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The Period of the Return From Exile and Rebuilding

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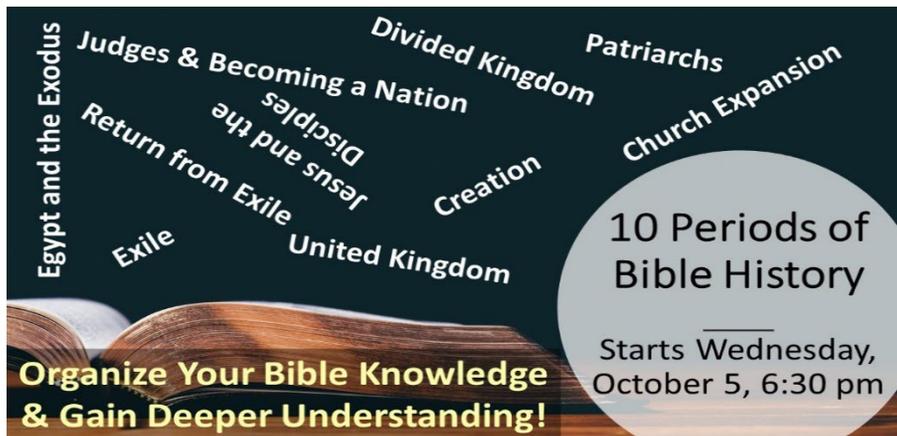
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Key Characters:

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