

Ezra Commentaries

2 CHRONICLES

NEHEMIAH

Ezra Reads the Law to the People by Gustave Doré

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[Introduction and Chart of Ezra - Swindoll](#)

The Persian Empire at the Time of Ezra c. 458 B.C.

During the time of Ezra the Persian Empire had reached its greatest extent, engulfing nearly the entire Near East. In 539 B.C. the Persians under Cyrus the Great defeated the Babylonians and absorbed their territory into the empire, including the lands of Israel and Judah (known as Beyond the River). The next year Cyrus allowed the people of Judah to return home under the leadership of Zerubbabel and rebuild the temple of the Lord. Later, around 458 B.C., another group of Judean exiles returned under Ezra's leadership. ([ESV.org](#))

Kings of Persia Mentioned in Ezra–Nehemiah

- [Cyrus](#) 539–530 B.C.
- [Darius I](#) 522–486
- [Xerxes \(Ahasuerus\)](#) 485–464
- [Artaxerxes I](#) 464–423

EZRA RESOURCES

Esther Commentary, Sermon, Illustration, Devotional

CHRONOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH-ESTHER				
538-515BC	483-473BC	457BC	13 Year Gap	444-425BC
Ezra 1-6	Book of Esther	Ezra 7-10		Book of Nehemiah
First Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile	58 Year Gap	Second Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile		Third Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile
EZRA: RESTORATION AND REFORM				
Restoration of the Temple Under Zerubbabel		Reform of the People Under Ezra		
First Return To Jerusalem Ezra 1:1-Ezra 2:70	Construction of The Temple Ezra 3:1-Ezra 6:22	Second Return to Jerusalem Ezra 7:1-8:36	Restoration of the People Ezra 9:1-Ezra 10:44	
First Return of 49, 897		Second Return of 1754		

22 Years (538-516BC)		1 Year (458-457BC)
Key Passages: Ezra 1:3, Ezra 2:2, Ezra 6:21, 22, Ezra 7:10		
Key Words: Went up (Ezra 1:11, 7:1, 6, 7, 8:1), Jerusalem (48x), Decree (17x), House of the LORD (Ezra 1:3, 5, 7, 2:68, 3:8, 11, 7:27, 8:29), Law (...of the LORD, ...of Moses, ...of God) (Ezra 3:2, 7:6, 10, 12, 14, 21, 26, 10:3)		
CHRONOLOGY OF EZRA		
Cyrus king of Persia captures Babylon	539 B.C.	Dan. 5:30–31
First year of King Cyrus; issues proclamation freeing Jewish exiles to return	538–537	Ezra 1:1–4
Jewish exiles, led by Sheshbazzar, return from Babylon to Jerusalem	537?	Ezra 1:11
Altar rebuilt	537	Ezra 3:1–2
Temple rebuilding begins	536	Ezra 3:8
Adversaries oppose the rebuilding	536–530	Ezra 4:1–5
Temple rebuilding ceases	530–520	Ezra 4:24
Temple rebuilding resumes (2nd year of Darius)	520	Ezra 5:2; cf Hag. 1:14
Temple construction completed (6th year of Darius)	516	Ezra 6:15
Ezra departs from Babylon to Jerusalem (arrives in 7th year of Artaxerxes)	458	Ezra 7:6–9
Men of Judah and Benjamin assemble at Jerusalem	458	Ezra 10:9
Officials conduct three-month investigation	458–457	Ezra 10:16–17
Source: ESV.org		

BOOKS YOU CAN BORROW FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - Most of the resources below are newer commentaries (written after 1970) and other Bible resources which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

STUDY BIBLES - ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF ENTIRE BIBLE, BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

[EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY](#) - Volume 4 - 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, **Ezra**, **Nehemiah**, Esther, Job - 1092 pages (1976)

If you are eager to get a complete commentary set, I think the *Expositor's Bible Commentary* is probably the best of the bunch for your money. —Paul Westervelt, *Discipleship Journal*

The single work that I recommend to cover the whole Bible is *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*. —Emmaus Journal, Emmaus Bible College

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1608 pages. Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

[Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther](#) by Larson, Knute. This is the Holman Old Testament Commentary - well done series

[The books of Ezra and Nehemiah](#) by Fensham, F. Charles

[Tim Challis](#) - Most commentators on the commentaries rate this as the best volume on Ezra and Nehemiah. Fensham takes the traditional approach to the books' dating, authorship and other elements. His strength is apparently in his emphasis on history and culture. Jim Rosscup says this commentary is "an evangelical effort knowledgeably rich in exegesis with a firm grasp of Hebrew, matters of introduction, and solid explanation of many of the verses."

James Rosscup - An evangelical effort knowledgeably rich in exegesis with a firm grasp of Hebrew, matters of introduction, and solid explanation of many of the verses. He shows a more meaningful grip on the relationship of the material in Ezra and Nehemiah than Williamson, and is better overall.

Cyril Barber - "A thoroughly competent conservative commentary, well worthy of the series. It will meet the needs of readers at every level. The preacher should be sparked by it to many useful lines of thought about the application of the unchanging Word of God to our modern situation" (Donald J. Wiseman)

[Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther](#) by Adeney, Walter F. (Walter Frederic),

Cyril Barber - One of the best works on this facet of Israel's postexilic history. Can be read with profit by both pastor and layperson.

[Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther](#) by McConville, J. G. [11 ratings](#)

[Ezra and Nehemiah](#) by Williamson, H. G. M. (Hugh Godfrey Maturin), Word Biblical Commentary

[Tim Challis](#) - There is not only near-consensus on the best commentary on Ezra and Nehemiah, but also near-consensus on the second best—Williamson's contribution to the WBC. Williamson takes a more scholarly and technical approach than Fensham, making this a little bit more difficult to read. His strength is in word study, background, customs and the like. With Fensham this should make a pretty good one-two punch in understanding and interpreting the text.

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT - no restriction on length of time one can use it. No copy and paste. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H. Wayne; [917 ratings](#) Very helpful notes. Conservative.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

[The New Testament and Wycliffe Bible commentary](#) - This version has no time restriction but only has the NT.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes [1,275 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[Life application study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4,445 ratings](#)

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Wiersbe's expository outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W [113 ratings](#)

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#).

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament \(Volume 2 - Isaiah - Malachi\)](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909- (1981) 972 pages.

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - New Testament - 552 pages. (2002) [See user reviews](#).

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages [4 ratings](#)

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - [229 ratings](#) (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[So That's What it Means](#) - This is another book formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" edited by **Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include DKC—Donald K. Campbell, WGJ—Wendell G. Johnston, JAW—John A. Witmer, JFW—John F. Walvoord

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in [Ezek 11:19](#). In the Scripture list find an entry for [Ezek 11:19](#) with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Christian Words](#) By: Turner, Nigel, Published: 1980 - >500 pages. An interesting, unique resource on Greek words (no Hebrew) with extensive bibliography. For an example see "[Abba](#)" and "[Alleluia](#)" - "*In Christian vocabulary Alleluia is a heavenly song, a chant of saints in the bliss of Paradise, echoed on earth as joyful seasons.*" One caution is he uses the Apocryphal writings extensively - I am not sure of his theological persuasion.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

WALTER ADENEY Commentary on Ezra Expositor's Bible Commentary 1900

Cyril J. Barber - This set, originally published in 1903, contains expositions by both conservative and liberal theologians. The most

important works are by Dod (Genesis), Chadwick (Exodus and Mark), Kellogg (Leviticus), Blaikie (Joshua, I and II Samuel), **Adeney (Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther)**, Maclaren (Psalms), Moule (Romans), Findlay (Galatians and Ephesians), Plummer (Pastoral Epistles and the Epistles of James and Jude), and Milligan (Revelation.)

Warren W. Wiersbe - If you can locate the six-volume edition of the Expositor's Bible, buy it immediately! It takes up less space than the original fifty-volume set, and not everything in the original set is worth owning. Samuel H. Kellogg on Leviticus is a classic; so is Alexander Maclaren on the Psalms and on Colossians.

What the Bible Teaches – The author draws on a wide range of interesting information from outside Scripture relating to the post-exilic period. The book is full of applications, not all of which will be acceptable to readers. Readers also need to be warned that he takes the view that Ezra was wrong in sending away the strange wives.

- [Ezra and Nehemiah](#)
- [Ezra 1:1 - Cyrus](#)
- [Ezra 1:2-4, 7-11 The Royal Edict](#)
- [Ezra 2:1-67 The Second Exodus](#)
- [Ezra 2:68-Ezra 3 - The New Temple](#)
- [Ezra 3 - The New Temple](#)
- [Ezra 4:1-5, 24 The Limits of Comprehension](#)
- [Ezra 4:6-23 The Cost of an Idealist's Success](#)
- [Ezra 5:1-2 Zechariah the Prophet; The Mission of Prophecy](#)
- [Ezra 5:3-6:5 New Difficulties Met in a New Spirit](#)
- [Ezra 6:6-22 The Dedication of the Temple](#)
- [Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra the Scribe](#)
- [Ezra 7:11-Ezra 8 - Ezra's Expedition](#)
- [Ezra 9 Foreign Marriages](#)
- [Ezra 10 The Home Sacrificed to the Church](#)

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- Ezra 1,2 [Should I Stay or Should I Go Now?](#)
- Ezra 3 [Worship Restored](#)
- Ezra 4-6 [Check...Check...Checkmate](#)
- Ezra 7,8 [Rebuilding the People](#)
- Ezra 9,10 [Ezra's 10 Step Program in confronting sin](#)

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ALBERT BARNES
Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible
Ezra

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial... Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the

gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil... Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [Ezra 1](#)
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A. PHILLIP BROWN

A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra

Has some nice charts, timelines and tables with extensive reference notes. Excellent background material if you are preaching, teaching or studying the Book of Ezra!

- [Introduction to A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra](#)
- [Ezra 1 Temporal Ordering In Ezra Part I](#)
- [Ezra 2 Temporal Ordering In Ezra Part II](#)
- [Ezra 3 An Analysis Of Plot In Ezra](#)
- [Ezra 4 An Analysis of Point of View in Ezra](#)
- [Ezra 5 Yahweh: God of Israel, God of Heaven and Earth](#)
- [Ezra 6 Holiness in Ezra Separated Fr Uncleaness and Seeking the Lord](#)
- [Ezra 7 Continuity With The Past And Hope For The Future](#)
- [Ezra 8 A Reader's Guide to the Theological Message of Ezra](#)
- [Conclusion to A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra](#)
- [References To God In Ezra](#)
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Notes include frequent illustrations

- [Ezra 1-3](#)
- [Ezra 3:8-13](#)
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- [Ezra 7-10](#)
- [Ezra 7:9-10](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
COMMENTARY ON EZRA

- [Ezra 1](#)
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ADAM CLARKE
Commentary on Ezra

Click for brief critique

James Rosscup - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

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STEVEN COLE
Sermon Series on the Book of Ezra

- [Ezra 1:1-11 God's Way Of Renewal](#)
- [Ezra 2:1-70 Lessons From A List \(God's Faithfulness\)](#)
- [Ezra 3:1-13 A New Beginning With God \(Renewal\)](#)
- [Ezra 4:1-24 Spiritual Setbacks \(Perseverance\)](#)
- [Ezra 5:1-39 Overcoming Discouragement](#)
- [Ezra 6:1-22 God, the Cause of our Joy](#)
- [Ezra 7:1-28 The Life that God Blesses](#)
- [Ezra 8:1-36 The Work that God Blesses](#)
- [Ezra 9:1-15 The Godly Reaction to Sin](#)
- [Ezra 10:1-44 Genuine Repentance](#)

COMMENTARY ON EZRA

Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible

Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset and David Brown

Published 1871

What the Bible Teaches – A very helpful commentary, highly commended by C. H. Spurgeon. It has stood the test of time. Its views are not always sound.

[See also Unabridged version of Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible](#)

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THOMAS CONSTABLE

Commentary on Ezra

Well done, Brief Conservative notes

Note: Commentary does not include introduction with can be found [here](#).

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RON DANIEL

Notes on Ezra

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DALE RALPH DAVIS

Ezra-Nehemiah

Highly Recommended

Rosscup has these comments on Davis' exposition of the Book of Joshua: Former Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary. Davis furnishes evangelical material to help preachers blend sound exegesis, theological substance, interesting exposition and practical application....The studies are not on every verse but key portions out of each chapter, done in a very readable style...(that) preachers or lay people can enjoy...(with) many ideas to provoke sermons and point to application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

Keith Mathison in his review of best commentaries on Judges makes general comments that would apply to his short commentary on Nehemiah - "If you can only have one commentary on the historical books, **get the commentaries by Davis**. There are other commentaries that go into more detail on technical issues (see below), but Davis provides what most Christian readers of these books need — a concise and readable explanation of the text that sets each book within the larger context of biblical redemptive history all without ever becoming boring or trite. This commentary (referring to Davis' commentary on Judges), like the others, is also very practical, but it avoids the kind of moralizing exposition that rips passages out of context in order to make some vague inspirational point." ([Keith Mathison - Ligonier Ministries Blog](#))

Richard Pratt - "There is no more gifted expositor of the Old Testament in our day than Ralph Davis."

Derek Thomas - "Dale Ralph Davis is among the finest expositors of the Old Testament alive today. His style is unique and his content infectious. A pastor at heart, his insights are always governed by an absolute loyalty to the text, a belief that the Bible was written for today as much as yesterday, and a desire to encourage his readers to fall in love with Scripture and to trust it."

- Ezra 1:1-11 Introduction; God Moves History for his People [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 2:1-70 What You Can Discover on the Church Roll [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 3:1-13 God's People in Gray Times [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 4:1-24 No Surprises, or "Let the Troubles Begin" [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 5:1-6:22 God is the Ruler Yet [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 7:1-8:36 The Strong Hand [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 9:1-15 Trouble in Covenant City, part 1 [Webpage](#)
- Ezra 10:1-44 Trouble in Covenant City, part 2 [Webpage](#)
- Debriefing (Summary of Ezra & Nehemiah): [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 1:1-11 Prayer in the Palace [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 2:1-20 From Court to City [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 3:1-32 Blessed Builders [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 4:1-23 Thru Many Dangers, Toils & Snares, pt 1:Threats against God's Work [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 5:1-6:19 Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares, part 2 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 7:1-73 Reformation Days, part 1 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 8:1-18 Reformation Days, part 2 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 9:1-38 Reformation Days, part 3 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 10:1-39 Reformation Days, part 4 [Webpage](#)

- Nehemiah 11:1-12:26 The Work of Consolidation, part 1 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 12:27-13:3 The Work of Consolidation, part 2 [Webpage](#)
- Nehemiah 13:4-31 Is Reformation an Event or a Process? Ongoing Perils of the Church [Webpage](#)
- Debriefing (Summary of Ezra & Nehemiah): [Webpage](#)

Here is a sample excerpt from Davis' comments on Ezra 7:10 - Design (Ezra 7:10) Note the initial ki (for, because) in the Hebrew text. It explains why the good hand of his God was upon him (Ezra 7:9). God prospered the venture because of Ezra's purpose. This then is a warning against sloth and carelessness, and a sloppy view of grace. The subject comes before the verb in the Hebrew text, so there is some stress on "Ezra." On "setting the heart," the Hiphil of kun plus leb, see Psalm 78:8; 2Chr 12:14; 20:33 (all negative); and 1Sa 7:3; 2Chr 19:3; 30:19. The language of Ezra 7:10 speaks of a ministry that is focused in its objective (set his heart) and intense in its labor (to seek). It is both anchored and vigorous, not content with a little ministerial piddling. Note that Ezra purposes a total ministry: seek, do, teach; the cognitive, the experiential, and the didactic. Note that there are both academic and existential qualifications before

teaching. The process, ever repeated, is: concentration (seek), consistency (do), communication (teach).

You might also want to listen to Dr Davis' Mp3 messages on Ezra-Nehemiah

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Notes on Ezra

Henry Morris

Note: Words and phrases below based on KJV

- Ezra 1:2 [Cyrus The LORD God of heaven house at Jerusalem](#)
- Ezra 1:3 [let him go up](#)
- Ezra 1:7 [vessels](#)
- Ezra 1:8 [Even those Sheshbazzar prince](#)
- Ezra 1:9 [chargers](#)
- Ezra 2:1 [came again unto Jerusalem](#)
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- Ezra 2:43 [Nethinims](#)
- Ezra 2:63 [Tirshatha Thummim](#)
- Ezra 2:64 [forty and two thousand](#)

- Ezra 2:65 [Beside their servants](#)
- Ezra 3:1 [to Jerusalem](#)
- Ezra 3:6 [the seventh month](#)
- Ezra 3:12 [wept with a loud voice](#)
- Ezra 4:2 [Esar-haddon King of Assur](#)
- Ezra 4:3 [nothing to do with us](#)
- Ezra 4:4 [people of the land](#)
- Ezra 4:5 [frustrate their purpose](#)
- Ezra 4:6 [Ahasuerus](#)
- Ezra 4:7 [Syrian tongue](#)
- Ezra 4:8 [Artaxerxes](#)
- Ezra 4:10 [Asnapper the river](#)
- Ezra 4:23 [made them to cease](#)
- Ezra 4:24 [Darius](#)
- Ezra 5:1 [Then Zechariah](#)
- Ezra 5:3 [Tatnai, governor](#)
- Ezra 5:11 [servants of the God of heaven](#)
- Ezra 5:14 [Sheshbazzar](#)
- Ezra 6:2 [Achmetha](#)
- Ezra 6:4 [great stones](#)
- Ezra 6:8 [even of the tribute](#)
- Ezra 6:13 [they did speedily](#)
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- Ezra 6:21 [separated themselves](#)
- Ezra 6:22 [king of Assyria](#)
- Ezra 7:1 [Artaxerxes king of Persia Ezra Hilkiah](#)
- Ezra 7:6 [the hand of the LORD](#)
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- Ezra 7:11 [king Artaxerxes scribe of the words](#)
- Ezra 7:12 [God of heaven](#)
- Ezra 7:18 [that do](#)
- Ezra 7:25 [set magistrates and judges](#)
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- Ezra 8:22 [I was ashamed](#)
- Ezra 8:31 [he delivered us](#)
- Ezra 8:35 [twelve bullocks](#)
- Ezra 9:1 [princes came to me](#)
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- Ezra 9:10 [forsaken thy commandments](#)
- Ezra 10:8 [three days](#)
- Ezra 10:11 [separate yourselves](#)
- Ezra 10:15 [were employed about this matter](#)
- Ezra 10:17 [all the men](#)
- Ezra 10:44 [strange wives](#)

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Teacher Helps on Ezra

- [Ezra 1:1-6; 3:1-3,10-11 Seizing New Opportunities](#)
- [Ezra 4:4-5,24; 5:1-5; 6:8,13-16 Working with Confidence in God](#)
- [Ezra 7:8-10; 9:1-2,4; 10:1-5 Following Godly Spiritual Leaders](#)

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- Ezra 6:22 God the Joy-Bringer
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- Ezra 8:29 The Charge of the Pilgrim Priests

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- [Russell T. Fuller, "Ezra: The Teacher of God's Word and Agent of Revival," Southern Baptist Journal of Theology 9.3 \(Autumn 2005\): 52-61. - **Excellent Discussion**](#)
- [Stephen Dray, "Ezra: an Applied Overview," Evangel 24.2 \(Summer 2006\): **If you are going to preach through Ezra check out this resource**](#)
- [H. L. Ellison, From Babylon to Bethlehem. The People of God from the Exile to the Messiah. Exeter: The Paternoster Press, Ltd., 1976. Pbk. ISBN: 0853641900. pp.41-54](#)
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- [Leslie McFall, "Was Nehemiah contemporary with Ezra in 458 BC," Westminster Theological Journal 53.2 \(Fall 1991\): 263-293](#)

- [Ezra's Ethics on Intermarriage and Divorce -- By: William R. Eichhorst](#)
- [A Philip Brown II - Temporal Ordering In Ezra- Part II - Bible.org](#)
- [A Chronological and Literary Harmony of Ezra & Nehemiah - Time Chart:](#)
- [H. G. M. Williamson, "Ezra and Nehemiah in the Light of the Texts from Persepolis," Bulletin for Biblical Research 1 \(1991\): 41-61](#)
- [J. Stafford Wright, The Date of Ezra's Coming to Jerusalem. 1947. London: The Tyndale Press, 1958. pp.32.](#)
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- [Edwin M. Yamauchi, "The reverse order of Ezra/Nehemiah Reconsidered," Themelios 5.3 \(1980\): 7-13](#)

SERMONS, DEVOTIONALS, OUTLINES, etc EZRA

BEST COMMENTARIES

- [Best Commentaries](#) - Ligonier
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- [References To God In Ezra - 35 references including different names](#)

JAMES DAVIES

- [The Book of Ezra with Notes](#) (1873)

COLLEGE PRESS

- [Ezra Commentary](#) - includes maps - Be a Berean: Church of Christ perspective

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- [Renewal - The Message of Ezra - Mp3](#)

DICTIONARY ARTICLES

- [Ezra -Theology of - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology](#)
- [Ezra - Hastings Dictionary](#)
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- Christ in the Book of Ezra

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OUTSTANDING TEACHINGS:

In contrast to Assyrian and Babylonian kings, the Persians had a national policy (no doubt GOD's direction) to repatriate deported people. Thus the way was opened for Israel to return to her land.

The first step in re-establishing the nation was to begin rebuilding the temple and observing national religious feasts. This was wise, and GOD gave joy in this (Ezra 3:1ff).

Opposition inevitably developed when GOD's work began (Ezra 4:1-22). But with the leadership of the patriots and the encouragement of the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, the work of the temple was completed.

King Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:1) was the stepson of Queen Esther. Some 59 years after the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, Ezra the priest-scribe led another expedition under the King's favorable commandment (Ezra 7:11-26). Thus Queen Esther may have been responsible under GOD for the impetus given to the work of the restoration. Ezra took with him 1754 men.

The section of Ezra 7-10 shows a period of reform. Ezra found a rather sad situation in Jerusalem. The very thing which GOD had forbidden was happening without restraint; intermarriage with the peoples of the land. Ezra was astounded.

Ezra's prayer is one of the Bible's great ones (Ezra 9:5-15). He confessed the sins of the people and they became deeply moved, promising before GOD to rectify the abuses, especially the unlawful marriages.

The greatest accomplishments of Ezra occurred when GOD sent another great man to aid him, in the person of Nehemiah. Here are two whose gifts beautifully supplemented each other, supplying to each what the other lacked.

The key to Ezra's character is the statement, "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:10).

KEY TO UNDERSTANDING:

GOD is behind all that happens to the Jew, opening the way, encouraging hearts, giving victories. Yet this captivity was but a sample of the world-wide dispersion that was yet to come. Most of the people of GOD had not learned what GOD was trying to teach.

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1. The exiles return under Zerubbabel. 536 B. C.
2. The rebuilding of the temple. 535 B. C.
3. The ministry of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. 520 B. C.
4. The dedication of the temple. 515 B. C.
5. The events related in the book of Esther 478-473 B. C.
6. Ezra visits Jerusalem. 458 B. C.
7. Nehemiah sent to Jerusalem as governor. He rebuilds the wall. 446 B. C.
8. Malachi prophecies.

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JOHN STEVENSON

- [The Book of Ezra - Title, Author, Timeline, Outline, etc](#) For Example here are John Stevenson's life lessons from the introduction...

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The Lord is seen to be directing the events of history as He moves pagan kings to do His will (Proverbs 21:1).

2. The Continuing Need for a Land.

God's plan called for a return of the Jews to the land. They had been taken away as a punishment for their idolatry. They are now brought back so that they might serve Him and worship them in the land. This would be necessary so that the Messiah could be born in Bethlehem.

3. The Grace of God.

God is a God of second chances. He was bringing the people back into the land to give them a second chance to serve Him and to follow Him. They had formerly sinned in their idolatry. Now there is a call to renewed purity.

This is a book of covenant renewal. The people return to their covenant relationship with God and renew their promises to follow Him.

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His insights are rich in application.

- [Ezra Commentary](#) - 29 pages

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