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**Welcome to Network Church 歡迎來到網絡教會**

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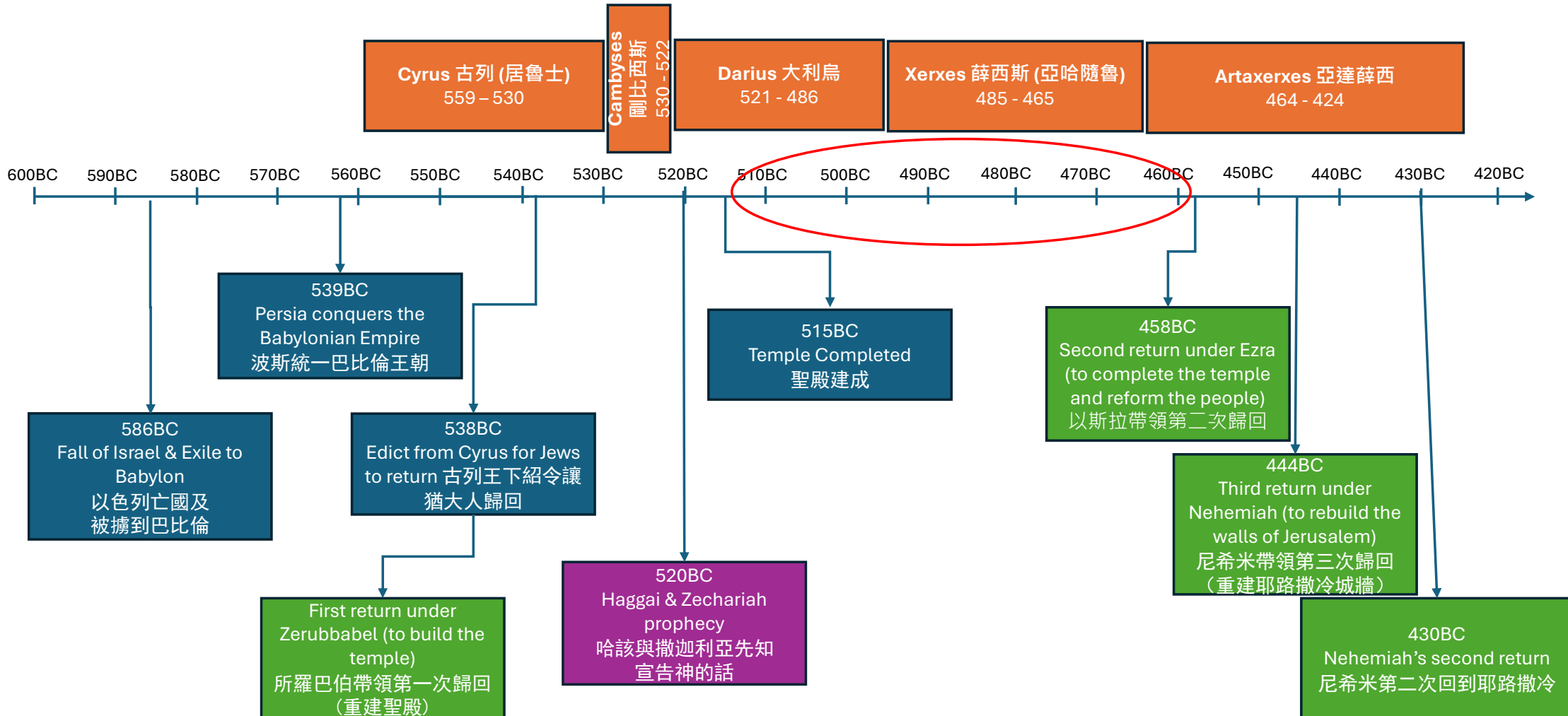
Spiritual and Social Renewal

屬靈與社群的復興

Ezra 7&8 以斯拉記7-8章

# Timeline of the return from Babylon

## 從巴比倫被擄後歸回時間線



# Why the long wait? 為何要等待 這麼久？



Renewal takes time

復興需要時間



Perhaps God is doing a new thing  
with His people in exile

或許上帝正在對祂流亡的子民行  
一件新事

# Ezra's Story: a quick overview

## 以斯拉記的故事：概括重溫



# Ezra 以斯拉

- Trusted by the Persian King Artaxerxes (7:21)  
蒙波斯王阿達薛西王所信任（7章21節）
- A priest of Aaron's line (7:5)  
大祭司阿倫之後裔（7章5節）
- A scribe – an expert in the Law of God (7:6)  
文士 – 熟悉上帝律法之專家（7章6節）
- A religious leader **not** a politician or royalty  
宗教領袖而非政治家或王族
- A new kind of leader  
新興的領袖
- A spiritual and social reformer  
屬靈和社會的更新者

# “The hand of the Lord his God was upon him” 「耶和華—他 神的手幫助他。」

- 7:6 – “the king granted him all he requested because **the hand of the Lord his God** was upon him”  
「王允准他一切所求的，因為耶和華—他 神的手幫助他。」(7章6節)
- 7:9 – “on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, because **the good hand of his God** was upon him”  
「五月初一就到了耶路撒冷，因為他 神施恩的手幫助他。」(7章9節)
- 7:28 – “I was strengthened according to **the hand of the Lord my God** that was upon me”  
「我因耶和華—我 神的手的幫助，得以堅強」(7章28節)
- 8:18 – “as **the good hand of our God** was upon us, they brought us a man of insight”  
「蒙我們 神施恩的手幫助我們... 帶了一個精明的人來」(8章18節)
- 8:22 – “I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, “**The hand of our God** is favorably disposed to all who seek Him...” So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and He listened to our pleading.”  
「我以求王撥步兵騎兵幫助我們抵擋路上的仇敵為羞愧，因我們曾對王說：「我們 神施恩的手必幫助凡尋求他的，但他的能力和憤怒必攻擊凡離棄他的」(8章22節)
- 8:31 – “**the hand of our God** was upon us, and He rescued us from the hand of the enemy”  
「我們 神的手保佑我們，救我們脫離仇敵和路上埋伏之人的手。」(8章31節)

1. Favour 蒙悅納

2. Right time 適時

3. Strength 力量

4. Understanding  
明白

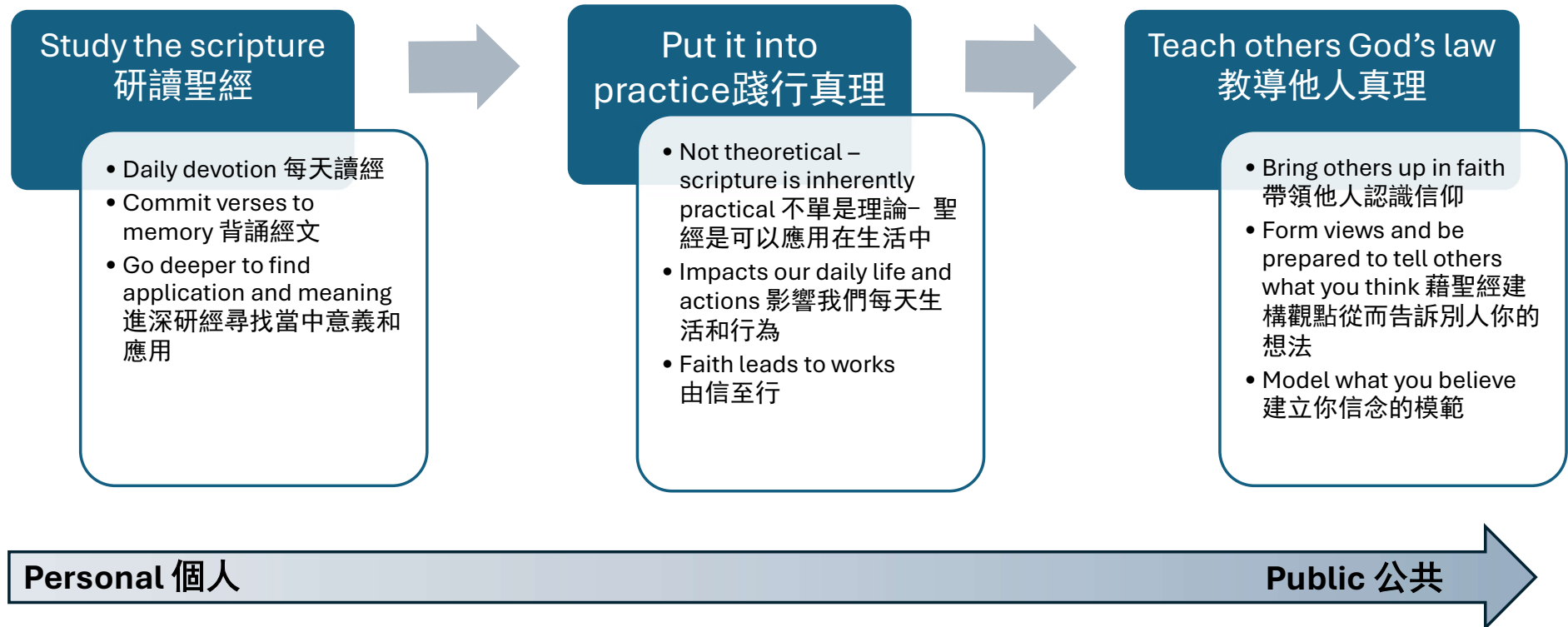
5. Safety 安全

6. Protection 保守

# WHY was God's hand on Ezra? 為何神的手幫助以斯拉？

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# **HOW** do you do it? 我們當 如何作？

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Requires willpower, commitment and resilience

需要意志、承諾和韌力

Do you want the hand  
of the Lord on your  
life?

你是否盼望神的手  
在你生命中？