

Return from Babylon

Ezra & Nehemiah

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Naples Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

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I. Introduction

II. Historical Background

- **Ezra 1:1-4**

- A. "First Year of Cyrus king of Persia" (538 BC)
- B. "Fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah"
- C. World Empires
- D. Two Exiles of Israel
- E. Three Deportations of Israel
- F. Three Returns from Exile

Ezra	Nehemiah
1-2 Return I (Zerubbabel)	1-2 Return III (Nehemiah)
3-6 Rebuild (Temple)	3-7 Rebuild (Walls of Jerusalem)
7-8 Return II (Ezra)	8-10 Renew (of Mosaic Covenant)
9-10 Reform (of the people)	11-13 Reform (of the people)

III. Ezra

- A. Return I (Chapters 1-2)
 - 1. Cyrus: decree to rebuild the Temple (Chapter 1)
 - 2. Zerubbabel: and others make *aliyah* (go up) (Chapter 2)
- B. Rebuild (Chapters 3-6)
 - 1. Yeshua: alter & temple foundation (Chapter 3)
 - 2. Artaxerxes: letter received (Chapter 4)
 - 3. Darius: letter received and sent (Chapters 5-6)
- C. Return II (Chapters 7-8)
 - 1. Ezra: and others make *aliyah* (go up) (Chapter 7a)
 - 2. Artaxerxes: letter sent (Chapter 7b)
 - 3. Levites: make *aliyah* (go up) (Chapter 8)
- D. Reform (Chapters 9-10)
 - 1. Private intercession (Chapter 9)
 - 2. Public confession (Chapter 10)