



2 KINGS
24-25

EZRA-NEHEMIAH

BABYLON →

50 YEARS LATER



PARALLEL DESIGN

1. PERSIAN KING MOVED BY GOD TO SEND A LEADER TO JERUSALEM
2. LEADER FACES OPPOSITION TO REBUILDING
3. STRANGE ANTI-CLIMAX

EZRA 1-6 ZERUBBABEL THE TEMPLE

1-2: WHOEVER WANTS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU! SEE JEREMIAH 25

ZERUBBABEL = "PLANTED IN BABYLON"

3-6: SEE LEVITICUS 9, 1 KINGS 8

GOD'S PRESENCE?

ELDER'S WHO REMEMBER THE FIRST TEMPLE

4: YOU HAVE NO PART IN THE TEMPLE! WE JUST WANT TO HELP!

ISRAELITES WHO NEVER WENT INTO EXILE

THE END.

EZRA 7-10 EZRA TORAH & COMMUNITY

7-8: GO TEACH THE TORAH AND REBUILD YOUR COMMUNITY!

9-10: THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BAD AS CANANITES!

GOD NEVER COMMANDS EZRA TO DO THIS - GOD OPPOSES DIVORCE (SEE MALACHI 2:13-16) - MIXED RESULTS LEAD TO ANOTHER ANTI-CLIMAX

DEUTERONOMY 23:1-4

YOU HAVE NO PART IN ISRAEL!

THE END.

NEHEMIAH 1-7 CITY WALLS

MAY I GO REPAIR JERUSALEM'S WALLS?

YES! GO IN PEACE.

YOU HAVE NO PART IN JERUSALEM!

THIS AGAIN...

NEHEMIAH 8-12 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH MARATHON

- CONFESSION OF SIN
- COVENANT RENEWAL
- VOW TO FOLLOW THE TORAH
- GREAT CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF BOOTHS

NEHEMIAH 13 ...BUT IT'S NOT

TEMPLE NEGLECTED

SABBATH DISHONORED...

...WITHIN SIGHT OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS!

OH GOD... AT LEAST I TRIED!

the end.

PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

- FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, HOSEA 3)
- GOD'S PRESENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECHARIAH 2)
- GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECHARIAH 8)
- FULFILL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)



THE BOOK POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR A...

NEW HEART

JEREMIAH 31 & EZEKIEL 36

BEGINS WITH HOPE

BUT

ENDS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

February



Our Compassion Child
Mercy—Kenya, AFRICA



Cindy Irwin—The LOFT
(Leading Others Forward to Truth)
Noblesville, IN



USAF Capt. Troy
(special assignments)



Military friends — USAF Capt. Todd (refueling pilot)
USAF Capt. Ashleigh (retired) & Baby Anna



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Week #	Day	Date	Bible Reading	For a clarifying step deeper, watch these BibleProject videos using these words in your browser.	Observations/Comments/Questions
73	Sunday	2/5/2023		Overview: Ezekial 34-48	
		2/6/2023	Ezekiel 33 & Psalm 85		
		2/7/2023	Ezekiel 34-35	Overview: Ezekial 34-48	
		2/8/2023	Ezekiel 36-37		
		2/9/2023	Ezekiel 38-39		
		2/10/2023	Ezekiel 40-41		
74	Sunday	2/12/2023		Bible Project Old Testament Overview: Ezra-Nehemiah	
		2/13/2023	Ezekiel 42-43		
		2/14/2023	Ezekiel 44-45		
		2/15/2023	Ezekiel 46-47		
		2/16/2023	Ezekiel 48 & Psalm 86		
		2/17/2023	Ezra 1-2	BibleProject Overview: Ezra-Nehemiah	
75	Sunday	2/19/2023		No Grow Class - JR HIGH ICE CAMP	
		2/20/2023	Ezra 3-4	Exile	
		2/21/2023	Ezra 5-6		
		2/22/2023	Ezra 7-8		
		2/23/2023	Ezra 9-10		
		2/24/2023	Nehemiah 1-2		
76	Sunday	2/26/2023		BibleProject Overview: Joel	
		2/27/2023	Nehemiah 3-4		
		2/28/2023	Nehemiah 5-6		
		3/1/2023	Nehemiah 7-8		
		3/2/2023	Nehemiah 9-10		
		3/3/2023	Nehemiah 11-12		
77	Sunday	3/5/2023		BibleProject Overview: Esther	