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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History ✓
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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AUTHOR

- Ezra--a priest and scribe (7:11-12)
- a scholar of the Law of Moses

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

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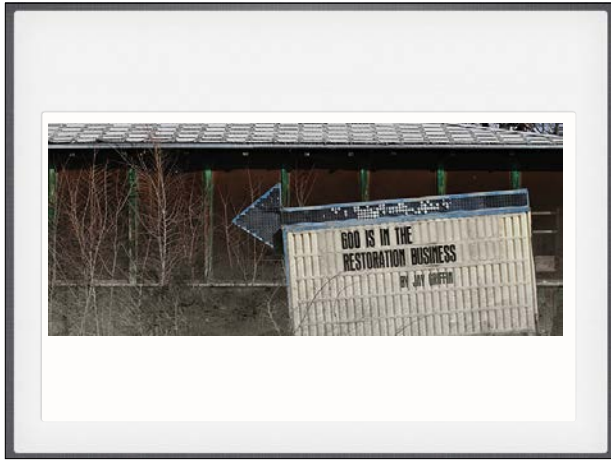
STORYLINE

- Part One: The first return to Jerusalem & The Construction of the Temple (Chapters 1 to 6)
- Part Two: The Second Return to Jerusalem & The Restoration of the People (Chapters 7 to 10) (CBH)

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Major OT Themes found in this Book:

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God



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THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- Restoration
- Following captivity and slavery in Babylon, God's people get restored—they are obedient to God's laws again, and they re-dedicate themselves to God
- God's relationship with His people is restored
- (repaired, or fixed) Thanks, James!

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SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

- Ezra reading the Law

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KEY VERSE

- 1:3
- Copy it
- Cyrus the Persian king tells the Israelites that they can A. Go Home, and B. Take their Temple treasures with them

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REQUIRED READING

- 1--the proclamation of Cyrus
- 6--Completion of the new temple
- 10--The People's Confession of Sin

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- I repent of my sins, but why should God forgive me?
- I'm just going to sin again.
- (Answer: God loves you no matter what you do).

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LUTHER SAYS:

- "...the king ordered the princes to help the people, whereas before that they had been ordered to resist and oppose them. So, what appeared impossible earlier became very easy because of God's plan. Obviously, this is the way to divine mercy, working wonderfully, turns all things into good for those who believe; judgment is turned into salvation for them, sin into righteousness, etc., enemies into friends and subjects. For God...holds all things in His hand. The whole world, kings and princes, too, must obey Him." (LSB 720).

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1. End of II Chronicles vs. Beginning of Ezra-- same author
II Chron 36:22 and Ezra 1:1 for example
2. Main Theme: Restoration -- of the Temple
3:8; 3:12; 6:3; 6:16

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SKIP MR. MARTIN SAYS:

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3. Layout: Chapters 1-6 Restoration; Gap of 58 years; 7-10 are restoration of remnant
4. Ezra was a prophet
5. Switch in 8:15 to first person
6. Intermarriage; 9:2-3; 9:10-12; 10:2-3

Nehemiah Notes:

1. Walls--Makes a city a city --Ezra is Temple; Nehemiah is Wall--All of Chapter 3
2. Ezra focuses on religious restoration--Nehemiah focuses on political and geographic restoration
3. Chapters 1-7 Restoration of the Wall Ch 8-13 Restoration of the People

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