

**Some key dates in Old Testament history (BC)**

**How to have a productive prayer time  
Nehemiah Chapter 1**

1000	David & Solomon	I	The report	1:1-3
931	The kingdom is divided			
722	Assyrian captivity of the 10 northern tribes			
605	First Babylonian captivity	II	The response	1:4
597	Second Babylonian captivity			
586	Third Babylonian captivity			
539	Babylonian empire overthrown by the Persian Empire	III	The prayer	5-11
538	Cyrus gives an edict saying that the Jews can return and rebuild the temple			
538	The first wave under Zerubbabel			
536	Zerubbabel lays the foundation & starts the temple			
535	Work on the temple is halted for 16 years	1)		
520/519	Work on the temple is renewed			
516	The temple completed	2)		
458	The second wave under Ezra			
445	The third wave under Nehemiah	3)		
444	Walls of Jerusalem completed			
420	Nehemiah's second journey to Jerusalem	4)		

Four steps to a productive prayer time