

Nehemiah, Consolation of Yah CLASS 1



Building up the Walls

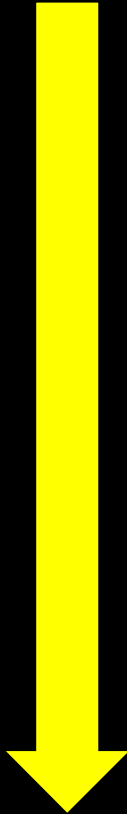
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Nehemiah's enthusiasm was contagious, and found a ready response in the people. All indecision and ineptitude was at an end, and the ecclesia was keen to commence, encouraged by Nehemiah's experience of divine favor. How encouraging in ecclesial life, when a similar attitude is manifested by the members in a desire to advance a good cause

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The Times of Israel's Captivity and Restoration				
Approx. Year	Kings and Governors of Judah	Kings of Babylon and Persia	Prophets and Priests	Events
606 BC	Jehoiakim	Nebuchadnezzar	Jeremiah, Habakkuk,	Nebuchadnezzar attacks Jerusalem - Captivity Begins
536 BC	Zerubbabel (Shashbazzar)	Cyrus, now sole monarch of Persia	Daniel (90yrsold) High Priest: Joshua	Cyrus' Decree; Jews Return; 70 Yr. Captivity Ends – Temple Construction begins
535BC	Zerubbabel (Shashbazzar)	Cyrus, now sole monarch of Persia	Daniel, High Priest: Joshua	Temple foundation laid
530-515 BC	Zerubbabel (Shashbazzar)	Cyrus, Cambyses, Darius Hystaspes, (Artaxerxes – 521BC) Queen Esther (515 BC)	Zechariah, Haggai, High Priest: Joshua Scribe: Ezra	Temple constr. Resumed and finished in 516BC following Haggai's and Zechariah's prophecies
514 BC	Zerubbabel (Shashbazzar)	Darius Hystaspes, (Artaxerxes) Queen Esther	Zechariah, Haggai, High Priest: Joshua Scribe: Ezra	Ezra returns with 2 nd wave of exiles to enact reform among the people – 7 th year of Artaxerxes (Darius Hystaspes)
508-489 BC	Other governors, Nehemiah	Darius Hystaspes, (Artaxerxes) Queen Esther	Zechariah, Malachi, High Priest: Joiakim Scribe: Ezra	501 BC - Nehemiah returns in 20 th year of Artaxerxes



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Neh. 1:1 *The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,*

(Isa. 40:1-5; Isa. 51:3; Zech. 1:17; Isa. 56:6-8; Rom. 11:22-24

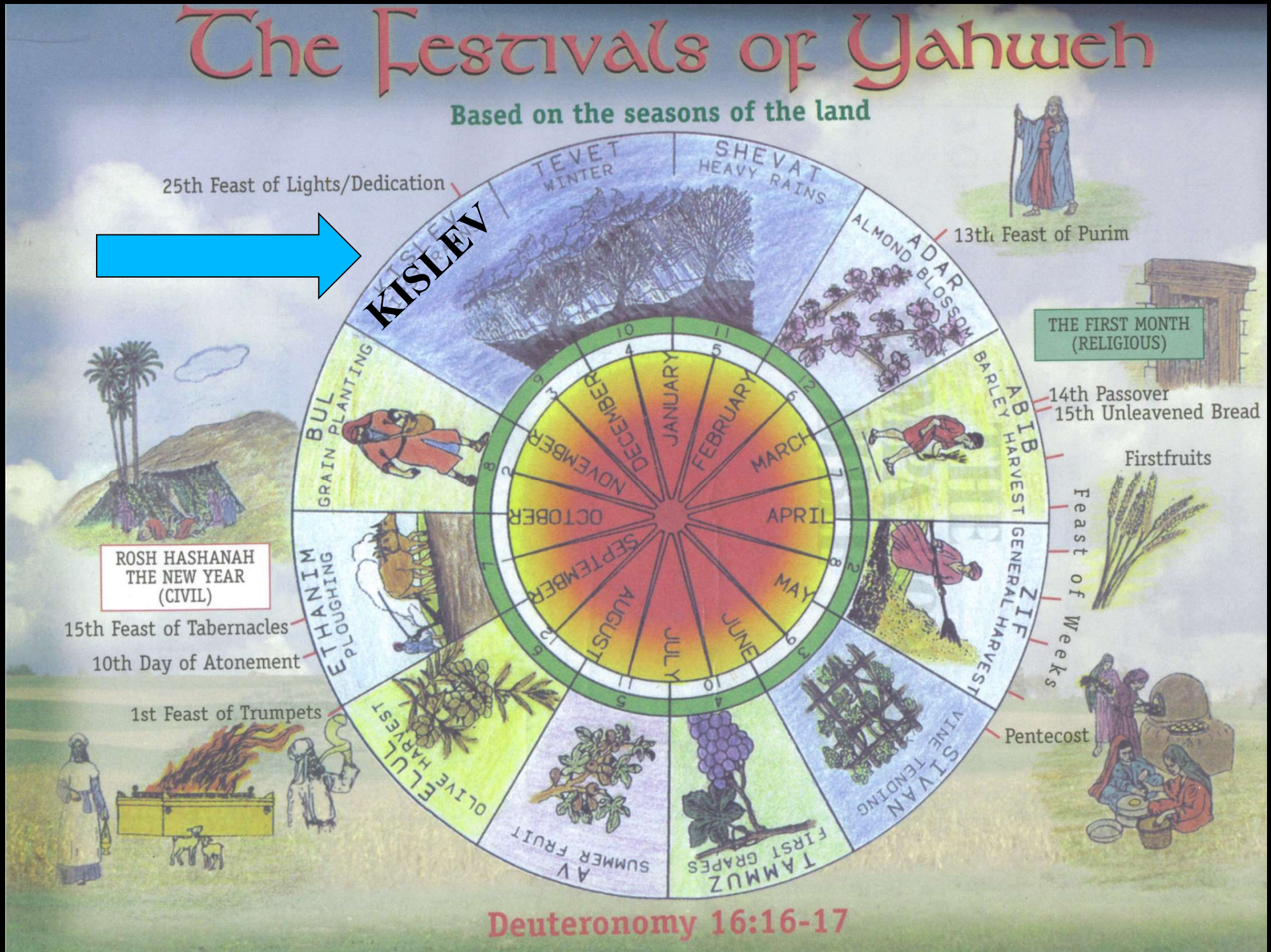
Hachaliah: *Yah is Hidden* (Youngs)
Darkness of Yah. (Strong's)
Who waits for Yah (Hitchcock)

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Neh 1:2-4 *That Hanani [gracious], one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. (3) And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. (4) And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven...*

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Consolation of Yah?

Yahweh's Comforter?

Gracious?

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The Palace at Shushan, or White Lily



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(Song. 2:16; 6:2-3; Hosea 14:4-6)

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Neh 1:5-7 *And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: (6) Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. (7) We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses...*

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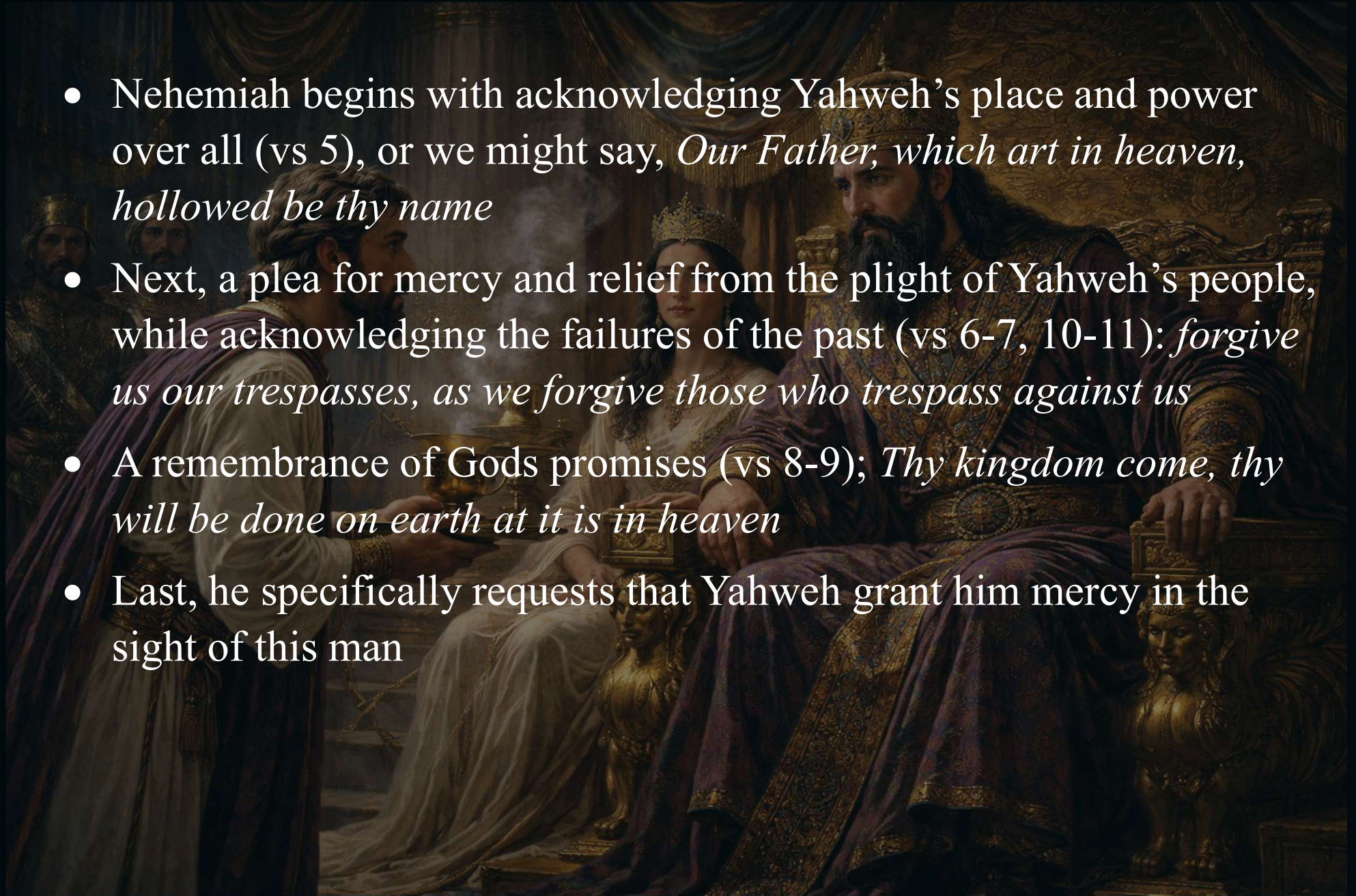
Neh 1:8-11 (8) *Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: (9) But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. (10) Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. (11) O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.*

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- Nehemiah begins with acknowledging Yahweh's place and power over all (vs 5), or we might say, *Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name*
- Next, a plea for mercy and relief from the plight of Yahweh's people, while acknowledging the failures of the past (vs 6-7, 10-11): *forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us*
- A remembrance of Gods promises (vs 8-9); *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth at it is in heaven*
- Last, he specifically requests that Yahweh grant him mercy in the sight of this man



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*Neh 2:6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him),
For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So
it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time*

Luke 11:2 *...And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*