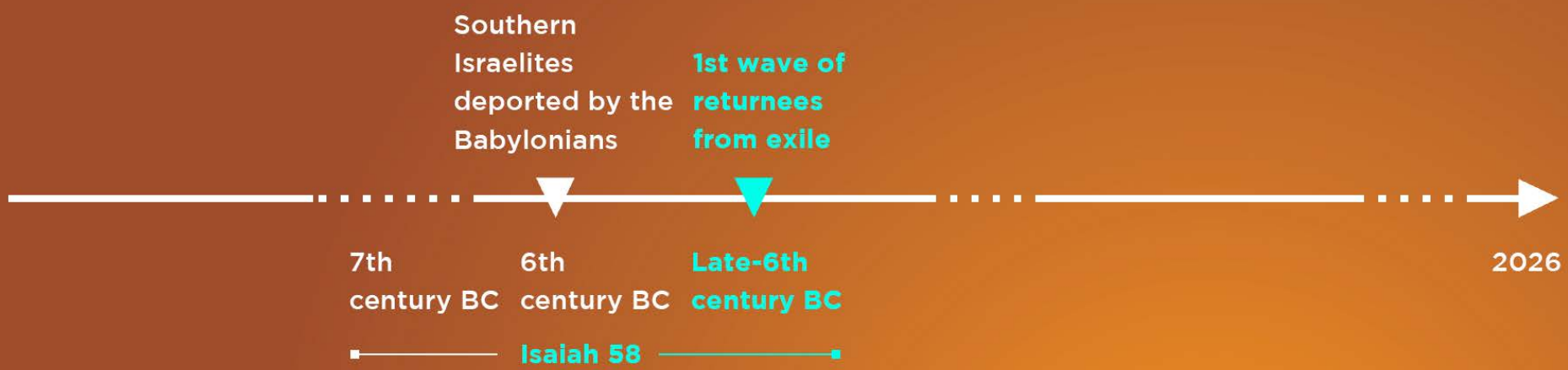
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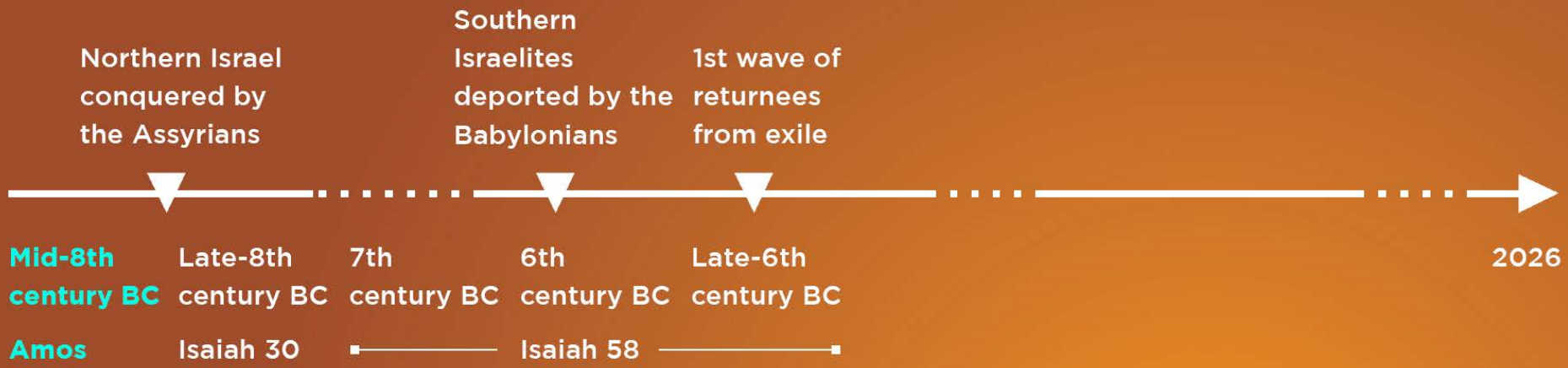

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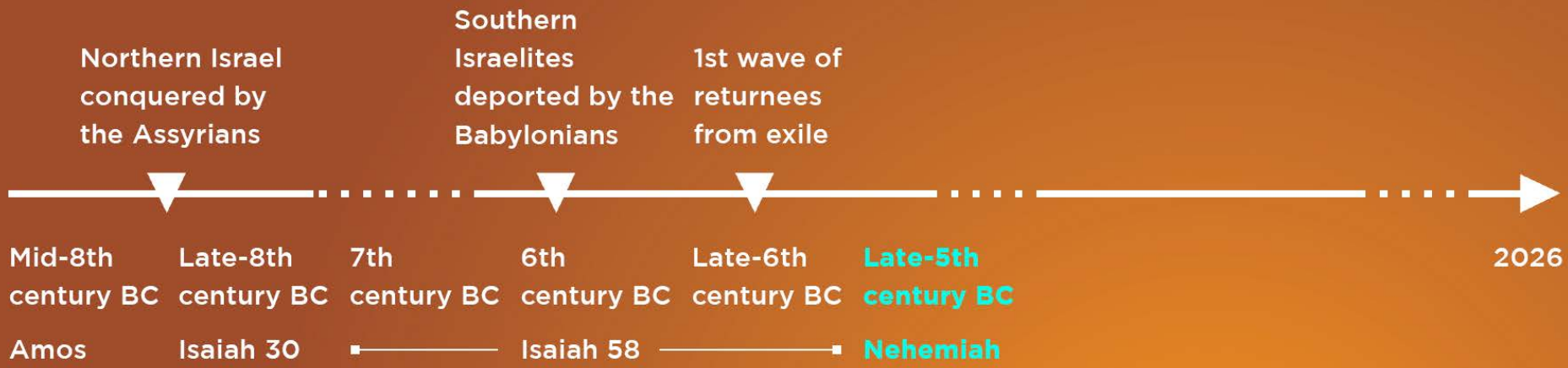
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11 “In that day **I will** raise up the booth of David that is fallen and **repair its breaches**, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,
12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the Lord who does this.


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NEHEMIAH 4 (NLT)

4 Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked.
May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they
themselves become captives in a foreign land! 5 Do not ignore
their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked
you to anger here in front of the builders.”
6 At last the wall was completed to half its height around the
entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm...
15 When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that
God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall.

NEHEMIAH 5 (NLT)

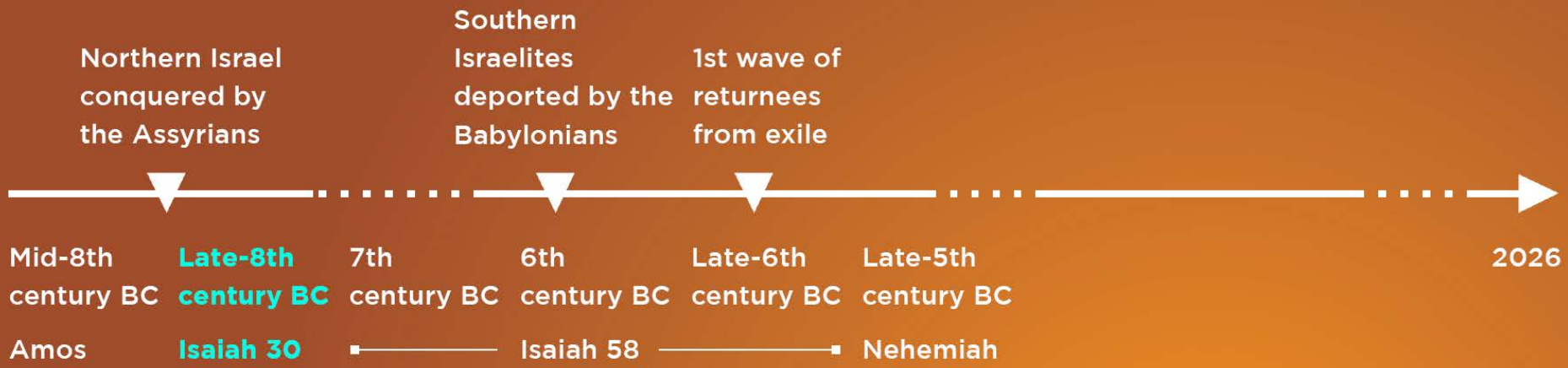
1 About this time some of the men and their wives raised a cry of protest
against their fellow Jews. 2 They were saying, “We have such large families.
We need more food to survive.”
3 Others said, “We have mortgaged our fields, vineyards, and homes to
get food during the famine.”
4 And others said, “We have had to borrow money on our fields and
vineyards to pay our taxes. 5 We belong to the same family as those who
are wealthy, and our children are just like theirs. Yet we must sell our
children into slavery just to get enough money to live. We have already
sold some of our daughters, and we are helpless to do anything about it,
for our fields and vineyards are already mortgaged to others.”

NEHEMIAH 5 (NLT)

6 When I heard their complaints, I was very angry. 7 After thinking it over,
I spoke out against these nobles and officials. I told them, “You are hurting
your own relatives by charging interest when they borrow money!”
Then I called a public meeting to deal with the problem.
8 At the meeting I said to them, “We are doing all we can to redeem our
Jewish relatives who have had to sell themselves to pagan foreigners,
but you are selling them back into slavery again. How often must we
redeem them?” And they had nothing to say in their defense.
9 Then I pressed further, “What you are doing is not right!”

HAVE YOU EVER GONE TO WATCH A MOVIE AND MISSED THE PLOT?

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8 And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.
9 For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to
hear the instruction of the Lord;
10 who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not
prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,
11 leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the
Holy One of Israel.”

ISAIAH 30

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because **you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them,**
13 therefore **this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,** whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;
14 and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.”

AMOS 2

6 Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell
the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals—
7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the
earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his
father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned

ARE WE REPAIRING THE RIGHT BREACHES?

ISAIAH 58

6 “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break
every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless
poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to
hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall
spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of
the Lord shall be your rear guard.

ISAIAH 58

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say,
‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the
finger, and speaking wickedness,
10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of
the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom
be as the noonday.
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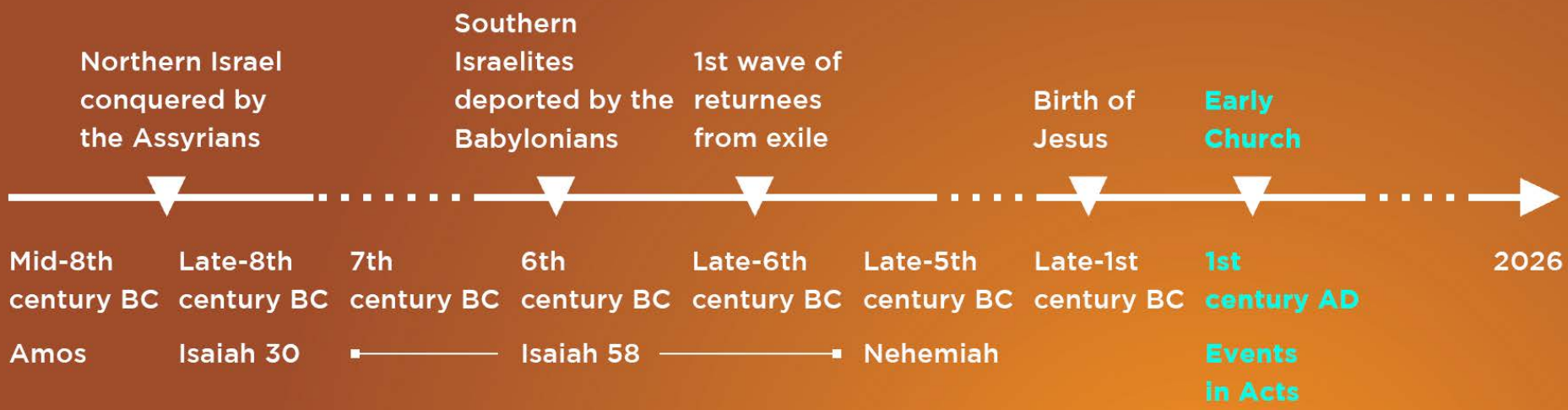
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ISAIAH 58 (NLT)

6 “No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly
imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed
go free, and remove the chains that bind people.
7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who
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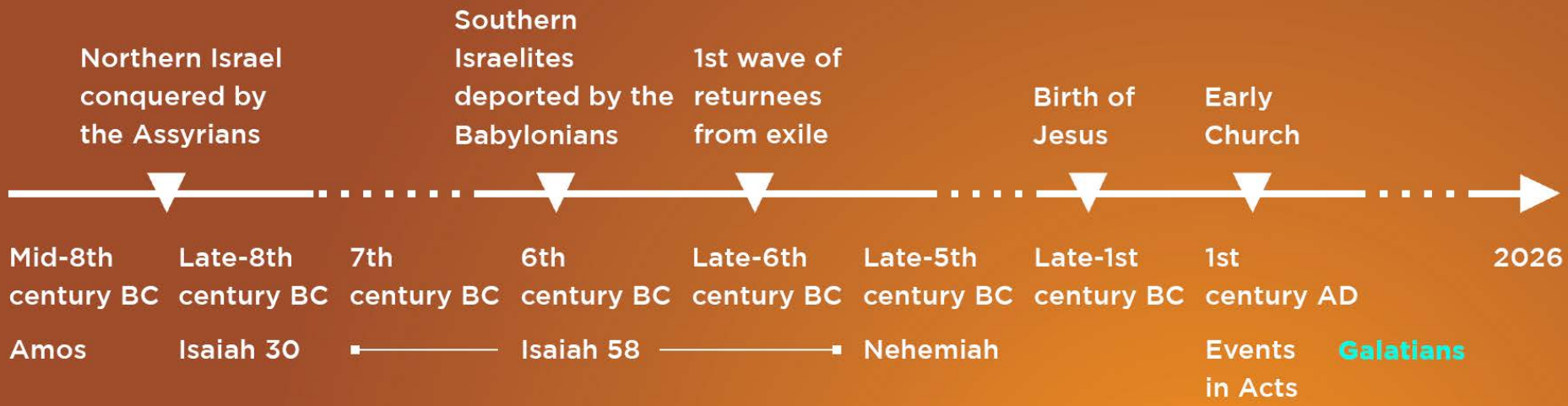

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7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them,
“Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you,
that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel
and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them,
by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no
distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.
10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke
on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been
able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace
of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

ACTS 15

12 And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul
as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them
among the Gentiles. 13 After they finished speaking, James replied,
"Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first visited the
Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the
words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 **"'After this I will
return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild
its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek
the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord,
who makes these things 18 known from of old.'** 19 Therefore my judgment
is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God.


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GALATIANS 2

9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars,
perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right
hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to
the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us
to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do...

THE GOD WHO HAS REPAIRED THE BREACH IS CALLING US TO JOIN HIM

GALATIANS 3

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put
on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither
slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all
one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are
Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

JESUS IS THE BRIDGE FOR EVERY BREACH

GALATIANS 6 (NLT)

2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law
of Christ. 3 If you think you are too important to help someone,
you are only fooling yourself. **You are not that important.**

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WHAT WILL WE BE CALLED?