



Rebuild



KEY WORDS—

Return
Restore
Revive
Renew

Signet Ring
Royal Decree
Archives
Chronicles



KEY VERSE—

16 Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

Ezra 6:16

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 7:10

REBUILD—Essential Knowledge and Skills



TELL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ZERUBBABEL IN THE LINEAGE OF CHRIST:

Explain the “Signet Ring” analogy from Haggai 2. Tell how Zerubbabel seals the lineage of both Mary and Joseph. Back to David. Explain that Zerubbabel is like Christ in many ways.

IDENTIFY THESE REBUILD PEOPLE:

King Cyrus, Zerubbabel, Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah, Mordecai, Haman, King Ahasueras, King Artaxerxes

DEFINE THESE WORDS:

Renew, Revive, Restore, Signet Ring, Archives, Chronicles

Timeline Talk-Rebuild



Rebuilding the Temple

Ezra and Esther

Building the Wall

Under Persian Rule

Idol Worship Overcome

Led by Nehemiah

Devoted to God

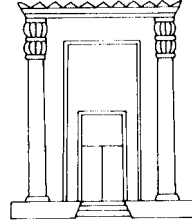


EVENTS FROM REBUILD

The Persian King Cyrus wrote a decree that allowed some of God's people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. The people were led by Zerubbabel.



KING CYRUS

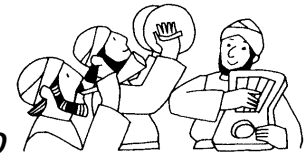


THE NEW TEMPLE

Ezra, the scribe led a second group of God's people back to Jerusalem to restore the worship of the temple.

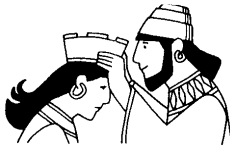


EZRA, THE SCRIBE



WORSHIP RESTORED

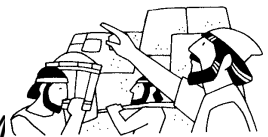
Esther, a young Jewish girl, became the wife of the King of Persia and saved her people from destruction.



FEAST OF PURIM

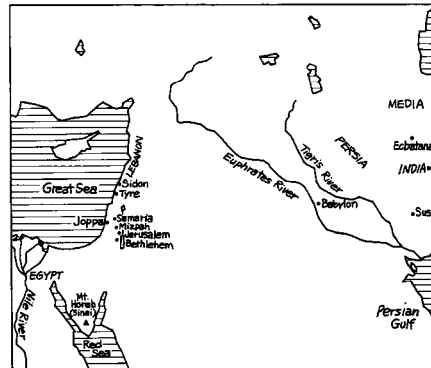
SCENES FROM THE STORY OF ESTHER

Nehemiah led a third group of God's people back to Jerusalem to rebuild the torn down walls of the city.



REBUILDING THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

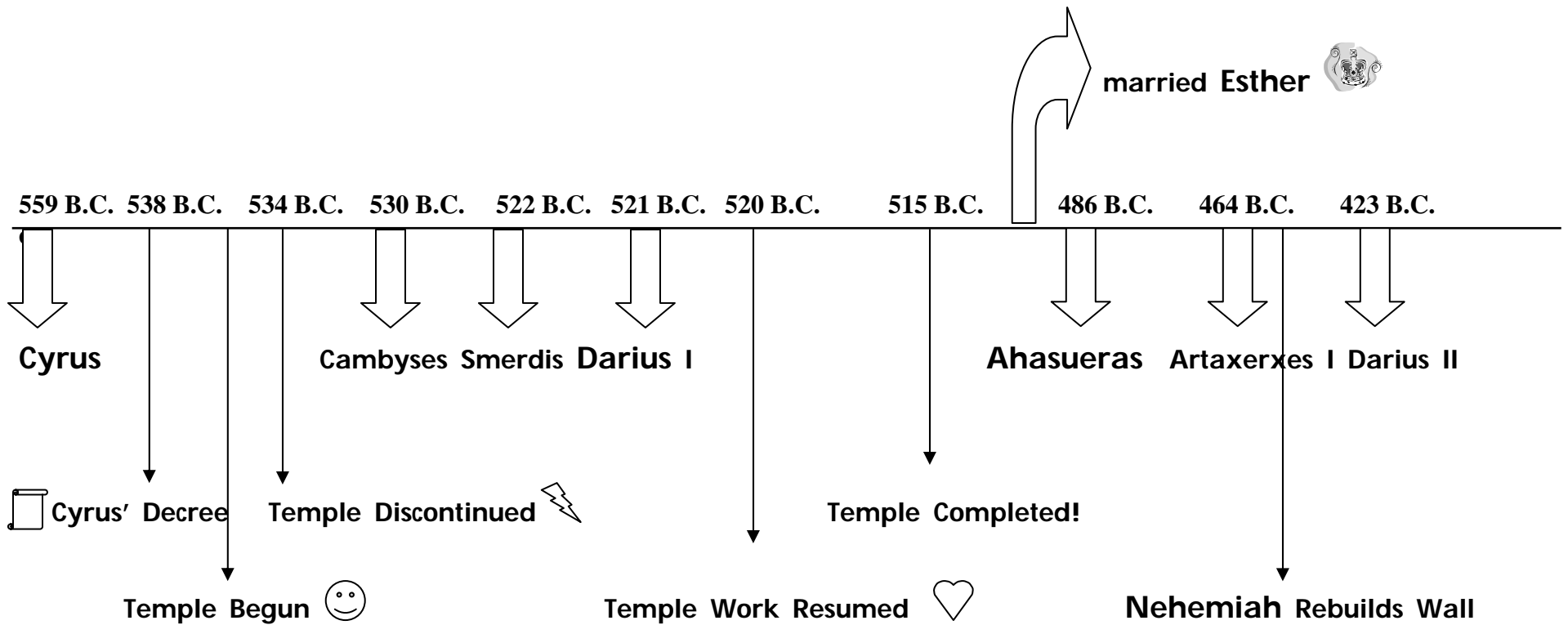
WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED (Ezra; also Esther)



PERSIA AND JUDAH



Rebuild History Timeline



The First Return

(Zerubbabel)

Jeremiah 29:10. How many years in exile? _____

Isaiah 44:28. "Cyrus, My _____"

Isaiah 45:1. "Cyrus, My _____"

Cyrus ___ P _____

Cyrus ___ P _____

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A Persian king's **signet ring** meant _____

It Was Time for God's People to Rebuild...



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- 3.
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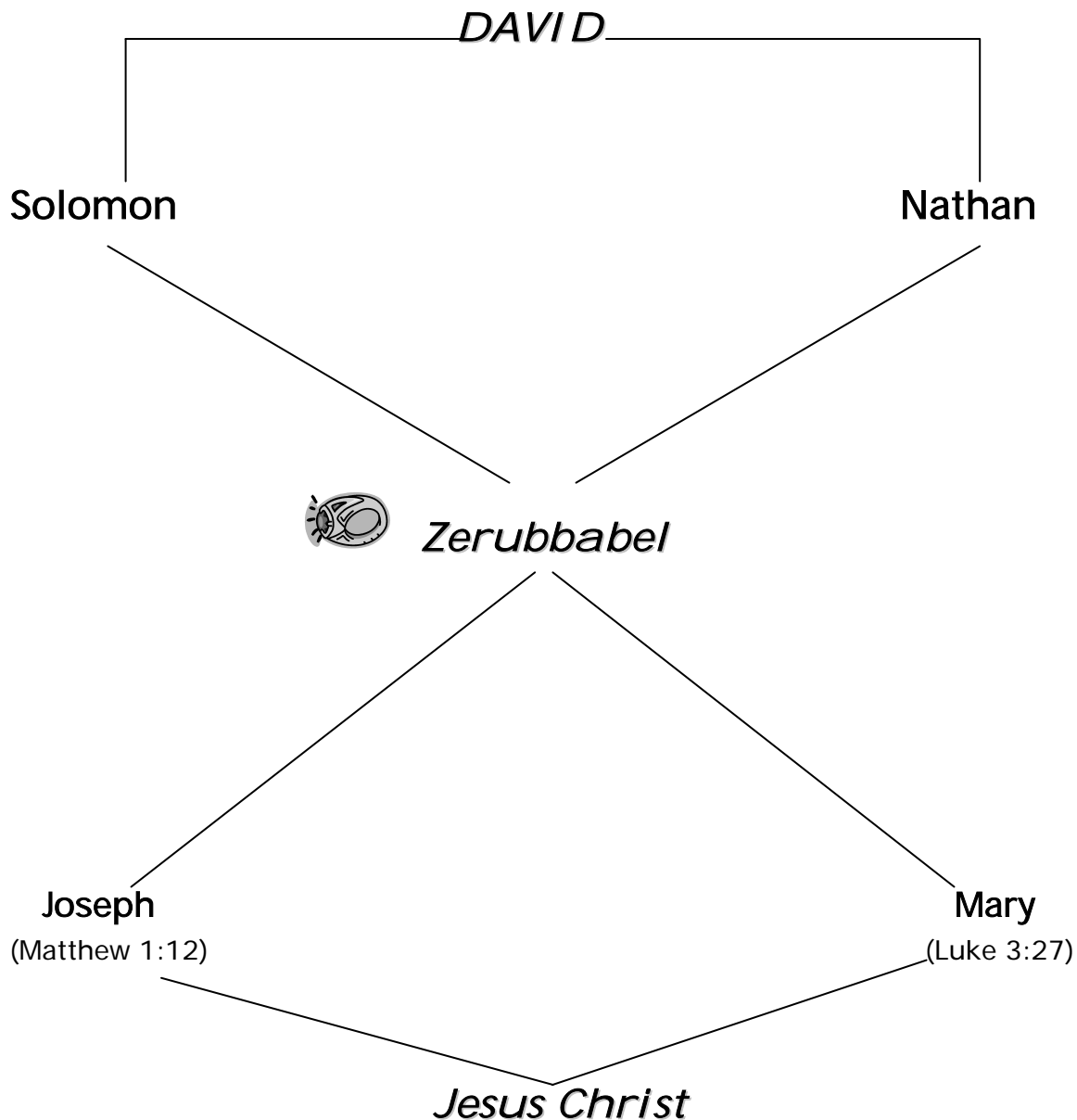
How old did you have to be to work on the temple?

(Ezra 3:8 - 11) _____

T/F

All the people cried tears of joy as they looked upon the foundation of the new temple. _____

" 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, *Zerubbabel My servant*, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a *signet ring*, for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts." Haggai 2:23



SIGNET RING--An instrument belonging to a king, used to impress a seal of his ownership and authority. The promises made to **Zerubbabel** by God seem to foreshadow David's greater Son, Jesus Christ.



ZERUBBABEL is a direct descendant of both sons of David, Nathan and Solomon. **Mary** is a direct descendant of Nathan (Luke 3) and **Joseph** is a direct descendant of Solomon. Jesus, therefore, has a **legal claim** (through Joseph), **physical claim** (through Mary) and **righteous claim** (He was sinless) to the throne of Israel!