

Bethel Bible Series

The Restoration

Week 20

You can't stop a bird from landing on your head, but you can keep him from building a nest.
Martin Luther on temptation. - PK

Welcome

Opening - What causes God to intervene with man so that history is really His Story?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer
InDepth Concept Review

Review of Last Week

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

Was God's promise and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 (6-12)

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 4:7, 13 (7-16)

Did King Artaxerxes agree with their concern?

Ezra 4:19, 21 (17-24)

Nehemiah Gets Involved

Who was Nehemiah?

Nehemiah 2:1

For what did Nehemiah ask of King Artaxerxes?

Nehemiah 2:4-5 (2-8)

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 (9-23)

What other opposition did Nehemiah resist?

Nehemiah 6:1-14

How long did this reconstruction effort take?

Nehemiah 6:15-16

What happened when the walls were completed?

Nehemiah 12:43 (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 (1-10)

Why did Artaxerxes send Ezra to Jerusalem?

Ezra 7:19-20, 25-26 (11-28)

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

Ezra 8:21 (15-36)

What was the first problem Ezra was presented in Jerusalem?

Ezra 9:1-2 (1-15)

What did Ezra and the people agree to do?

Ezra 10:11-12 (1-44)

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 and Zechariah trumpets over bricks

Nehemiah trumpet over city walls

Ezra trumpet over law tablets

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Old Testament Review*