

Ezra & Nehemiah

Israel's return from exile: reestablishment in the land and renewal in the law.

I. First Return: Sheshbazzar, Zerubbabel, Jeshua (Ezra 1-6)

- A. Proclamation: Cyrus decrees the return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the Temple (1:1-5)
- B. Participation: The Lord directed certain families to return (1:6-2)
- C. Rebuilding Begins: The Altar rebuilt and the Temple foundation laid (3)
- D. Opposition Arises (4)
- E. Rebuilding Begins...Again (5-6)

II. Second Return: Ezra (Ezra 7-10)

- A. Ezra Introduced & Commissioned (7)
- B. Ezra's Travels to Jerusalem (8)
- C. Ezra's Reforms (9-10)

III. Third Return: Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1-13)

- A. Report of Jerusalem's Condition & Nehemiah's Prayer to the Lord (1)
- B. Nehemiah's Request of the King (2)
- C. Rebuilding of the Wall (3)
- D. Opposition (4)
- E. Nehemiah's Reforms (5)
- F. The Wall Completed (6)
- G. The Returned Exiles Reviewed (7)
- H. Spiritual Renewal (8-10)
- I. Internal Problems (11-13)