

## ***EZRA AND NEHEMIAH***

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ cover the last century of OT history.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell us the return of the \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.

The book of Esther, which is the next book in the OT, gives an account of some who stated in the land of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ezra had a dual ministry. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. [7:6&11]

Ezra's name means \_\_\_\_\_.

The book of Ezra deals solely with the return of the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom.

The people of the Northern Kingdom never returned from Assyrian captivity, for several reasons:

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

The Southern Kingdom was called \_\_\_\_\_.

The Southern Kingdom was able to preserve their \_\_\_\_\_, and to keep their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ purity.

They also had a \_\_\_\_\_ of David taken into captivity with them, which meant that there was hope for the restoration of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **OUTLINE OF EZRA**

#### **I. RESTORATION UNDER ZERUBBABEL (CHAPS 1-6)**

#### **II. RESTORATION UNDER EZRA (CHAPS 7-10)**

At the first of the book, what did the Lord move the heart of King Cyrus to do? \_\_\_\_\_

At Cryus' first call, only about \_\_\_\_\_ Jews took advantage of the opportunity to return to \_\_\_\_\_ under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_, who was the grandson King Jehoiachin and a descendent of King \_\_\_\_\_.

What did Cyrus give to Sheshbazzar to take back to his homeland? \_\_\_\_\_

These people had been in captivity for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Only all of the upper class was cared to \_\_\_\_\_. So only the faithful went back to Jerusalem because most of the upper class had built home and had friend and did not want to go the hardship of rebuilding \_\_\_\_\_.

When the Jews reached Jerusalem, after a journey of about \_\_\_\_\_ miles, what did they do? \_\_\_\_\_.

What was the reaction of the leaders of Judah to this proposition, and what did the Samaritans do to get even? \_\_\_\_\_.

The opposition of the \_\_\_\_\_ succeeded in bringing the work on the temple to a \_\_\_\_\_ year standstill.

What two prophets did God raise up to encourage the people? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

With these two prophets the temple was finished in \_\_\_\_\_ years and it take a total of \_\_\_\_\_ years to complete the temple, but then the people could celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.

Now there are \_\_\_\_\_ years of silence between the dedication of the temple and the arrival of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ezra led another group of Jews from Persia to \_\_\_\_\_ to reinforce the Jews already there.

His chief ministry was to \_\_\_\_\_ and to restore the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jehovah.

Traditions say that Ezra was the founder of the \_\_\_\_\_, which arose in the day of captivity.

It was also Ezra who formed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the OT.

What was this practice, and what did Ezra do about it? [10:10-17] \_\_\_\_\_.

The temple had been rebuilt, and \_\_\_\_\_ had been reestablished, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ still lay in ruins.

These walls had to be built is \_\_\_\_\_ was to survive and God raised up \_\_\_\_\_.

### OUTLINE OF NEHEMIAH

#### I. REBUILDING THE CITY WALL [CHAPS.1-7]

#### II. REVIVING THE PEOPLE [CHAPS.8-13]

Nehemiah has risen to the trusted position of \_\_\_\_\_ for Artaxerxes, King of Persia.

For \_\_\_\_\_ months he grieved and prayed for the people.

When the king detected the gloom of Nehemiah, what did he do? \_\_\_\_\_.

Nehemiah went to \_\_\_\_\_ with the authority of the King of Persia to build the \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, acting as \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, he organized the reconstruction by assigning a portion of the walls to each \_\_\_\_\_.

Under Nehemiah leadership what laid in ruins for over a \_\_\_\_\_ years after the return of Zerubbabel were rebuilt in \_\_\_\_\_ days.

At the completion of the wall, \_\_\_\_\_ returned to Jerusalem to assist \_\_\_\_\_ in dedicating the walls and sanctifying the people.

Ezra stood upon a pulpit of wood and read the \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.

The reading of the Word of God sparked a \_\_\_\_\_.

What feast was reinstated? \_\_\_\_\_.

The achievements and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ could hardly be over-emphasized.

Without Ezra's \_\_\_\_\_ and Nehemiah's \_\_\_\_\_, the Jewish religion and community probably could not have survived.

At the close of the Book of Nehemiah the Jews are in their own land, but still under \_\_\_\_\_ rule.

No further record is found in the Bible until the \_\_\_\_\_ in the NT.