

# Bethel Bible Series

## The Restoration

Week 20

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What causes God to intervene with man so that history is really His Story?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

### Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *History Itself is the Judgment of God*

Was God's promise & destiny only for the Jews?  
When did Gentiles become part of God's plan?

*Globe on blueprint*  
*Hand crashes through blueprint*  
*Hand hold scales of justice*

*Calendars of time*  
*Two gavels between calendars*  
*Small gavel beyond surface of globe*

*Small gavel on left*  
*Large gavel on left*  
*Flowers on large gavel*

### Lesson - The Restoration

The Edict of Restoration

What had God promised before the exile that comforted the Jews in Babylon?  
Isaiah 13:1, 11, 17, 19, 14:1  
Jeremiah 25:11-12

Who lived through this 70 years of exile and remembered this promise?  
Daniel 9:2-3

How was this promise fulfilled?  
Ezra 1:1-4

What important items did Cyrus send back with this first group of Jews?  
Ezra 5:13-14

Who was this Sheshbazzar that Cyrus appointed as governor over Judah?  
1 Chronicles 3:17-18

Who returned with this group and how much wealth did they bring?  
Ezra 1:5, 11  
Ezra 2:1, 64-67

*Broken chain*  
*Golden seal*

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### Reconstruction of the Temple

What did the Jews begin to do after first settling homes in the towns?

Ezra 3:1-2

What was their next step after building the altar and starting sacrifices?

Ezra 3:8

Who was this Zerubbabel who directed the rebuilding of the altar & temple?

1 Chronicles 3:17-19

How did the Jews feel when they saw the temple foundations?

Ezra 3:10-13

### Efforts Frustrated by Samaritans

Who wanted to help rebuild the temple?

Ezra 4:1-2

2 Kings 17:24, 28

Did the Jews accept this help & why or why not?

Ezra 4:3

How did the Samaritans accept this rejection?

Ezra 4:4-5

What happened as a result of this opposition?

Ezra 4:24

### Temple Construction Resumed

Why did God raise the prophets Haggai and Zechariah?

Haggai 1:3-4, 7-8

Did the people listen to these prophets?

Ezra 5:1-2

*Haggai & Zechariah trumpets over bricks*

Did they meet any opposition this second time around?

Ezra 5:3-17

How did King Darius respond?

Ezra 6:1-5

What extra touch did Darius add?

Ezra 6:7-8

What did the Jews do after the temple was completed?

Ezra 6:15-16, 19

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### Reconstruction of the City Walls

What project did the Jews focus on after the temple was completed?

Ezra 4:12

Did this effort meet any opposition?

Ezra 4:6

How did the Samaritans try to get an official order to stop this effort?

Ezra 4:12-13

Did King Artaxerxes agree with their concern?

Ezra 4:19, 21

### Nehemiah Gets Involved

Who was Nehemiah?

Nehemiah 2:1

For what did Nehemiah ask of King Artaxerxes?

Nehemiah 2:4-5

How did Artaxerxes help Nehemiah?

Nehemiah 2:9

What did Nehemiah do as soon as he arrived in Jerusalem?

Nehemiah 2:11-16

How did the Jews respond to Nehemiah's call to begin rebuilding the walls?

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Nehemiah 3

### Jerusalem's City Walls are Completed

Did they meet any opposition the second time around?

Nehemiah 2:19-20

Nehemiah 4:1-3

How did the Samaritans respond when the wall reached half its height?

Nehemiah 4:6-8, 11

Did this threat stop the efforts?

Nehemiah 4:16-18

What other opposition did Nehemiah resist?

Nehemiah 6:1-14

How long did this reconstruction effort take?

Nehemiah 6:15-16

Nehemiah 12:27-43

How was Jerusalem populated now that it had protective walls?

Nehemiah 11:1-2

*Nehemiah trumpet over city walls*

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### Ezra Returns to Jerusalem

Who was Ezra?

Ezra 7:6

Why did Artaxerxes send Ezra to Jerusalem?

Ezra 7:19-20, 25-26

What did Ezra do before setting out for Jerusalem with ~2000 men & riches?

Ezra 8:21

What was the first problem Ezra was presented in Jerusalem?

Ezra 9:1-2

What did Ezra and the people agree to do?

Ezra 10:11-12

### Law Reform

How did the people learn about God's Law?

Nehemiah 8:2-3

Did the people really want to learn God's Law or were they just acting?

Nehemiah 8:5-6

How did the people understand since they now spoke Aramaic?

Nehemiah 8:8

How did the people respond when they realized how they had been sinning?

Nehemiah 8:9

How did they respond later in the month after their situation sank in?

Nehemiah 9:1-3 (8:1-9:37)

Nehemiah 9:38; 10:29

*Ezra trumpet over law tablets*

### Summary - *The Restoration*

*Broken chain*

*Golden seal*

*Trumpets*

*Haggai & Zechariah trumpets over bricks*

*Nehemiah trumpet over city walls*

*Ezra trumpet over law tablets*

### Closing Prayer

### Distribute Materials

### Next Week - *In the Fullness of Time*