

Series: The Story of the Old Testament  
Lesson: Exile and Return  
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### Three Things Destroyed in the Conquest

1. The Temple
2. The Walls of the City
3. The Lives of the People

### The Tasks of Rebuilding

1. Rebuilding the Temple  
Zerubbabel led the first group back in c. 538 BCE  
The people begin work by c. 536 BCE  
The work is completed in c. 515 BCE
2. Rebuilding the Walls of the City  
Nehemiah begins work in c. 445 BCE  
The work is completed in 52 days!
3. Rebuilding the Lives of the People : Malachi  
What is still happening? (1:6-10; 2:7-8)  
*Rebellion against God*  
  
What is God going to do? (3:1-2; 4:5-6)  
*God will visit these people!*

### What is the story of the Old Testament?

*The 3 Promises:*

***Numerous People***—completed

***The Land***—completed (*given, lost, given again*)

***The Blessing to the World***—yes (*at some points*), but no—the problems created by sin have not completely been resolved.



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