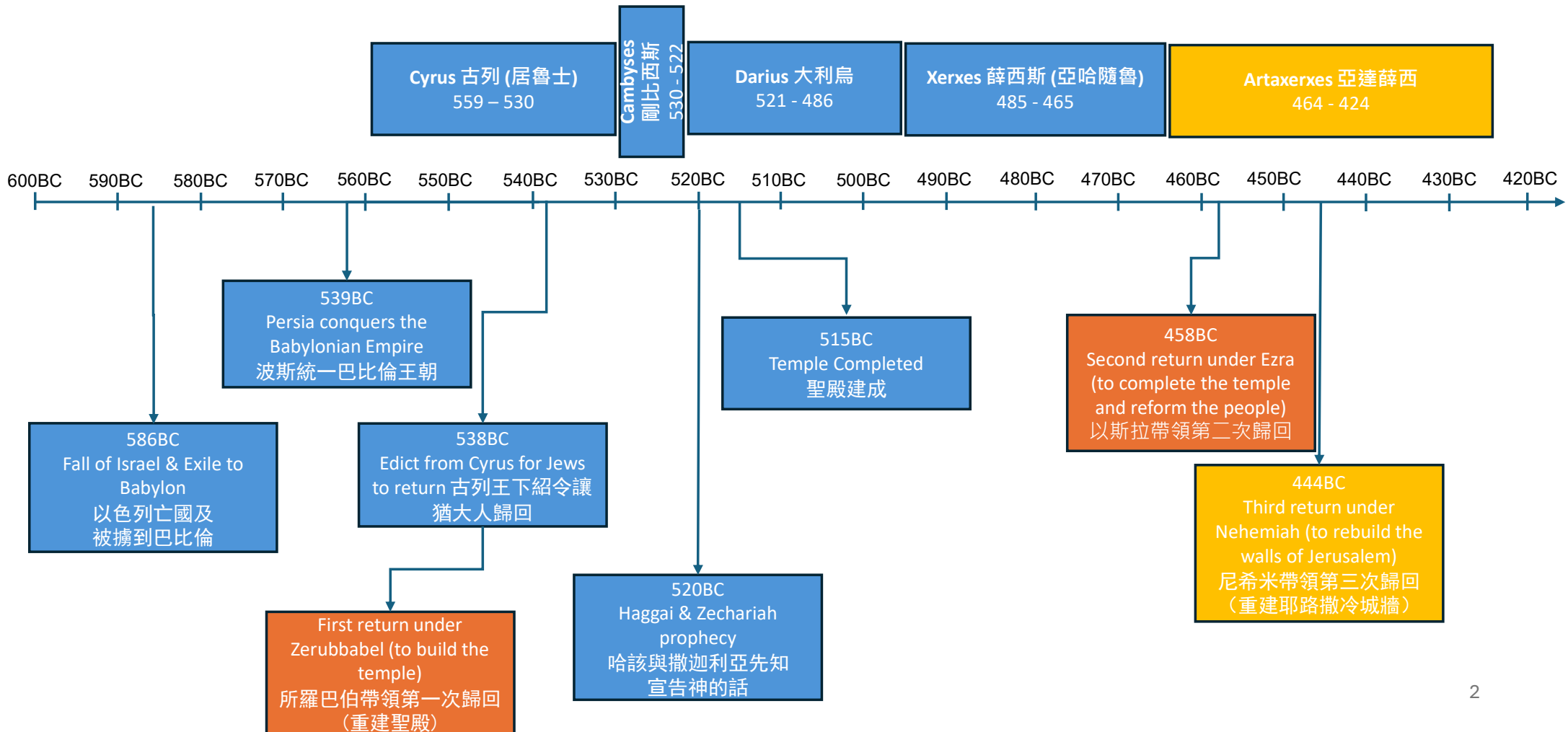


**Welcome to
Network Church**
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19-01-2025

Timeline of the return from Babylon

從巴比倫被擄後歸回時間線



Wine tester - not taster
酒測試員 - 不是品酒師

1. He hears about the state of Jerusalem, fasts and prays

他聽到耶路撒冷的狀況，禁食和祈禱



2. The King asks him why he is sad and what he wants

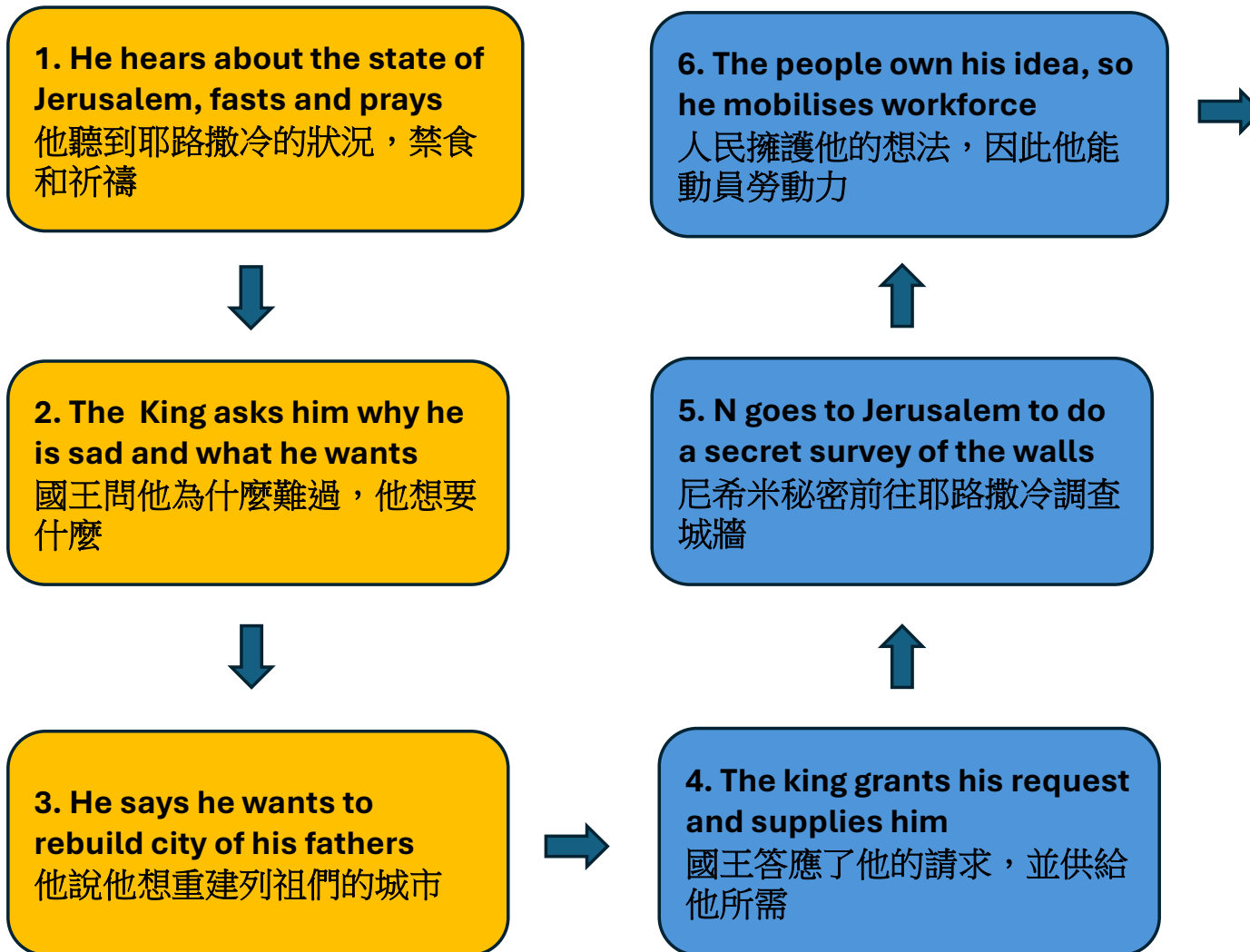
國王問他為什麼難過，他想要什麼

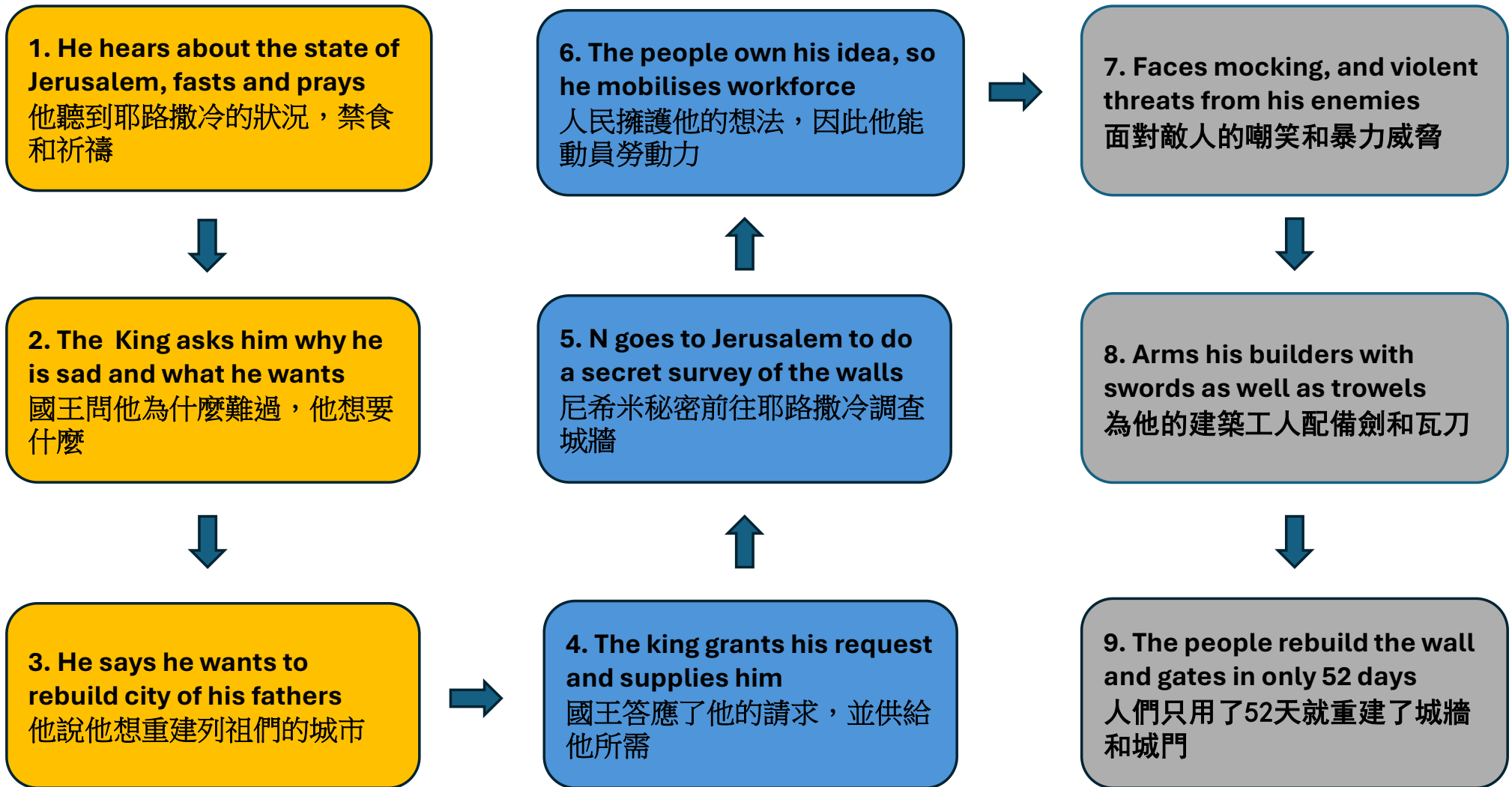


3. He says he wants to rebuild city of his fathers

他說他想重建列祖們的城市







Nehemiah 1.11 and 2.2-6

1.11: O Lord let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man

2.2-6: So the king asked me “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart”. I was very much afraid, but I said to the King “` May the king live forever! Why should I not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins and its gates have been destroyed by fire?’ The king said to me ‘What is it you want. Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king “If it please the king and if your servant has found favour in your sight let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it It pleased the king to send me, so I set a time.

Ezra 8.21-23

By the Ahava canal I proclaimed a fast so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children with all our possessions. I was ashamed to ask to ask the king for soldiers and horseman to protect us from enemies on the road So we fasted and petitioned our God about this and he answered our prayer.

尼希米記 1.11 和 2.2-6

1.11：主阿、求你側耳聽你僕人的祈禱、和喜愛敬畏你名眾僕人的祈禱、使你僕人現今亨通、在王面前蒙恩。我是作王酒政的。

2.2-6：王對我說、你既沒有病、為甚麼面帶愁容呢。這不是別的、必是你心中愁煩。於是我甚懼怕。我對王說、願王萬歲。我列祖墳墓所在的那城荒涼、城門被火焚燒、我豈能面無愁容麼。王問我說、你要求甚麼。於是我默禱天上的神。我對王說、僕人若在王眼前蒙恩、王若喜歡、求王差遣我往猶大、到我列祖墳墓所在的那城去。我好重新建造。那時王后坐在王的旁邊。王問我說、你去要多少日子、幾時回來。我就定了日期。於是王喜歡差遣我去。

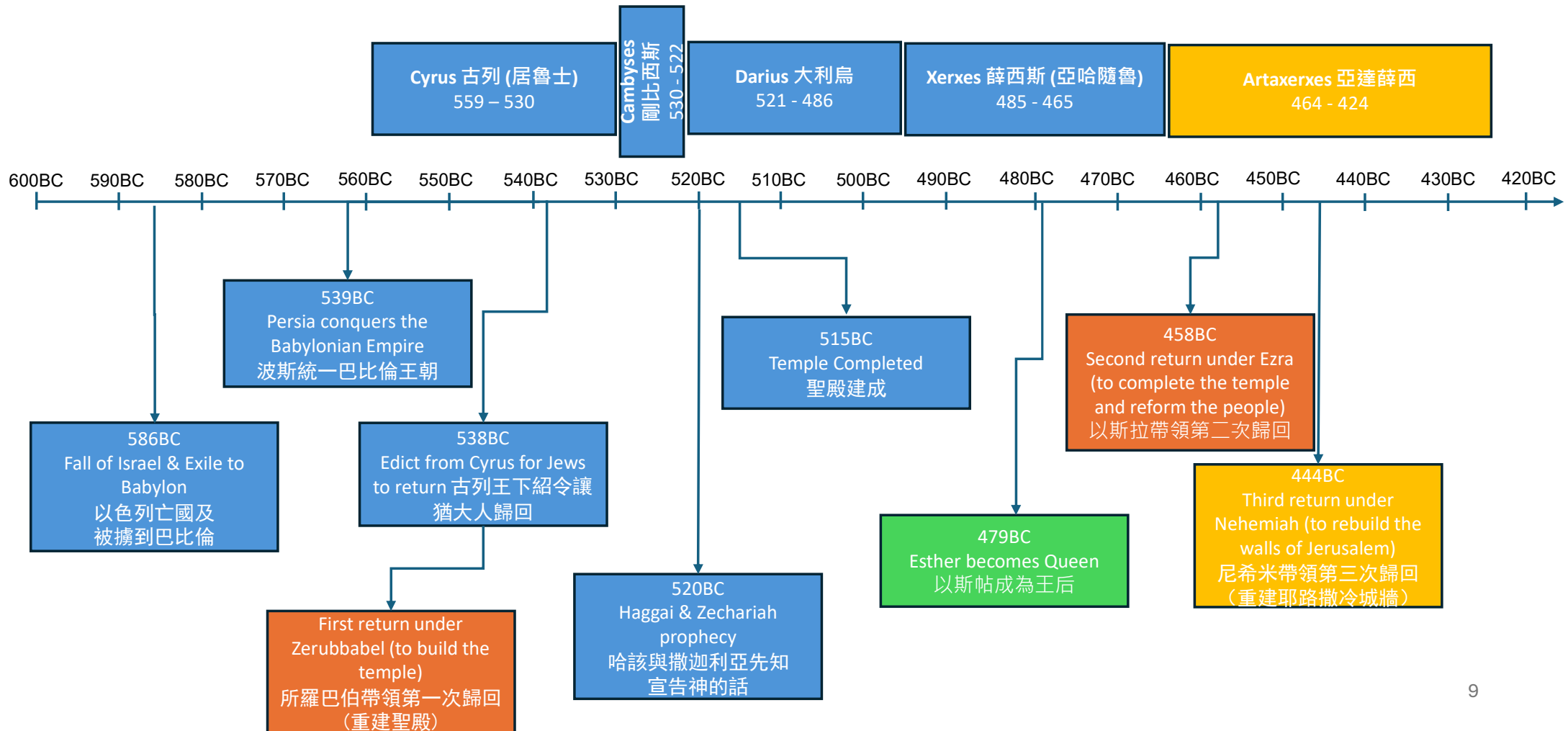
以斯拉記 8.21-23

那時我在亞哈瓦河邊宣告禁食、為要在我們神面前克己心、求他使我們和婦人孩子、並一切所有的、都得平坦的道路。我求王撥步兵馬兵、幫助我們抵擋路上的仇敵、本以為羞恥、因我曾對王說、我們神施恩的手、必幫助一切尋求他的。但他的能力和忿怒、必攻擊一切離棄他的。所以我們禁食祈求我們的神、他就應允了我們。

Powered by prayer
禱告的力量

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Daniel 9.2-3

I Daniel, understood from the scriptures according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Israel would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition and in sackcloth and ashes.

Ezra 1.1

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfil the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia

但以理書 9.2-3

就是他在位第一年、我但以理從書上得知耶和華的話臨到先知耶利米、論耶路撒冷荒涼的年數、七十年為滿。我便禁食、披麻蒙灰、定意向主神祈禱懇求。

以斯拉記 1.1

波斯王古列元年、耶和華為要應驗藉耶利米口所說的話、就激動波斯王古列的心、使他下詔通告全國說、

HOMING PIGEON 信鴿

PROPOSITION 主張	AGREE 同意	DISAGREE 不同意
Prayer is the real battle 祈禱是真正的戰鬥		
Prayer is the most important thing we can engage in 祈禱是我們能做的最重要的事情		
Prayer can move mountains 祈禱可以移山		
Profound things happen when we recognise where ultimate authority lies 當我們認識到最終權威在哪裡時，就會發生深刻的事情		
There is value in praying for our leaders and politicians 為我們的領導人和政客祈禱是有價值的		

26 May 1940

26 May to 4 June 1940

Reference	Main elements	Involved	Outcome
Daniel 9.2	Confession and petition with fasting	Daniel	Cyrus' heart is moved years later.
Book of Esther	Allegory of intercession with fasting	Esther and Jews	Immediate deliverance from ethnic annihilation
Ezra 8.23	Petition for a safe journey with fasting	Ezra and Jews	A successful return journey to Jerusalem is achieved over the next four months without incident
Ezra 9.5,6	Public confession and lament	Ezra	Crowd responds to comply with mosaic requirements banning marriage to foreigners
Neh 1.4	Confession, lament and petition with fasting	Nehemiah	A successful request made to the king to leave employment and go to restore city of Jerusalem
Neh 2.4	Not known what for but linked to 1.4	Nehemiah	Ditto
Neh 4.4	Lament and petition	Nehemiah	Insults from enemies do not hinder the work or demotivate the workforce
Neh 4.9	Group prayer – we don't know exactly what for	Nehemiah & associates	Threats do not materialise and work on walls progresses without violence
Neh 5.19	Request to be remembered	Nehemiah	Jesus: 400 odd years later
Neh 6.9	Petition for strength in face of opposition	Nehemiah	Receives personal strength and resolve
Neh 6.14	Petition about intimidation	Nehemiah	Walls are completed in 52 days
Neh 8.6	Praise and worship	Ezra and the people	Instruction in the law and communal celebration
Neh 9.2ff	Confession, worship and praise with fasting	The people and Levites	Binding agreement made re marriages to foreigners
Neh 12.24	Praise and thanks	Priests and Levites	Recovery of activities prescribed by David
Neh 12.27 ff	Dedication (of walls) with praise and thanks	Levites and choirs	Temple is supplied with provisions for the service of God
Neh 13.14, 22, 29, 30	3 petitions inc. for mercy and to be remembered	Nehemiah	Jesus: 400 odd years later

PROPOSITION 主張	AGREE 同意	DISAGREE 不同意
It is only given to special people like Nehemiah to pray for big things 只有像尼希米這樣特別的人有資格為大事祈禱		

QUESTIONS FOR CELL GROUPS

小組討論問題

Share what concerns (burden) for others God has put on your heart

分享上帝放在你心裡的對他人的關心（負擔）

Give examples in your life where God has answered your petitions - personally and corporately

請舉出你生命中上帝回應你個人和群體禱求的例子

What helps you, or would help you pray for (inter)national issues - personally and / or corporately

什麼可以幫助你，或將幫助你為（國際）國家問題祈禱——個人和/或群體

What corporate sins of the UK might we need to recognise and confess

英國有甚麼群體的罪我們可能需要認識和為此懺悔

Explain why you have you found fasting with prayer helpful or unhelpful

解釋為什麼你認為禁食禱告有或沒有幫助