

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Nehemiah

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- Who wrote it?
 - Unknown, but possibly Ezra.
 - Ezra and Nehemiah were considered one work in the original Hebrew.

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- From 444 to 425 B.C.
- Covers 19 years.

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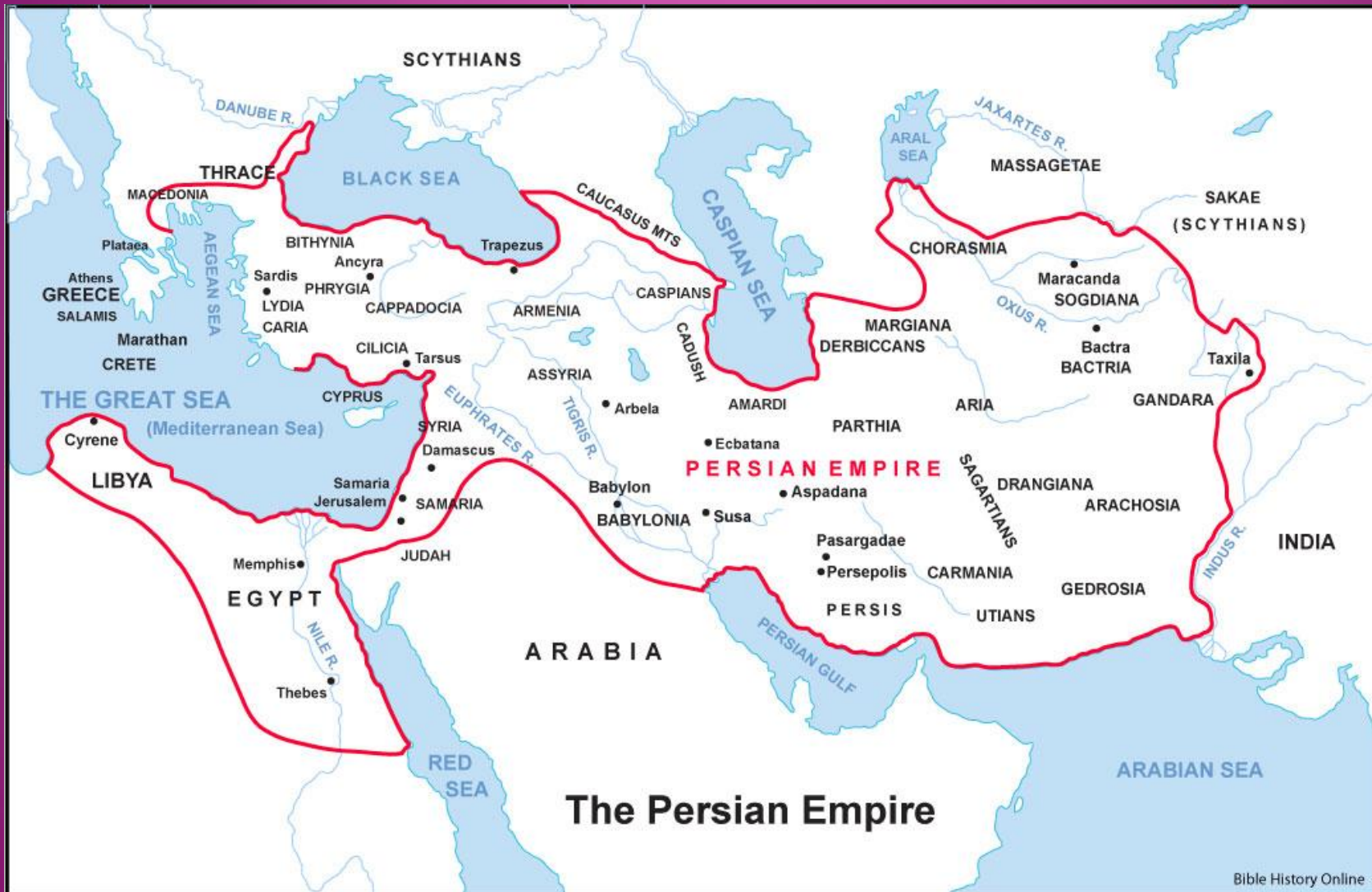
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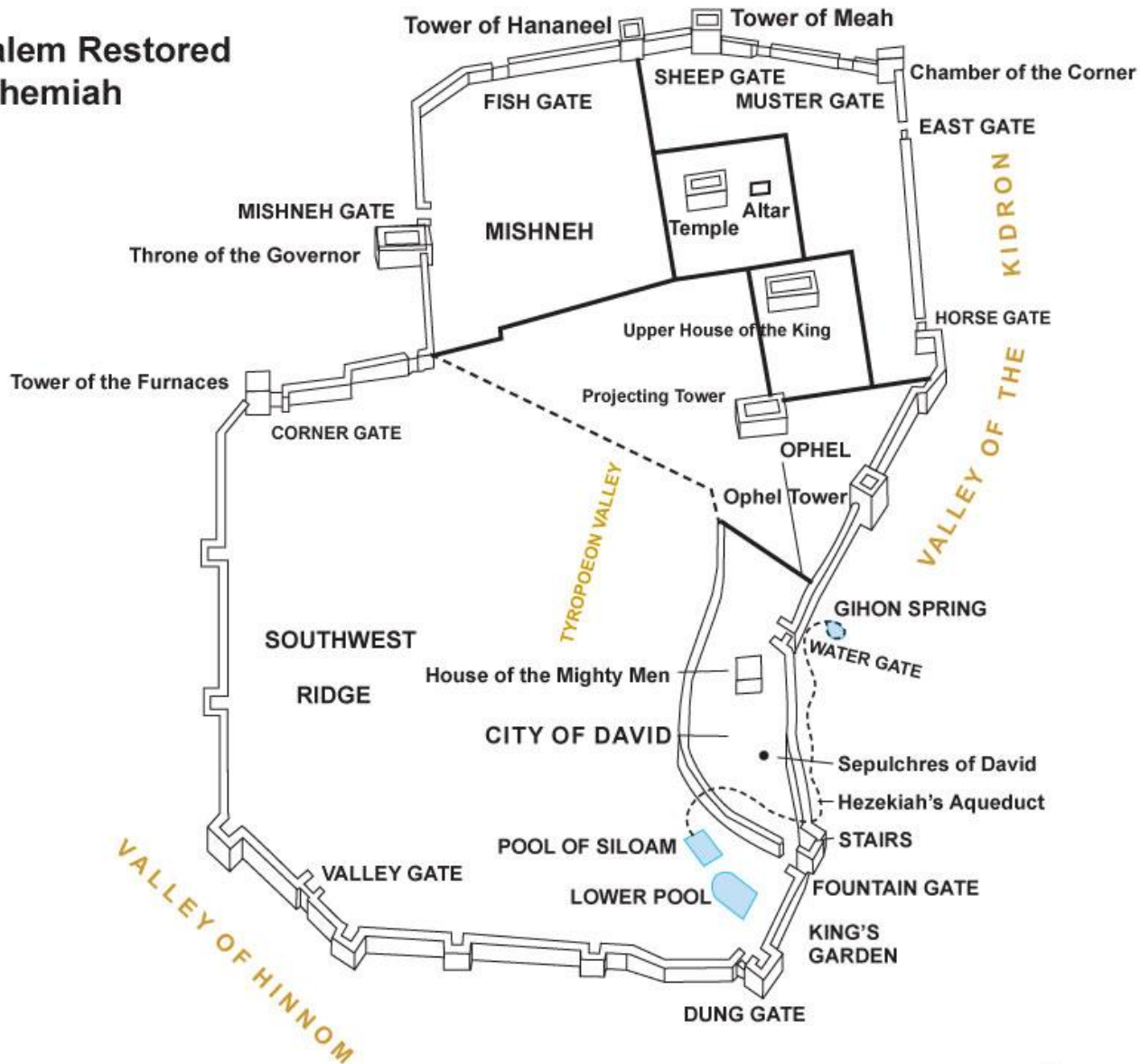
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- **Part 2 - The Restoration of the People (Chaps. 8-13)**
 - The Renewal of the Covenant
 - The Obedience to the Covenant

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- ◎ Summary in one sentence:
 - Through Nehemiah's leadership God enabled the Israelites to rebuild and dedicate Jerusalem's walls as well as renew their commitment to God as His covenant people.
- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Returning Jewish exiles rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** begged by Nehemiah to gather His people into their homeland again
- **Nehemiah:** cupbearer of King Artaxerxes; reconstructor of the wall of Jerusalem
- **Artaxerxes:** grants permission and support for the reconstruction of the wall
- **Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem:** strongly opposes Nehemiah and the reconstruction of the walls
- **Noadiah:** prophetess who tries to intimidate Nehemiah (Neh. 6:14)
- **Eliashib:** he and his fellow priests were among the first builders

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Nehemiah was a key leader in the restoration of God's people from Babylon to Jerusalem. He called for undivided loyalty to the work at hand in the same way Jesus did when He said, "Anyone who is not with Me is against Me, and anyone who does not gather with Me scatters" (Luke 11:23).

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Verse to Remember

- ◉ When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:16)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Nearly 100 years after the exiles return to Jerusalem, Nehemiah orchestrates the rebuilding of the wall in 52 days. (Neh. 6:15)
- Notice Nehemiah's zeal and unconventional leadership style in Neh. 13:23-25
- In the book of Nehemiah, everything in Judea is restored except the king. The next king would be the Messiah.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - You can overcome all opposition and complete your earthly mission with the help of the Lord. (Phil. 4:13)

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in Nehemiah this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.