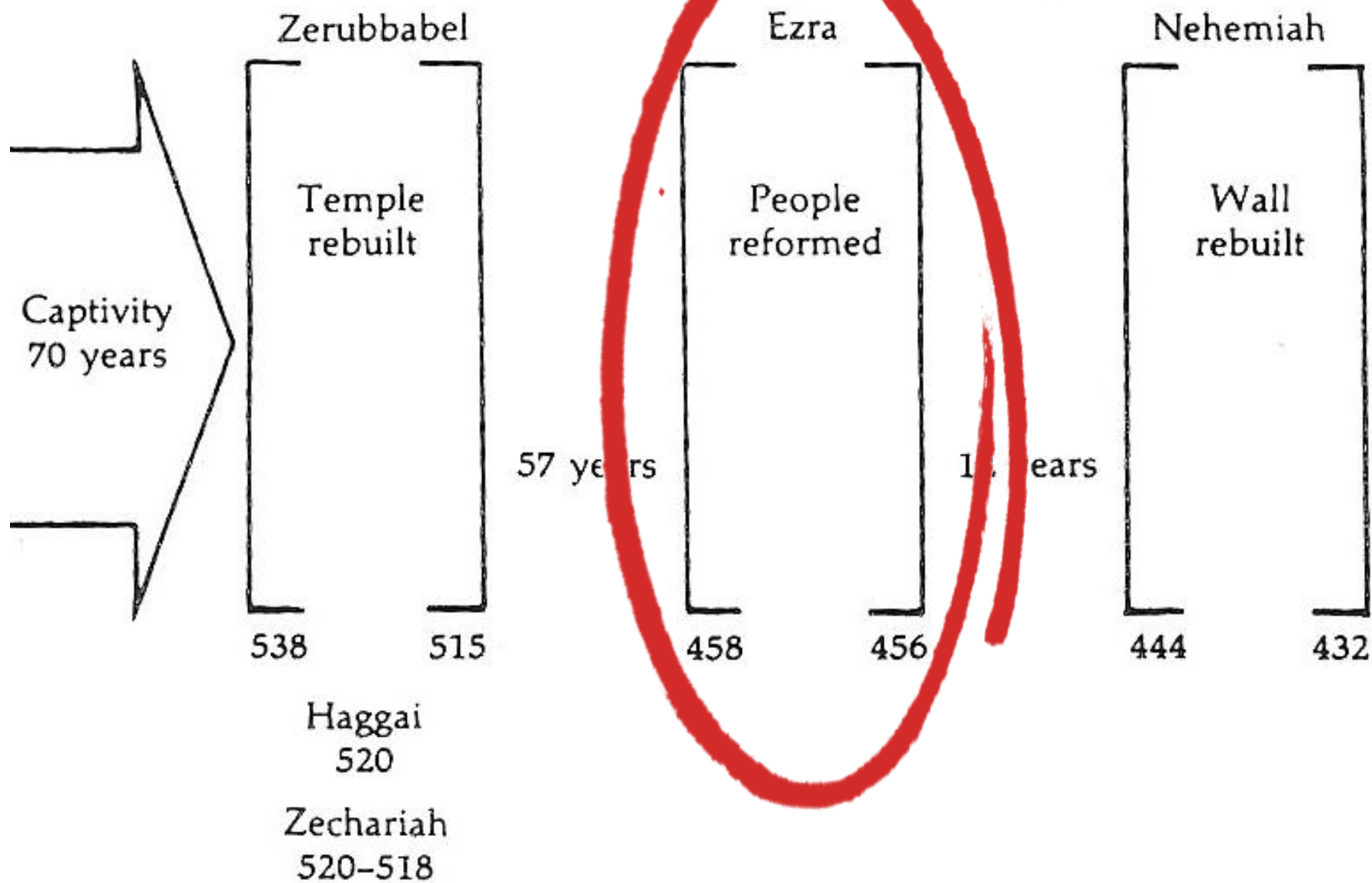
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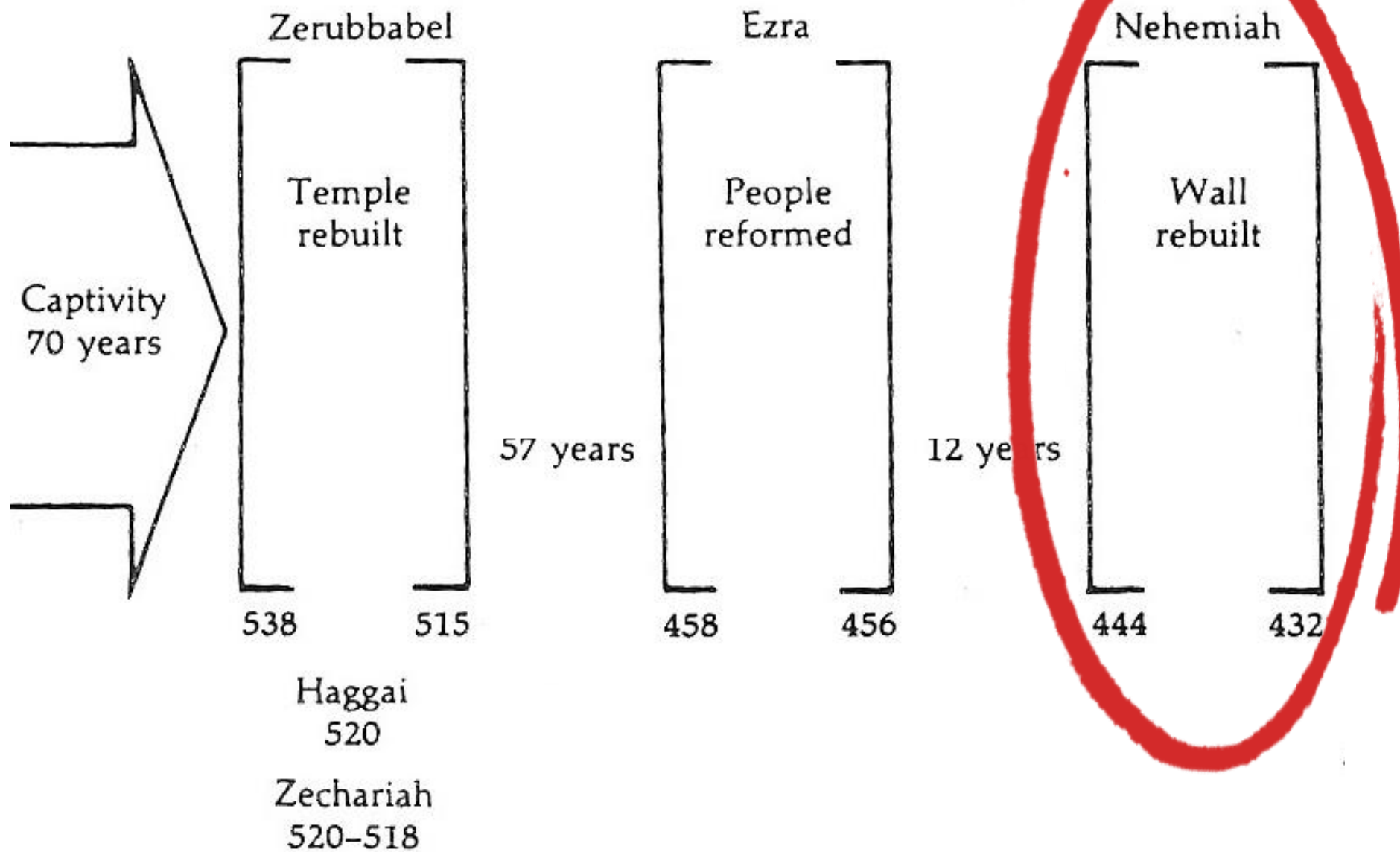
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Persian Kings (539-331 - 200 years)

Cyrus 539 – 530

Cambyses 530 – 522

Darius 522 – 486

Xerxes (Ahasuerus) 486 – 465

Artaxerxes 465 – 425

Ezra 7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah..

Ezra 7:6 this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he *was* a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

Ezra 7:9 On the first day of the first month he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Ezra 7:11 ...Ezra the priest, the scribe, expert in the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of His statutes to Israel

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Ezra 8:18 Then, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, ..namely Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers..

Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

Ezra 8:22 For I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, “The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him

Ezra 8:23 So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.

Ezra 8:31 ..And the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambush along the road.

Ezra 8:32 so we came to Jerusalem

