

THE REST OF THE AGE OF THE LAW
An Overview from Joshua to Jesus
Outline
Joshua 1 – Acts 1

Topic 4 – Israel in Exile and Their Return – Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Ezra Outline:

- * **The First Exiles Return to the Land – Ezra 1:1 – 2:70**
 - **Cyrus helps the exiles to return – Ezra 1:1-11**
 - **The list of the exiles who returned – Ezra 2:1-70**
- * **The Temple is Rebuilt – Ezra 3:1 – 6:22**
 - **Rebuilding the altar – Ezra 3:1-6**
 - **Rebuilding the temple – Ezra 3:7-13**
 - **Opposition to the rebuilding – Ezra 4:1-5**
 - **Later opposition under Xerxes and Artaxerxes – Ezra 4:6-24**
 - **Tattenai's letter to Darius – Ezra 5:1-17**
 - **Decree of Darius – Ezra 6:1-12**
 - **Completion and dedication of the temple – Ezra 6:13-18**
 - **The Passover – Ezra 6:19-22**
- * **Ezra's Return and Ministry – Ezra 7:1 – 10:44**
 - **Ezra comes to Jerusalem – Ezra 7:1-10**
 - **King Artaxerxes' letter to Ezra – Ezra 7:11-28**
 - **List of family heads returning with Ezra – Ezra 8:1-14**
 - **The return to Jerusalem – Ezra 8:15-36**
 - **Ezra's prayer about intermarriage – Ezra 9:1-15**
 - **The people's confession of sin – Ezra 10:1-17**
 - **Those guilty of intermarriage – Ezra 10:18-44**

Nehemiah Outline:

- * **Nehemiah Returns to Rebuild the Walls – Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:10**
 - **Nehemiah's prayer – Nehemiah 1:1-11**
 - **Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem – Nehemiah 2:1-10**
- * **Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem – Nehemiah 2:11 – 7:73a**
 - **Nehemiah inspects Jerusalem's walls – Nehemiah 2:11-20**
 - **Builders of the wall – Nehemiah 3:1-32**
 - **Opposition to the building – Nehemiah 4:1-23**
 - **Nehemiah helps the poor – Nehemiah 5:1-19**
 - **Further opposition to the rebuilding – Nehemiah 6:1-14**
 - **Completion of the wall – Nehemiah 6:15-7:3**
 - **The list of exiles who returned – Nehemiah 7:4-73a**

- * **The Great Revival Under Ezra – Nehemiah 7:73b – 10:39**
 - Ezra reads the law – Nehemiah 7:73b-8:1-18
 - The Israelites confess their sins – Nehemiah 9:1-37
 - The agreement of the people – Nehemiah 9:38-10:1-39
- * **Nehemiah's Policies and Programs – Nehemiah 11:1 – 13:31**
 - The new residents of Jerusalem – Nehemiah 11:1-36
 - Priests and Levites - Nehemiah 12:1-26
 - Dedication of the wall of Jerusalem – Nehemiah 12:27-47
 - Nehemiah's final reforms – Nehemiah 13:1-31

Esther Outline:

- * **King Xerxes and His Court – Esther 1:1 – 2:23**
 - Queen Vashti deposed – Esther 1:1-22
 - Esther made queen – Esther 2:1-18
 - Mordecai uncovers a conspiracy – Esther 2:19-23
- * **Esther's People are Threatened – Esther 3:1 – 5:14**
 - Haman's plot to destroy the Jews – Esther 3:1-15
 - Mordecai persuades Esther to help – Esther 4:1-17
 - Esther's request to the king – Esther 5:1-8
 - Haman's rage against Mordecai – Esther 5:9-14
- * **The Jews Triumph over Haman – Esther 6:1-10:3**
 - Mordecai honored – Esther 6:1-14
 - Haman hung – Esther 7:1-10
 - The King's edict in behalf of the Jews – Esther 8:1-17
 - Triumph of the Jews – Esther 9:1-17
 - Purim celebrated – Esther 9:18-32
 - The greatness of Mordecai – Esther 10:1-3