

# EZRA/NEHEMIAH

rebuildingtemple

rebuildingwalls

## EZRA

## man

## GOD

King Cyprus, in 559, allowed people to return to their homelands, as well as rebuild, in hopes that the people would then be more loyal to the empire. Ezra returns from exile and begins rebuilding work on the temple.

## ZERUBBABEL

managed most of the rebuilding of the temple work. Difficult because people were quite discouraged. The temple was never going to be restored to the splendor of Solomon's time.

## TEMPLE

Beginning to show people worship is not just about the place  
A matter of the heart

## EZRA

## covenantrestored

confession&repentance

Found the book of the Law. The temple without the book of the Law was empty. But the book of the Law restored their order of worship, and restored the call to holiness.

## NEHEMIAH

Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem. Encouraging people to continue to work. Without the walls of a city, Jerusalem is nothing. There is no boundaries, or markers, or space.

## NEHEMIAH

Organiser, leader, and encourager of work. Able to complete an enormous task through faith in God, as well as excellent managerial skills.

# ESTHER

seed line

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With the possibility of a genocide of Jews, God provides a way for his seed line to be saved through Esther.

## ESTHER

"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this"

## PROVIDENCE

God's divine providence to save his people. Again rewarding obedience and faith. Keeping his promise, and rewarding those that keep their covenant with Him.

# HAGGAI/ZECHARIAH

## HAGGAI

Focuses on consequences of disobedience. Encouraging and challenging the people to continue their rebuilding work on the temple

When people give priority to God and his house, they are blessed rather than cursed. Obedience brings the encouragement and strength of the Spirit of God.

## highlights

Chapter 2 points to the Messiah, and the promise of the King. Haggai hints at the future messiah filling the temple with glory.

Though most likely interpreted as the physical temple, when Jesus came, the Spirit moved into us and we become the temple of God. The place of worship.

## ZECHARIAH

Like Haggai, the chief purpose is to encourage, and motivate them to complete the rebuilding of the temple.

## highlights

Amazingly, Zechariah offers a plethora of prophecies regarding the coming Messiah.

1. Christ's coming in lowliness (6:12)
2. his humanity (6:12; 13:7)
3. His rejection and betrayal for 30 pieces of silver (11:12-13)
4. His crucifixion (13:7)
5. His priesthood (6:13)
6. His kingship (6:13; 9:9; 14:9,16)
7. His coming in glory (14:4)
8. His building of the Lord's Temple (6:12-13)
9. His reign (9:10; 14)
- 10: His Establishment of peace and prosperity (3:10; 9:9-10)