



EZRA-NEHEMIAH

BABYLON →

50 YEARS LATER



PARALLEL DESIGN



1. PERDIAN 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

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3-6 ZERUBBABEL "PLANTED IN BABYLON"

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

9-10 THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BOLD AS LAMBS!

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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

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NEHEMIAH 1-7 CITY WALLS

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NEHEMIAH 8-12 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH MARATHON

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF BOOTHES

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

NEHEMIAH 13 ...BUT IT'S NOT

OH GOD... AT LEAST I TRIED!

TEMPLE NEGLECTED

SABBATH DISHONORED...

...WITHIN SIGHT OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS!

the end.

PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

- FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 41, 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...

BEGINS WITH HOPE

BUT

ENDS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

NEW HEART

ZECHARIAH 31 & EZEKIEL 36