

Ezra Nehemiah (One Book Until ~200 AD)

Ezra Nehemiah finishes the history of the Old Testament. Think of the New Testament. The Gospels & Acts cover the history of events. The Epistles (Letters) interpret those events and fill in some of the detail. The Old Testament is similar. Genesis - Esther provide the history of events. Job, Psalms, and the Wisdom literature, plus all the prophets revisit the time period covered during Genesis - Esther.

Read 2 Chronicles 36:22 - Ezra 1:4 for seamless transition from 2 Chronicles to Ezra Nehemiah.

Quick Outline

Ezra 1-6	Zerubbabel's Construction of the Temple
Ezra 7-10	Ezra's Instruction of the People
Nehemiah 1-13	Nehemiah's Protection of the City

Ezra Nehemiah in a Week

Thursday	Ezra 1	Jerusalem Exiles Return
Friday	Ezra 6	2nd Temple Completed
Saturday	Ezra 7	Ezra Instructs the People
Sunday	Nehemiah 1	Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem
Monday	Nehemiah 6	Nehemiah Finishes the Wall
Tuesday	Nehemiah 8	Jerusalem Celebrates
Wednesday	Nehemiah 13	Nehemiah Reforms

1 st Return under Zerubbabel & rebuilding Temple	Ezra 1-6	538-516 B.C.
Events of Book of Esther	Book of Esther	473 B.C.
2 nd Return under Ezra	Ezra 7-10	458-457 B.C.
3 rd Return under Nehemiah & rebuilding walls	Book of Nehemiah	445-444 B.C.

Quick Notes

“This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” - **Jer 25.11**

- From the 1st deportations to the 1st exiles' return: 605-535
- From the 1st Temple's destruction to the 2nd Temple's completion: 586-516

Christ in Ezra Nehemiah

- Zerubbabel of David's ancestry, the leader who rebuilt the temple
- The last time the temple was built, the glory of God filled the temple
- When the tabernacle was built, the glory of God filled the tabernacle (see Exodus 40:34-38 & 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 vs Ezra 6-7)

See Luke 2:22-52; Matthew 12:6; John 2:19-20

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Joh 1:14 ESV)

Setting

Post Exile - the return of the Jews to Jerusalem after their brutal exile

Theme

Anticlamactic HOPE: The Covenant with David...the king is still coming (Genesis 3:15, 49:10,



