

THE MESSAGE OF EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

Introduction – These two books were originally one in the Hebrew Bible. The book preceding it was Daniel. He leaves the readers with the expectation that Israel's long term fortunes will improve soon because God rules over history.

A. The God Who Restores the Remnant to the Promised Land

Ezra 1:1-2

Ezra 1:3-5

B. The God Who Overcomes the Opposition

Ezra 5:3-5

Ezra 6:13-14

Ezra 9:8-9

C. The God Who Rebuilds Jerusalem Confounding Israel's Enemies

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Nehemiah 2:19-20

Nehemiah 4:7-9

Nehemiah 6:15-16

D. The God Who Renews His Covenant with Israel

Nehemiah 9:1-3

Nehemiah 9:38

Nehemiah 12:27, 43

Conclusion – We live in a time that needs the restoration of God's Temple/Church. It will take repentance and a determination to build a spiritual house on the foundation of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-17