



# The return of the remnant from exile

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## Preparation for Message (background and outline)

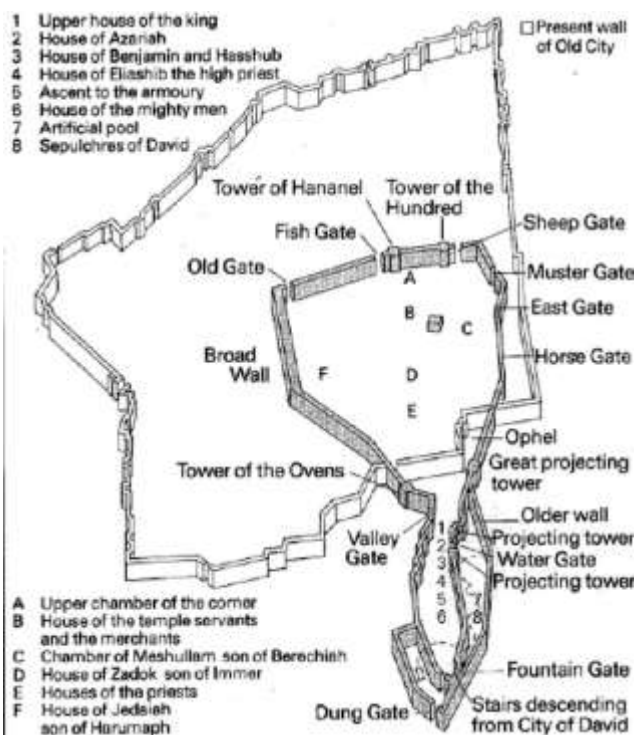
The Books of Ezra and Nehemia are Chronicles of Hope and Restoration. Although separate in your Bible, these books were originally recorded together, and therefore we will study them as a unit. They tell the history about a remnant of Yhwh's people (1) who had been taken into captivity by the Babylonians after the destruction of Jerusalem (2) and who are returning HOME to the Covenant Land to rebuild Jerusalem. They confirm the fact that Yhwh has warned them of their exile due to their unfaithfulness to Him, but also to confirm His faithfulness to His Covenant that they will be restored after the appointed times. Through this story written in ancient times (appr 460 BC) God is still speaking to us, the same remnant, returning to His covenant, out of mixed religion, to restore the Church (people) back to the House (Kingdom) of Yhwh. An integral part of God's Restoration Plan is the re-uniting of the 2 Houses (Jew and Gentile / House of Judah, House of Israel, Prodigal son and older brother, the 2 sticks becoming one in Eze 37)

Neh 12:31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks,

whereof one went on the **right hand** upon the wall toward the dung gate:

Neh 12:36 with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

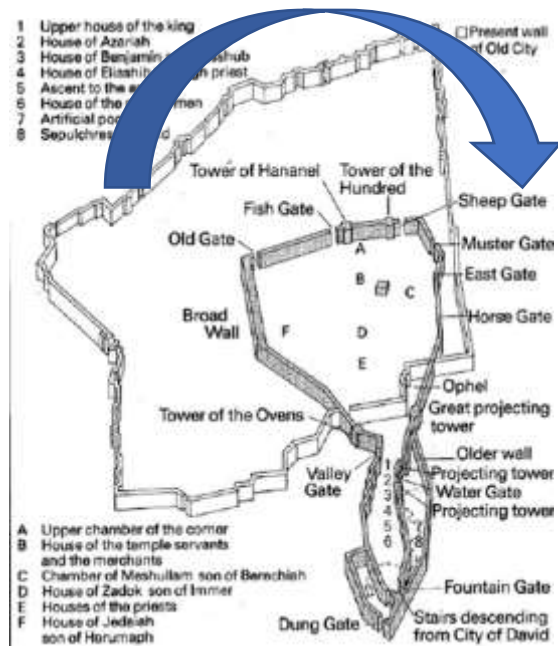
Neh 12:37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.



Neh 12:38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, (westward)

and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall,

Neh 12:39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.



Neh 12:40 So stood the **two companies** of them that gave thanks in the house of God



1. The Tribes of Judah and Benjamin, who lived in the Southern Part of Israel (Judea) and were later called the Jews (at this time the 10 Northern Tribes has already been exiled by the King of Assyria and never returned to the land as a nation)

= but in this study they are symbolic of ALL of Yhwh's people captive in Babylon.

= whom Yhwh is calling OUT OF BABYLON (Rev 18:4 / Jer 51:45)

2. Jerusalem = The Kingdom: Jer 27:20 and 34:3 / 2 Kings 20:18 and 24:15 / 1 Chron 9:1 / Psalm 137:1-9 / Dan 1:1-7 / Ezra 5:12 / Ezekiel 17:12-16 / Micah 4:10 / Matt 1:11 / Acts 7:43)

## Basic outline of the 2 Books (in which we see our OWN journey)

Preparation for the Return of the Remnant (Ezr 1:1 – 11)

Nehemia's anguish, love, prayers and return for Jerusalem (Neh 1:1 to 2:16))

The Returning Remnant (Ezr 2:1 – 63) (Neh 2:17 – 3:32)

The Gifts of the Remnant for the Restoration of the Kingdom (Ezr 2:64 – 70)

The Altar is set up (Ezr 3:1-7) \* symbolizing our repentance through the Lamb of God: Yashua

Temple Foundations are laid (Ezr 3:8 – 13) \* symbolizing the Restoration of the Covenant

Adversaries seek to hinder the work (Ezr 4:1- 6:18) (Neh 4:1 – 6:14) \* symbolizing our own adversaries and enemies

The Pesach restored (Ezr 6:19 – 22)

God is with Ezra and His people during all their efforts and struggles (Ezr 7:1 to 8:36)

Warnings to the remnant (Ezr 9:1- 10:19) and their repentance (Neh 8:1 9:38)

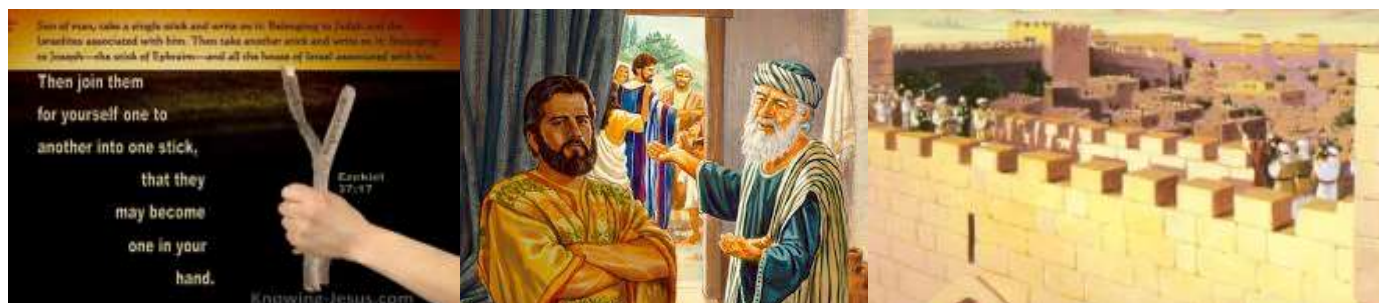
Each man receives his duty in the Kingdom Restoration (Ezr 10:20 – 44) (Neh 10:1 – 13:31)

We as modern day remnant, who returned to the Covenant of God and repented of our Babylon / Egyptian religion are being restored by the Hand of the Messiah Himself (Ez 37 / Jer 3 / Luk 13:29 / Mark 11:17a / Zech 2 / John 11:52).

We have left Babylon and Egypt (spiritual prostitution and pagan traditions) and we are returning to the Promised Land (keeping the Torah, obeying Yhwh through Yashua),

being restored slowly with our older brother Judah (not Judaism)

and we are rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem (representing the Place where final restoration will happen) (Rev 21 / Ezr 3:1 >trumpets< / Heb 11:16 / Ps 133 / John 14:23 / Matt 23:37)



This is why it is of utmost importance to understand the example God has given us in the Books and Lives of Ezra, a Torah Scribe (Ezr 7:6) and a Priest (Ezr 7:1-5) and Nehemia the cupbearer serving the king in exile (Neh 1:1) who became an intersessor and governor to the people of God (Neh 1:5 – 11 and 5:14)



## Ezra

Torah Scribe and Priest

Rootword: Ezer

meaning Helper / aid / to surround

>>Obedience and Service and Willingness to Help



## Nehemia

Normal worker in Corporate Babylon

(Nacham-Yah) = The sighing of Yah 😞

= The Consoling of Yah 😊

>>Accepts responsibility of Governor

Ezr 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Ezr 6:20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

Ezr 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

Ezr 6:22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful





## Friday – 7 April

Evening - Preparation for Message (background and outline)

## Shabbat - 8 April

Morning - Session 1  
(20 min break)  
Session 2 (1 hour)  
Afternoon Play outside with children, eat picnic (self serving) and socialise

Evening - Session 3

## Sunday - 9 April

Morning - Dr S Pidgeon  
(1 hour break for purchases, questions)  
- Session 4 (1 hour)  
Afternoon Trudie with women  
Mada with men

Evening - Session 5

## Monday - 10 April

Morning - Session 6 and Conclusion  
Testimonies  
Questions & Answers.

SESSION 1 - HOW DID WE GET INTO THIS MUCH TROUBLE?  
SESSION 2 - HOW DID WE GET OUT OF ALL THIS TROUBLE?  
SESSION 3 - WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.  
SESSION 4 - THE ENEMY WILL OPPOSE US IN OUR WORK  
SESSION 5 - ENCOURAGEMENT UNDER OPPOSITION  
SESSION 6 - THE END IN SIGHT (CONCLUSION)