

BIBLE SURVEY IV: MASTERING THE BIBLE
Week Five: Ezra-Job
THE HISTORY OF OUR EXPERIENCE

Ezra: ASK NOT FOR WHOM GOD CALLS, HE CALLETH FOR YOU

Ezra—"Help"
10 Chapters
A TALE OF TWO RETURNS

2 CH RO N	CHAPTERS 1-6 <i>Physical Return</i>	ES TH ER	CHAPTERS 7-10 <i>Spiritual Return</i>
	Zerubbabel Leads 536-516 BC (20 Years) Haggai & Zechariah Temple Rebuilt 50,000 Return Restoration		Ezra Leads 457-456 BC (2 Years) NO Prophets Marriages Torn Down 2,000 Return Revival

THREE MAJOR RETURNS

1. Under _____,
Ezra 1-6, 536 BC
2. Under _____, Ezra 7-10,
457 BC
3. Under _____,
Neh 1-13, 445 BC

Theme: Getting God's work done in _____.

KEEPING THE WORD OF PROMISE	KEEPING THE WORD OF PRECEPT
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<i>Preparation</i>	
1 Decree of Cyrus	7 Decree of Artaxerxes
<i>Execution</i>	
2-3 Keeping the Feast	8 Kneeling to God
<i>Consternation</i>	
4 Record of External Opposition	9 Record of Internal Failure
<i>Motivation</i>	
5 Prophets Inspire	9 Leaders Intercede
<i>Conclusion</i>	
6 Dedicating Rebuilt Temple	10 Dedicating Reformed Lives

Ezra Life Survey 1. The process of building involves _____.

Ezra Life Survey 2. The children of captivity have _____ to return to God and rebuild.

Ezra in Three Words: _____

Ezra Life Survey 3. The Bible is a book of history, and _____ is a part of His Story.

Ezra Life Survey 4. Spiritual ancestry is important, because proper leadership requires _____.

ABC'S OF EZRA

AUTHOR: Ezra **DATE:** 536-456 BC
BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Returns from Captivity
Doctrinal—Back to the Land (1948)
Inspirational—What God Expects of a Spiritual Leader
MEANING OF TITLE: Aid, Help **THEME:** Return to Temple
CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Restorer, cf. Ruth 4:15
KEY VERSE: 1:5 **KEY WORDS:** Up/Went/Rose/Go
CHAPTERS: 10 **VERSES:** 280 **WORDS:** 7,441
LESSON: New Activity from Old Study

CHRONICLES	EZRA	NEHEMIAH	ESTHER	JOB	PSALMS
Retrospection	Restoration	Reconstruction	Preservation	Sanctification	Glorification
Captivity	Return	Rebuild	Rapture	Tribulation	Millennium
70 A.D.	1917 A.D.	1948 A.D.	1987 A.D.	1996 A.D.	3000 A.D.

Nehemiah: BALANCING PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

Nehemiah Life Survey 1. Because Israel did not follow through with what they knew they incurred the wrath of a holy God, and the only appropriate way to follow through on the Bible is _____.

Thesis: Nehemiah ensures we work together to build _____.

NEHEMIAH – 2 Buildings	
CH 1-6 Physical Work	CH 7-13 Spiritual Work
Nehemiah	Ezra
445 (52 days)	495-434
No Prophet	Malachi
Rebuild Walls	Rebuild People
Work-Builders	Worship-Dwellers
Key: Wall	Key: Law
Leadership By Man	Revival of Nation
Resettlement	Rededication

LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

1. God's principles of _____
2. The concepts of victorious Christian _____

Nehemiah Life Survey 2. If you want to serve God, _____ and your opportunity will come.

Nehemiah in Three Words: _____

DEALING WITH DISCOURAGEMENT, NEH 4

1. He _____ toward the goal, 9-13
2. He _____ to the Lord, 14-15
3. He maintained a balance of thought and action, 16-18
4. He determined the _____, 20
5. He got the people involved in _____, 21-23

ABC'S OF NEHEMIAH

AUTHOR: Nehemiah

DATE: 446-434 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Rebuilding for the Lord's Name

Doctrinal—Reclaim Jerusalem (1967)

Inspirational—Gateway to the Abundant Life

MEANING OF TITLE: Comfort of Jehovah **THEME:** Rebuilding of Walls

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Rebuilder

KEY VERSE: 2:5

KEY WORD: Build

CHAPTERS: 13 **VERSES:** 406 **WORDS:** 10,483

LESSON: New Building on Old Land

Esther: GOD'S ACTIVITY IN SILENT TIMES

Thesis: The book of Esther is God's confirmation of his presence _____.

ESTHER – 2 States	
CH 1-5 State of Siege	CH 6-10 State of Salvation
Jews in Danger	Jews Delivered
Crisis Develops	Crisis Disintegrates
Esther Chooses	Haman Cursed
Feast of World's Prince	Feast of God's Prince
Threatening	Sparing
Plot of Haman	Purim of God
Tribulation	Millennium

TYPES IN ESTHER

- A. Ahasuerus - A Type of the _____
- B. Haman - The Type of the _____
- C. Mordecai - A Type of _____
- D. Esther - A Type of _____

Esther in Three Words: _____

Esther Life Survey 1. Whatever you have as a gift from God is meant to be used for _____.

ABC'S OF ESTHER

AUTHOR: Mordecai, 9:20

DATE: 521-495 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—God's Providential Protection of the Jews

Doctrinal—Plot by the Antichrist

Inspirational—God's Presence Even During His Silence

MEANING OF TITLE: Star **THEME:** Jews Made Stars

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Advocate, cf. 1 John 2:1

KEY VERSES: 4:14; 9:14

KEY WORD: Jew 51x

CHAPTERS: 10 **VERSES:** 167 **WORDS:** 5,637

LESSON: New Deliverance from an Old Beast

Job: UNEASY AFFLICTION MADE BENEFICIAL

Thesis: Job informs us on the options available to people of faith who have to face the grim prospect of _____.

Job Life Survey 1. Whenever God gives divine permission he also gives _____ if you trust him.

Job Life Survey 2. You cannot tell who your real friends are while you're _____.

Job- 3 Dramas		
CH 1-2 CAST: God, Satan, Sons of God	CH 3-37 CAST: Job, Three Friends, Elihu	CH 38-42 CAST: God, Friends, Family
Job Tested His Trust Challenge of Satan	Job Counseled His Self-Righteousness Judgments of Man	Job Approved His Repentance Voice of God

RESPONSES TO A DISPENSATION OF TROUBLE

1. _____—it's God trying to get even

Job Life Survey 3. Payment for wrong comes _____, not _____.

2. _____—adopting a permanent solution to temporary pain, 2:9-10

Job Life Survey 4. We will all have to stand before God somebody, but you don't want to _____.

3. _____—while in the agony the actions of the Almighty, 14:14

Job Life Survey 5. Time does **not** heal all wounds, but _____ does.

Job Life Survey 6. If you keep calling on God, you will find the presence of God in the _____.

Job Life Survey 7. Whenever God shows up he speaks, and whenever he speaks, _____.

Job in Three Words: _____

ABC'S OF JOB

AUTHOR: Elihu, 32:10, 15-17

DATE: 1520 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—God's People Exposed and Afflicted
Doctrinal—42 Months of Tribulation

Inspirational— How to Understand God's Hand Behind Suffering

MEANING OF TITLE: Persecuted **THEME:** Blessing Through Suffering

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Redeemer, 9:33 cf. Titus 2:14

KEY VERSE: 1:9

KEY WORDS: Tried/Curse/Cry,
Affliction/Sorrow

CHAPTERS: 42 **VERSES:** 1,070 **WORDS:** 10,102

LESSON: New Edification from Old Suffering

History of Inspiration

- Job 4:12-19 In night vision
- Heb 1:1 By the Prophets Moses and Malachi
- Heb 1:2 By his Son-Gospels
- Heb 2:3 By them that heard Him-Acts, James, John, Jude
- Eph 3:1-5 By his Spirit
- 2 Tim 3:15-17 By the Holy Scriptures