Ezra Commentaries

2 CHRONICLES NEHEMIAH

Ezra Reads the Law to the People by Gustave Doré

Click charts to enlarge Charts from <u>Jensen's Survey of the NT</u> - used by permission <u>Introduction and Chart of Ezra - Swindoll</u>

The Persian Empire at the Time of Ezra c. 458 B.C.

During the time of Ezra the Persian Empire had reached its greatest extent, engulfing nearly the entire Near East. In 539 B.C. the Persians under Cyrus the Great defeated the Babylonians and absorbed their territory into the empire, including the lands of Israel and Judah (known as Beyond the River). The next year Cyrus allowed the people of Judah to return home under the leadership of Zerubbabel and rebuild the temple of the Lord. Later, around 458 B.C., another group of Judean exiles returned under Ezra's leadership. (ESV.org)

Kings of Persia Mentioned in Ezra-Nehemiah

- Cyrus 539-530 B.C.
- Darius I 522–486
- Xerxes (Ahasuerus) 485–464
- Artaxerxes I 464–423

EZRA RESOURCES Esther Commentary, Sermon, Illustration, Devotional

CHRONOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH-ESTHER				
538-515BC	483-473BC	457BC		444-425BC
Ezra 1-6	Book of Esther	Ezra 7-10	40.1/	Book of Nehemiah
First Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile	58 Year Gap	Second Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile	13 Year Gap	Third Return of Jews from Babylonian Exile

EZRA:			
RESTORATION AND REFORM Restoration of the Temple Reform of the People			
First Return	Construction of	Under Ezra Second Return Restoration	
To Jerusalem Ezra 1:1-Ezra 2:70	The Temple Ezra 3:1-Ezra 6:22	to Jerusalem Ezra 7:1-8:36	of the People Ezra 9:1-Ezra 10:44
	Return), 897		d Return 1754

22 Years	1 Year
(538-516BC)	(458-457BC)

Key Passages: Ezra 1:3, Ezra 2:2, Ezra 6:21, 22, Ezra 7:10

Key Words: Went up (Ezra 1:11, 7:1, 6, 7, 8:1), Jerusalem (48x), Decree (17x), House of the LORD (Ezra 1:3, 5, 7, 2:68, 3:8, 11, 7:27, 8:29), Law (...of the LORD, ...of Moses, ...of God) (Ezra 3:2, 7:6, 10, 12, 14, 21, 26, 10:3)

CHRONOLOGY OF EZRA		
Cyrus king of Persia captures Babylon	539 B.C.	Dan. 5:30–31
First year of King Cyrus; issues proclamation freeing Jewish exiles to return	538–537	Ezra 1:1-4
Jewish exiles, led by Sheshbazzar, return from Babylon to Jerusalem	537?	Ezra 1:11
Altar rebuilt	537	Ezra 3:1–2
Temple rebuilding begins	536	Ezra 3:8
Adversaries oppose the rebuilding	536–530	Ezra 4:1–5
Temple rebuilding ceases	530–520	Ezra 4:24
Temple rebuilding resumes (2nd year of Darius)	520	Ezra 5:2; cf Hag. 1:14
Temple construction completed (6th year of Darius)	516	Ezra 6:15
Ezra departs from Babylon to Jerusalem (arrives in 7th year of Artaxerxes)	458	Ezra 7:6–9
Men of Judah and Benjamin assemble at Jerusalem	458	Ezra 10:9
Officials conduct three-month investigation	458–457	Ezra 10:16–17
Source: ESV.org		

BOOKS YOU CAN BORROW FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - Most of the resources below are newer commentaries (written after 1970) and other Bible resources which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

STUDY BIBLES - ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF ENTIRE BIBLE, BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

If you are eager to get a complete commentary set, I think the *Expositor's Bible Commentary* is probably the best of the bunch for your money. —Paul Westervelt, *Discipleship Journal*

The single work that I recommend to cover the whole Bible is *The Expositor's Bible Commentary.—Emmaus Journal*. Emmaus Bible College

Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament - 1608 pages. Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther by Larson, Knute. This is the Holman Old Testament Commentary - well done series

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah by Fensham, F. Charles

<u>Tim Challis</u> - Most commentators on the commentaries rate this as the best volume on Ezra and Nehemiah. Fensham takes the traditional approach to the books' dating, authorship and other elements. His strength is apparently in his emphasis on history and culture. Jim Rosscup says this commentary is "an evangelical effort knowledgeably rich in exegesis with a firm grasp of Hebrew, matters of introduction, and solid explanation of many of the verses."

James Rosscup - An evangelical effort knowledgeably rich in exegesis with a firm grasp of Hebrew, matters of introduction, and solid explanation of many of the verses. He shows a more meaningful grip on the relationship of the material in Ezra and Nehemiah than Williamson, and is better overall.

Cyril Barber - "A thoroughly competent conservative commentary, well worthy of the series. It will meet the needs of readers at every level. The preacher should be sparked by it to many useful lines of thought about the application of the unchanging Word of God to our modern situation" (Donald J. Wiseman)

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther: a self-study guide by Jensen, Irving

Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther by Adeney, Walter F. (Walter Frederic),

Cyril Barber - One of the best works on this facet of Israel's postexilic history. Can be read with profit by both pastor and layperson.

Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther by McConville, J. G 11 ratings

Ezra and Nehemiah by Williamson, H. G. M. (Hugh Godfrey Maturin), Word Biblical Commentary

<u>Tim Challis</u> - There is not only near-consensus on the best commentary on Ezra and Nehemiah, but also near-consensus on the second best–Williamson's contribution to the WBC. Williamson takes a more scholarly and technical approach than Fensham, making this a little bit more difficult to read. His strength is in word study, background, customs and the like. With Fensham this should make a pretty good one-two punch in understanding and interpreting the text.

<u>KJV Bible Commentary</u> - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT - no restriction on length of time one can use it. No copy and paste. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. <u>User reviews</u> - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - <u>372 ratings</u>

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) <u>user reviews</u>

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H. Wayne; 917 ratings Very helpful notes. Conservative.

New Bible Commentary - (1994) See user reviews

The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God-Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the 48 ratings

Wycliffe Bible Commentary - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). 214 ratings Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

The New Testament and Wycliffe Bible commentary - This version has no time restriction but only has the NT.

The Defender's Study Bible: King James Version by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist. 45 ratings

The MacArthur study Bible - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes 1,275 ratings

<u>The David Jeremiah study bible</u> - (2013) 2208 pages. <u>2,272 ratings Logos.com</u> - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

ESV study Bible - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel 6.004 ratings

Believer's Bible Commentary by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

Life application study Bible: New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. 4,445 ratings

The Lion handbook to the Bible - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

NIV archaeological study Bible (2005) 2360 pages 950 ratings (See also Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT)

The NIV study Bible by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

The Ryrie study Bible - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. 216 ratings

With the Word - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - 428 ratings

Wiersbe's expository outlines on the Old Testament by Wiersbe, Warren W 113 ratings

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

Evangelical Commentary on the Bible - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. User reviews.

Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible (1978) 344 pages

Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible (1983) 688 pages

Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps by Wilson, Neil

Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia

International children's Bible field guide: answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation by Richards, Larry

The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities by Knight, George W. (George William),

Today's handbook of Bible times & customs by Coleman, William L

The Shaw pocket Bible handbook - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

<u>Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament (Volume 2 - Isaiah - Malachi)</u> by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909- (1981) 972 pages.

Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary - New Testament - 552 pages. (2002) See user reviews.

The new Unger's Bible dictionary by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

Survey of the Bible: introductory insights, background studies, book-by-book survey by Unger, Merrill Frederick

The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages 4 ratings

The Hodder Bible handbook by Unger, Merrill

Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament by Unger, Merrill

Kregel Bible handbook: a full-color guide to every book of the Bibleby Kerr, William 3 ratings

The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations by Water, Mark

Zondervan handbook to the Bible

<u>Dictionary of Biblical Imagery</u> - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament by Harris, R. Laird - 229 ratings (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

<u>Here is another link to the TWOT</u> which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

So That's What it Means - This is another book formerly titled 'Theological Wordbook" edited by Charles Swindoll. It is now under this new title So That's What it Means and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include DKC—Donald K. Campbell, WGJ—Wendell G. Johnston, JAW—John A. Witmer, JFW—John F. Walvoord

Hebrew honey: a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in Ezek 11:19. In the Scripture list find an entry for Ezek 11:19 with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

Christian Words By: Turner, Nigel, Published: 1980 - >500 pages. An interesting, unique resource on Greek words (no Hebrew) with extensive bibliography. For an example see "Abba" and "Alleluia" - "In Christian vocabulary Alleluia is a heavenly song, a chant of saints in the bliss of Paradise, echoed on earth as joyful seasons." One caution is he uses the Apocryphal writings extensively - I am not sure of his theological persuasion.

Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

WALTER ADENEY Commentary on Ezra Expositor's Bible Commentary 1900

important works are by Dod (Genesis), Chadwick (Exodus and Mark), Kellogg (Leviticus), Blaikie (Joshua, I and II Samuel), **Adeney** (**Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther**), Maclaren (Psalms), Moule (Romans), Findlay (Galatians and Ephesians), Plummer (Pastoral Epistles and the Epistles of James and Jude), and Milligan (Revelation.)

Warren W. Wiersbe - If you can locate the six-volume edition of the Expositor's Bible, buy it immediately! It takes up less space than the original fifty-volume set, and not everything in the original set is worth owning. Samuel H. Kellogg on Leviticus is a classic; so is Alexander Maclaren on the Psalms and on Colossians.

What the Bible Teaches – The author draws on a wide range of interesting information from outside Scripture relating to the post-exilic period. The book is full of applications, not all of which will be acceptable to readers. Readers also need to be warned that he takes the view that Ezra was wrong in sending away the strange wives.

- Ezra and Nehemiah
- Ezra 1:1 Cyrus
- Ezra 1:2-4, 7-11 The Royal Edict
- Ezra 2:1-67 The Second Exodus
- Ezra 2:68-Ezra 3 The New Temple
- Ezra 3 The New Temple
- Ezra 4:1-5, 24 The Limits of Comprehension
- Ezra 4:6-23 The Cost of an Idealist's Success
- Ezra 5:1-2 Zechariah the Prophet; The Mission of Prophecy
- Ezra 5:3-6:5 New Difficulties Met in a New Spirit
- Ezra 6:6-22 The Dedication of the Temple
- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra the Scribe
- Ezra 7:11-Ezra 8 Ezra's Expedition
- Ezra 9 Foreign Marriages
- Ezra 10 The Home Sacrificed to the Church

BRIAN BELL Notes on Ezra Calvary Chapel Murrieta

- Ezra 1,2 Should I Stay or Should I Go Now?
- Ezra 3 Worship Restored
- Ezra 4-6 Check...Check...Checkmate
- Ezra 7,8 Rebuilding the People
- Ezra 9,10 Ezra's 10 Step Program in confronting sin

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ALBERT BARNES Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible Ezra

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial... Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the

gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil... Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

- Ezra 1
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BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR EZRA

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- Ezra 9
- Ezra 10

A. PHILLIP BROWN A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra

Has some nice charts, timelines and tables with extensive reference notes. Excellent background material if you are preaching, teaching or studying the Book of Ezra!

- Introduction to A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra
- Ezra 1 Temporal Ordering In Ezra Part I
- Ezra 2 Temporal Ordering In Ezra Part II
- Ezra 3 An Analysis Of Plot In Ezra
- Ezra 4 An Analysis of Point of View in Ezra
- Ezra 5 Yahweh: God of Israel, God of Heaven and Earth
- Ezra 6 Holiness in Ezra Separated Fr Uncleanness and Seeking the Lord
- Ezra 7 Continuity With The Past And Hope For The Future
- Ezra 8 A Reader's Guide to the Theological Message of Ezra
- Conclusion to A Literary and Theological Analysis of the Book of Ezra
- References To God In Ezra
- Selected Bibliography for the Book of Ezra

RICH CATHERS Calvary Chapel Fullerton, Ca

Notes include frequent illustrations

- Ezra 1-3
- Ezra 3:8-13
- Ezra 4-6
- Ezra 5:1-2
- Ezra 7-10
- Ezra 7:9-10

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES COMMENTARY ON EZRA

- Ezra 1
- Ezra 2
- Ezra 3
- Ezra 4
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- Ezra 6
- Ezra 7
- Ezra 8
- Ezra 9
- Ezra 10

ADAM CLARKE Commentary on Ezra

Click for brief critique

James Rosscup - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

- Ezra 1
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STEVEN COLE Sermon Series on the Book of Ezra

Over 100 Pages of Expositional Sermons, Functions much like a Commentary - Recommended

- Ezra 1:1-11 God's Way Of Renewal
- Ezra 2:1-70 Lessons From A List (God's Faithfulness)
- Ezra 3:1-13 A New Beginning With God (Renewal)
- Ezra 4:1-24 Spiritual Setbacks (Perseverance)
- Ezra 5:1-39 Overcoming Discouragement
- Ezra 6:1-22 God, the Cause of our Joy
- Ezra 7:1-28 The Life that God Blesses
- Ezra 8:1-36 The Work that God Blesses
- Ezra 9:1-15 The Godly Reaction to Sin
- Ezra 10:1-44 Genuine Repentance

COMMENTARY ON EZRA

Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset and David Brown Published 1871

What the Bible Teaches – A very helpful commentary, highly commended by C. H. Spurgeon. It has stood the test of time. Its views are not always sound.

See also Unabridged version of Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible

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THOMAS CONSTABLE

Commentary on Ezra

Well done, Brief Conservative notes

Note: Commentary does not include introduction with can be found here.

- Ezra 1
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- Ezra 3
- Ezra 4
- Ezra 5
- Ezra 6
- <u>Ezra 7</u>
- Ezra 8Ezra 9
- <u>E21a 9</u>
- Ezra 10

RON DANIEL Notes on Ezra

- Ezra 1-2
- Ezra 3:1-9
- Ezra 3:10-13
- Ezra 4:1-24
- Ezra 5:1-2
- Ezra 5:3-6:22
- Ezra 7-8
- Ezra 9-10

DALE RALPH DAVIS

Ezra-Nehemiah

Highly Recommended

Rosscup has these comments on Davis' exposition of the Book of Joshua: Former Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary. Davis furnishes evangelical material to help preachers blend sound exegesis, theological substance, interesting exposition and practical application....The studies are not on every verse but key portions out of each chapter, done in a very readable style...(that) preachers or lay people can enjoy...(with) many ideas to provoke sermons and point to application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

Keith Mathison in his review of best commentaries on Judges makes general comments that would apply to his short commentary on Nehemiah - "If you can only have one commentary on the historical books, get the commentaries by Davis. There are other commentaries that go into more detail on technical issues (see below), but Davis provides what most Christian readers of these books need — a concise and readable explanation of the text that sets each book within the larger context of biblical redemptive history all without ever becoming boring or trite. This commentary (referring to Davis' commentary on Judges), like the others, is also very practical, but it avoids the kind of moralizing exposition that rips passages out of context in order to make some vague inspirational point." (Keith Mathison - Ligonier Ministries Blog)

Richard Pratt - "There is no more gifted expositor of the Old Testament in our day than Ralph Davis."

Derek Thomas - "Dale Ralph Davis is among the finest expositors of the Old Testament alive today. His style is unique and his content infectious. A pastor at heart, his insights are always governed by an absolute loyalty to the text, a belief that the Bible was written for today as much as yesterday, and a desire to encourage his readers to fall in love with Scripture and to trust it."

- Ezra 1:1-11 Introduction; God Moves History for his People Webpage
- Ezra 2:1-70 What You Can Discover on the Church Roll Webpage
- Ezra 3:1-13 God's People in Gray Times Webpage
- Ezra 4:1-24 No Surprises, or "Let the Troubles Begin" Webpage
- Ezra 5:1-6:22 God is the Ruler Yet Webpage
- Ezra 7:1-8:36 The Strong Hand Webpage,
- Ezra 9:1-15 Trouble in Covenant City, part 1 Webpage
- Ezra 10:1-44 Trouble in Covenant City, part 2 Webpage
- Debriefing (Summary of Ezra & Nehemiah): Webpage
- Nehemiah 1:1-11 Prayer in the Palace Webpage
- Nehemiah 2:1-20 From Court to City Webpage
- Nehemiah 3:1-32 Blessed Builders Webpage
- Nehemiah 4:1-23 Thru Many Dangers, Toils & Snares, pt 1:Threats against God's Work Webpage
- Nehemiah 5:1-6:19 Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares, part 2 Webpage
- Nehemiah 7:1-73 Reformation Days, part 1 Webpage
- Nehemiah 8:1-18 Reformation Days, part 2 Webpage
- Nehemiah 9:1-38 Reformation Days, part 3 Webpage
- Nehemiah 10:1-39 Reformation Days, part 4 Webpage

- Nehemiah 11:1-12:26 The Work of Consolidation, part 1 Webpage
- Nehemiah 12:27-13:3 The Work of Consolidation, part 2 Webpage
- Nehemiah 13:4-31 Is Reformation an Event or a Process? Ongoing Perils of the Church Webpage
- Debriefing (Summary of Ezra & Nehemiah): Webpage

Here is a sample excerpt from Davis' comments on Ezra 7:10 - Design (Ezra 7:10) Note the initial ki (for, because) in the Hebrew text. It explains why the good hand of his God was upon him (Ezra 7:9). God prospered the venture because of Ezra's purpose. This then is a warning against sloth and carelessness, and a sloppy view of grace. The subject comes before the verb in the Hebrew text, so there is some stress on "Ezra." On "setting the heart," the Hiphil of kun plus leb, see Psalm 78:8; 2Chr 12:14; 20:33 (all negative); and 1Sa 7:3; 2Chr 19:3; 30:19. The language of Ezra 7:10 speaks of a ministry that is focused in its objective (set his heart) and intense in its labor (to seek). It is both anchored and vigorous, not content with a little ministerial piddling. Note that Ezra purposes a total ministry: seek, do, teach; the cognitive, the experiential, and the didactic. Note that there are both academic and existential qualifications before

teaching. The process, ever repeated, is: concentration (seek), consistency (do), communication (teach).

You might also want to listen to Dr Davis' Mp3 messages on Ezra-Nehemiah

- Ezra 1 Ezra 2
- Ezra 3
- Ezra 4
- Ezra 5-6
- Ezra 7-8
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- Ezra 10
- Nehemiah 1
- Nehemiah 2
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- Nehemiah 4
- Nehemiah 5-6
- Nehemiah 7
- Nehemiah 8Nehemiah 9
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- Nehemiah 10
- Nehemiah 11-12:26
- Nehemiah 12:27-13:3
- Nehemiah 13:4-31
- Nehemiah Summary of Ezra and Nehemiah

Notes on Ezra Henry Morris

Note: Words and phrases below based on KJV

- Ezra 1:2 Cyrus The LORD God of heaven house at Jerusalem
- Ezra 1:3 let him go up
- Ezra 1:7 vessels
- Ezra 1:8 Even those Sheshbazzar prince
- Ezra 1:9 chargers
- Ezra 2:1 came again unto Jerusalem
- Ezra 2:2 Zerubbabel
- Ezra 2:43 Nethinims
- Ezra 2:63 Tirshatha Thummim
- Ezra 2:64 forty and two thousand

- Ezra 2:65 Beside their servants
- Ezra 3:1 to Jerusalem
- Ezra 3:6 the seventh month
- Ezra 3:12 wept with a loud voice
- Ezra 4:2 Esar-haddon King of Assur
- Ezra 4:3 nothing to do with us
- Ezra 4:4 people of the land
- Ezra 4:5 <u>frustrate their purpose</u>
- Ezra 4:6 Ahasuerus
- Ezra 4:7 Syrian tongue
- Ezra 4:8 Artaxerxes
- Ezra 4:10 Asnapper the river
- Ezra 4:23 made them to cease
- Ezra 4:24 Darius
- Ezra 5:1 Then Zechariah
- Ezra 5:3 <u>Tatnai, governor</u>
- Ezra 5:11 servants of the God of heaven
- Ezra 5:14 Sheshbazzar
- Ezra 6:2 Achmetha
- Ezra 6:4 great stones
- Ezra 6:8 even of the tribute
- Ezra 6:13 they did speedily
- Ezra 6:15 house was finished
- Ezra 6:21 <u>separated themselves</u>
- Ezra 6:22 king of Assyria
- Ezra 7:1 Artaxerxes king of Persia Ezra Hilkiah
- Ezra 7:6 the hand of the LORD
- Ezra 7:10 prepared his heart
- Ezra 7:11 king Artaxerxes scribe of the words
- Ezra 7:12 God of heaven
- Ezra 7:18 that do
- Ezra 7:25 set magistrates and judges
- Ezra 8:1 them that went up with me
- Ezra 8:17 Nethinims
- Ezra 8:22 I was ashamed
- Ezra 8:31 he delivered us
- Ezra 8:35 twelve bullocks
- Ezra 9:1 princes came to me
- Ezra 9:2 mingled themselves
- Ezra 9:4 trembled at the words
- Ezra 9:6 I am ashamed
- Ezra 9:8 a nail in His holy place
- Ezra 9:10 forsaken thy commandments
- Ezra 10:8 three days
- Ezra 10:11 <u>separate yourselves</u>
- Ezra 10:15 were employed about this matter
- Ezra 10:17 all the men
- Ezra 10:44 <u>strange wives</u>

EXPLORE THE BIBLE Teacher Helps on Ezra

- Ezra 1:1-6; 3:1-3,10-11 Seizing New Opportunities
- Ezra 4:4-5,24; 5:1-5; 6:8,13-16 Working with Confidence in God
- Ezra 7:8-10; 9:1-2,4; 10:1-5 Following Godly Spiritual Leaders

ELLICOTT'S COMMENTARY ON EZRA W B POPE

What the Bible Teaches – Each page of this commentary has the AV text at the top and a commentary on some of the words and phrases underneath. Now over a century old, it is still very helpful.

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DAVE GUZIK

Commentary on Ezra

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MICHAEL HARDT Commentary on Ezra

Lessons From Ezra For believers today

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HYMNS RELATING TO EZRA

Click here, scroll down, click specific book

KEIL AND DELITZSCH COMMENTARY on Ezra

What the Bible Teaches - A very full and detailed commentary which is extremely helpful. It is one of the best on Ezra. However, a full understanding of this volume demands a knowledge of Hebrew.

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JOHN KITTO Pictorial Bible Ezra 1855

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F. W. Schultz

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MATTHEW HENRY'S Commentary on Ezra

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ALEXANDER MACLAREN Sermons on Ezra

- Ezra 1:1-11 The Eve of the Restoration
- Ezra 3:1-13 Altar and Temple
- Ezra 4:1-5 Building in Troublous Times
- Ezra 6:14-22 The New Temple and Its Worship
- Ezra 6:22 God the Joy-Bringer
- Ezra 8:22, 23, 31, 32 Heroic Faith
- Ezra 8:29 The Charge of the Pilgrim Priests

J VERNON MCGEE Commentary on Ezra Thru the Bible

Mp3's Only

Right click and select "Save Target As" (to Desktop, Ipod, etc)

Ezra Study Guide

- Ezra Intro
- Ezra Writer
- Ezra 1:1
- Ezra 1:2
- Ezra 1:3-11
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Miscellaneous Resources on Ezra

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■ The Pattern of Biblical Preaching- An Expository Study of Ezra 7-10 and Nehemiah 8-1-18 -- By- Steven J. Lawson

JOURNAL RESOURCES BELOW FREE ONLINE

- Russell T. Fuller, "Ezra: The Teacher of God's Word and Agent of Revival," Southern Baptist Journal of Theology 9.3 (Autumn 2005): 52-61. Excellent Discussion
- Stephen Dray, "Ezra: an Applied Overview," Evangel 24.2 (Summer 2006): If you are going to preach through Ezra check out this resource
- H. L. Ellison, From Babylon to Bethlehem. The People of God from the Exile to the Messiah. Exeter: The Paternoster Press,
 Ltd., 1976. Pbk. ISBN: 0853641900. pp.41-54
- P. Richard Choi, "The Intra-Jewish dialogue in 4 Ezra 3:1-9:25," Andrews University Seminary Studies 41.2 (Autumn 2003): 237-254
- Leslie McFall, "Was Nehemiah contemporary with Ezra in 458 BC," Westminster Theological Journal 53.2 (Fall 1991): 263-293

- Ezra's Ethics on Intermarriage and Divorce -- By: William R. Eichhorst
- A Philip Brown II Temporal Ordering In Ezra- Part II Bible.org
- A Chronological and Literary Harmony of Ezra & Nehemiah Time Chart:
- H. G. M. Williamson, "Ezra and Nehemiah in the Light of the Texts from Persepolis," Bulletin for Biblical Research 1 (1991):
 41-61
- J. Stafford Wright, The Date of Ezra's Coming to Jerusalem, 1947. London: The Tyndale Press, 1958. pp.32.
- J. Stafford Wright, The Building of the Second Temple. London: The Tyndale Press, 1958. pp.20.
- Edwin M. Yamauchi, "The reverse order of Ezra/Nehemiah Reconsidered," Themelios 5.3 (1980): 7-13

SERMONS, DEVOTIONALS, OUTLINES, etc EZRA

BEST COMMENTARIES

- Best Commentaries Ligonier
- Best Commentaries Tim Challies
- Best Commentaries

PETE'S PP - FREE PRESENTATIONS K-12 TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- Ezra Bible Study Old Testament Powerpoints
- The Big Idea: Ezra nice 36 slide power point (check it out)

BIBLICAL ART

- Ezra Pictures (see more Google images below)
- One clipart picture Ezra 1:1-11

BIBLE MAPS

Ezra - Maps Related to Ezra

The Babylonian Exile

<u>Judah during the Exile</u> — <u>The Kingdom of Judah</u> — <u>Exile; Palestine in the Post-Exilic Period</u> — <u>Jewish Exiles in Babylon</u> — <u>Jewish Refugees in Egypt</u>

The Persian Period

World Powers of the 6th century BCE — The Conquests of Cyrus the Great — The Persian Empire — The Return of the Jewish Exiles to Judah — Judah in the 5th century BCE — Palestine after the Exile

The Hellenistic Period

Alexander the Great's Empire — The Division of Alexander's Empire ca. 275 BCE — Palestine under the Ptolemies — The Seleucid Empire and Antiochus III — Campaigns of Antiochus IV against Egypt — The Maccabees in 168 BCE — Selected Events in the Maccabean Revolt — Jewish Expansion under the Hasmonean Dynasty — Pompey's Campaign against Jerusalem

WIKIPEDIA

Ezra - Wikipedia

KENNETH BOA

Ezra - Visual Survey - Mp3

JIM BOMKAMP - Click for studies listed below:

- Ezra 1-3 "Introduction To Ezra / God's Heroes Who Left Persia To Rebuild The Work Of God"
- Ezra 4-6 "The Opposition Is Continual But The Temple Is Finally Completed"
- Ezra 7-8 "Ezra Is Called To Go To Jerusalem & Garners Favor Of The King And Of The Lord"
- Ezra 9-10 "Ezra Leads Revival & Israel's Foreign Wives Are Put Away"

E M BOUNDS

Ezra the Praying Reformer

GOOGLE IMAGES

- Ezra & Zerubbabel
- Ezra & Rebuild Temple
- Ezra Return from Exile

A PHILLIP BROWN

References To God In Ezra - 35 references including different names

JAMES DAVIES

■ The Book of Ezra with Notes (1873)

COLLEGE PRESS

• Ezra Commentary - includes maps - Be a Berean: Church of Christ perspective

RALPH DAVIS

Ezra-Nehemiah Commentary - Recommended

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

Ezra - The Return to the Promised Land

DAVID DEUEL

An Old Testament Pattern for Expository Preaching

From the Intro: Ezra provides an unusually clear and inspiring pattern of expository preaching in his ministry to the people of Judah at the outset of the postexilic period. He models an expositor's commitment "studying, practicing godliness, and teaching" which leads him to perform an expositor's task reading distinctly and explaining the Scriptures. In so doing, he challenges expositors of all generations to handle accurately the Word of truth. (See related article by Richard Mayhue - Rediscovering Expository Preaching)

MARK DEVER

Renewal - The Message of Ezra - Mp3

DICTIONARY ARTICLES

- Ezra -Theology of Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology
- Ezra Hastings Dictionary
- Easton's Bible Dictionary Ezra, Book of
- Fausset Bible Dictionary Ezra, the Book of
- Holman Bible Dictionary Ezra, Book of

- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible Ezra, Book of
- Morrish Bible Dictionary Ezra, Book of
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia Ezra, Book Of
- The Jewish Encyclopedia Ezra, Book of
- American Tract Society <u>Ezra</u>
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary <u>Ezra</u>
- Easton's Bible Dictionary Ezra
- Fausset Bible Dictionary Ezra
- Hitchcock Bible Names Ezra
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible <u>Ezra</u>
- Morrish Bible Dictionary Ezra
- Hawker's Poor Man's Dictionary Ezra
- People's Dictionary of the Bible Ezra
- Whyte's Bible Characters Ezra
- Watson's Theological Dictionary Ezra
- 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica Books of Ezra and Nehemiah
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia Ezra
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia Ezra book of Ezra
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia Ezra

ALFRED EDERSHEIM

- The Temple--It's Ministry and Services Chapter 4 (scroll down to section subtitled "The Courses After the Captivity" for mentions of Ezra)
- Table of Contents of The Temple--Its Ministry and Services

BOB FROMM

• Ezra: Building the Foundations

RUSSELL T FULLER

Ezra: The Teacher of God's Word and Agent of Revivals

G H GERBERDING

Ezra Book by Book

THE GOSPEL COALITION

Sermons and articles on Ezra - a cornucopia of material including suggestions for a sermon series

GRACE TO YOU

Ezra 7:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Titus 1:16 Making It Practical

JOE GUGLIELMO

- Ezra 1-3
- Ezra 4-7
- Ezra 8-10

GREGG HERRICK

- The Book of Ezra
- Teaching Outline for the Book of Ezra
- Teaching Outline for the Book of Ezra

A M HODGKIN

Christ in the Book of Ezra

HOLMAN PUBLISHING

■ Holman Christian Standard Bible Study Bible - Nice study notes but you need to open a free account. They are a bit difficult to locate but once you find them, you will find that although they are brief and not on every verse, they are conservative and often have related word studies.

SERMON CENTRAL

• 23 Sermons in Series on Ezra - Jim Drake

STEVE KRELOFF

Three Sermons on Ezra from Messianic Jewish Pastor

W LUCK

Divorce in the Prophets: Discipline or Adultery?

DAVID MALICK

- An Introduction to the Books of Ezra-Nehemiah
- An Argument of the Books of Ezra-Nehemiah
- Selected Bibliography of the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah

JOHN MACARTHUR

Ezra - Author, Date, Background, Setting, Historical, Theological Themes, Interpretative Challenges, Outline - Same Notes
found in the MacArthur Study Bible

Outline

- I. The First Return under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1:1-6:22)
 - A. Cyrus' Decree to Return (Ezra 1:1-4)
 - B. Treasures to Rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1:5-11)
 - C. Those Who Returned (Ezra 2:1-70)
 - D. Construction of the Second Temple (Ezra 3:1-6:22)
 - 1. Building begins (Ezra 3:1-13)
 - 2. Opposition surfaces (Ezra 4:1-5)
 - 3. Excursus on future opposition (Ezra 4:6–23)
 - 4. Construction renewed (Ezra 4:24-5:2)
 - 5. Opposition renewed (Ezra 5:3-6:12)
 - 6. Temple completed and dedicated (Ezra 6:13-22)
- II. The Second Return under Ezra (Ezra 7:1-10:44)
 - A. Ezra Arrives (Ezra 7:1-8:36)
 - B. Ezra Leads Revival (Ezra 9:1-10:44)

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Ezra Overview - Mp3

J VERNON MCGEE

- Ezra-Nehemiah Intro Notes
- A Different set of notes 20 pages

JOHN EDGAR MCFADYEN

Ezra-Nehemiah Intro

MIDDLETOWN BIBLE

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

MONERGISM

Ezra Mp3's by Chapter

WILLIAM W. ORR

Keys to Ezra - below is an excerpt...

OUTSTANDING TEACHINGS:

In contrast to Assyrian and Babylonian kings, the Persians had a national policy (no doubt GOD's direction) to repatriate deported people. Thus the way was opened for Israel to return to her land.

The first step in re-establishing the nation was to begin rebuilding the temple and observing national religious feasts. This was wise, and GOD gave joy in this (Ezra 3:1ff).

Opposition inevitably developed when GOD's work began (Ezra 4:1-22). But with the leadership of the patriots and the encouragement of the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, the work of the temple was completed.

King Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:1) was the stepson of Queen Esther. Some 59 years after the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, Ezra the priest-scribe led another expedition under the King's favorable commandment (Ezra 7:11-26). Thus Queen Esther may have been responsible under GOD for the impetus given to the work of the restoration. Ezra took with him 1754 men.

The section of Ezra 7-10 shows a period of reform. Ezra found a rather sad situation in Jerusalem. The very thing which GOD had forbidden was happening without restraint; intermarriage with the peoples of the land. Ezra was astounded.

Ezra's prayer is one of the Bible's great ones (Ezra 9:5-15). He confessed the sins of the people and they became deeply moved, promising before GOD to rectify the abuses, especially the unlawful marriages.

The greatest accomplishments of Ezra occurred when GOD sent another great man to aid him, in the person of Nehemiah. Here are two whose gifts beautifully supplemented each other, supplying to each what the other lacked.

The key to Ezra's character is the statement, "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:10).

KEY TO UNDERSTANDING:

GOD is behind all that happens to the Jew, opening the way, encouraging hearts, giving victories. Yet this captivity was but a sample of the world-wide dispersion that was yet to come. Most of the people of GOD had not learned what GOD was trying to teach.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

• Living Messages of the Old Testament - Ezra

WILLIAM NEWELL

Old Testament Studies- Being the Lessons Given at Various Union Bible - Ezra and Nehemiah

MYER PEARLMAN

Ezra Notes - below is an excerpt...

Since the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther are closely connected and deal with the same period, we give here the principal events covered by those books, in order that the student may see at a glance the history of the period following the captivity.

- 1. The exiles return under Zerubbabel, 536 B. C.
- 2. The rebuilding of the temple. 535 B. C.
- 3. The ministry of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. 520 B. C.
- 4. The dedication of the temple. 515 B. C.
- 5. The events related in the book of Esther 478-473 B. C.
- 6. Ezra visits Jerusalem, 458 B. C.
- 7. Nehemiah sent to Jerusalem as governor. He rebuilds the wall. 446 B. C.
- 8. Malachi prophesies.

WIL POUNDS

- Ezra & Nehemiah: Restoration & Reform
- Chronology of the Kingdom of Israel (Nice timeline of Israel's history)
- Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther Chart

AREND REMMERS

Solemn Assembly

AREND REMMERS

• The Book of Ezra (overview)

AHSAYCE

An Introduction to the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

SERMONCENTRAL

■ Ezra Sermons - search list of 60 sermons

RAY STEDMAN

- The Way Back: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther Transcript or Mp3
- The Way Back: Ezra

CHUCK SMITH

Commentary on Ezra 1-10 - Sermon Index

R C SPROUL - devotionals

Ezra 7:10 Studying, Doing, and Teaching

■ Ezra 8:21–23 The Role of Fasting

JOHN STEVENSON

The Book of Ezra - Title, Author, Timeline, Outline, etc For Example here are John Stevenson's life lessons from the introduction...

LIFE LESSONS

1. The Sovereignty of God.

The Lord is seen to be directing the events of history as He moves pagan kings to do His will (Proverbs 21:1).

2. The Continuing Need for a Land.

God's plan called for a return of the Jews to the land. They had been taken away as a punishment for their idolatry. They are now brought back so that they might serve Him and worship them in the land. This would be necessary so that the Messiah could be born in Bethlehem.

3. The Grace of God.

God is a God of second chances. He was bringing the people back into the land to give them a second chance to serve Him and to follow Him. They had formerly sinned in their idolatry. Now there is a call to renewed purity.

This is a book of covenant renewal. The people return to their covenant relationship with God and renew their promises to follow Him.

JAMES VAN DINE

Analysis of Ezra-Nehemiah

COMMENTARIES EZRA

LORING W BATTEN

Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the book of Ezra

ROBERT BRYCE

Ezra: The Jews return to Jerusalem - Easy English Commentary

RALPH DAVIS

Ezra-Nehemiah Commentary - Recommended

EDWARD DENNETT

What the Bible Teaches - A classic which is full of appropriate and timely applications of the lessons of the book.

• The Book of Ezra (ch. 7-10)

I DOLPHIN

Short Commentary on Ezra

JOHN R DUMMELOW

Ezra in Commentary on the Holy Bible (1909)

A C GAEBELEIN

• The Book of Ezra Commentary

FBHOLE

What the Bible teaches - A very brief commentary with some useful spiritual applications, which sees the return at the commencement of Ezra as a picture of the Sixteenth Century Reformation, and the evils at the end of the book as typical of the union of church and state which did so much harm to the true testimony in later centuries.

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Rosscup - He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational. Many preachers have found that Ironside works, read along with heavier books on details of exegesis, help them see the sweep of the message and prime their spirits for practical relevance.

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HENRY MORRIS

 Defender's Study Bible - See links to notes below - Excellent, conservative, literal study Bible notes from a leading creationist commentator, Dr Henry Morris.

ARTHUR PEAKE

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HERNRI ROSSIER

• Meditations on the Book of Ezra

JOHN SCHULTZ - C&MA Missionary and Bible teacher served several decades in Papua, Indonesia.

His insights are rich in application.

• Ezra Commentary - 29 pages

CHUCK SMITH

Ezra 1-10

C C TORREY

Ezra Studies (1910)

STEVE WAGERS

Ezra - Nehemiah - It's Never Too Late To Start Over

ARNO GAEBELEIN

- Ezra 1 Commentary
- 1. The Proclamation of Cyrus. Ezra 1:1-4.
- 2. The Response of the Chiefs of Judah and Benjamin. Ezra 1:5-6.
- 3. The Vessels of the House of the Lord restored. Ezra 1:7–11.

J G BELLET

- Ezra 1-4 Witnesses for God in Dark and Evil Times
- Table of Contents of Witnesses for God In Dark and Evil Times

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■ Ezra 1: Building the Foundations

NEW CENTURY BIBLE

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- Ezra 1 Commentary

JAMES SMITH - Handfuls on Purpose

■ Ezra 1:1-11 The Stirred Up Spirit - well done

J R MILLER

■ Ezra 1:1-11 Returning from Captivity

PHIL NEWTON

■ Ezra 1:1-11 God and History

CHUCK SMITH

Ezra 1:1,2

P. G. MATHEW

Ezra 1:1,5 Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow

JIM DRAKE

- Ezra 1:1-5 Who God Uses
- Ezra 1:7-11 Restoring Resources

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■ Ezra 1:1-6: Kingdom Minded People

JAMES CAPPS

Ezra 1:5-2:7 Missed Opportunities

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■ Ezra 1:1-11 The Heart God Moves

DON ROBINSON

Ezra 1:5-2:70 The Tragedy of Missed Opportunity

RALPH ANDRUS

■ Ezra 1:1-2:70 Unity vs. Disunity

JOHN KITTO

■ Ezra 1-3 The Restoration (In "Daily Bible Illustrations)

EZRA 2

ARNO GAEBELEIN

- Ezra 2 Commentary
- 1. The Leaders, Ezra 2:1-2.
- 2. The Names of the Returning Exiles. Ezra 2:3-35.
- 3. The Priests. Ezra 2:36-39.
- 4. The Levites and Singers. Ezra 2:40.
- 5. The Porters and Nethinim. Ezra 2:42-54.
- 6. Solomon's Servants. Ezra 2:55-58.
- 7. Those of Doubtful Descent. Ezra 2:59-63.
- 8. The Number of the Whole Company. Ezra 2:64-67.
- 9. The Offering of the House of God. Ezra 2:68-70.

DALE RALPH DAVIS

Ezra 2 What You Can Discover on the Church Roll

NEW CENTURY BIBLE

Ezra 2 Commentary

PHIL NEWTON

Ezra 2:1-70 What Can We Learn from a Genealogy?

JONATHAN CAMPBELL

■ Ezra 2:1-39 Hall of Fame

HANDBOOK OF BIBLE MANNERS & CUSTOMS - FREEMAN

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- Ezra 2:69 Persian Daric

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Ezra 2:63

STEVE MALONE

■ Ezra 2:61-3:1 It's Time to Build - Part 2

HAROLD WILSON

Ezra 2:59-70 Building God's House God's Way

JAKE KIRCHER

■ Ezra 2:1-67 Who Are You?

JIM DRAKE

- Ezra 2:1-67 Restoring a Remnant
- Ezra 2:68-70 Restoring Responsibility

ELY LAMBERT

■ Ezra 2:1-70 Assessment for Restoration

EZRA 3

ARNO GAEBELEIN

- Ezra 3 Commentary
- 1. The Altar Set Up. Ezra 3:1-3.
- 2. The Feast of Tabernacles Celebrated. Ezra 3:4.
- 3. The Sacrifices Brought. Ezra 3:5-7.
- 4. The Foundation of the Temple Laid. Ezra 3:8–13.

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Ezra 3 Commentary

SERMON BIBLE COMMENTARY

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Ezra 3:1-13 Commentary

RAY PRITCHARD

Ezra 3 Overcoming Disappointment

DAVID DYKES

■ Ezra 3:1-3 Are You Plugged in to Study and Obey God's Word?

ELY LAMBERT

Ezra 3:1 Restoring Proper Worship

ROBERT MASSEY

■ Ezra 3:1-12 Have You Set Your Altar?

CHRIS MEDINA

Ezra 3:1-13 Building Up What Was Broken Down

PHIL NEWTON

Ezra 3:1-13 Reordering Worship

JIM DRAKE

Ezra 3:1-5 Restoring Religion

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Ezra 3:3

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Ezra 3:7 Money Tablets

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Ezra 3:8-9 Work It!

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JOHN TRAPP Commentary Ezra

C H Spurgeon: Would it be possible to eulogize too much the incomparably sententious and suggestive folios of JOHN TRAPP?[6] Since Mr. Dickinson has rendered them accessible,[7] I trust most of you have bought them. Trapp will be most valuable to men of discernment, to thoughtful men, to men who only want a start in a line of thought, and are then able to run alone. Trapp excels in witty stories on the one hand, and learned allusions on the other. You will not thoroughly enjoy him unless you can turn to the original, and yet a mere dunce at classics will prize him. His writings remind me of himself: he was a pastor, hence his holy practical remarks; he was the head of a public school, and everywhere we see his profound scholarship; he was for some time amid the guns and drums of a parliamentary garrison, and he gossips and tells queer anecdotes like a man used to a soldier's life; yet withal, he comments as if he had been nothing else but a commentator all his days. Some of his remarks are far fetched, and like the far fetched rarities of Solomon's Tarshish, there is much gold and silver, but there are also apes and peacocks. His criticisms would some of them be the cause of amusement in these days of greater scholarship; but for all that, he who shall excel Trapp had need rise very early in the morning. Trapp is my especial companion and treasure; I can read him when I am too weary for anything else. Trapp is salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar, and all the other condiments. Put him on the table when you study, and when you have your dish ready, use him by way of spicing the whole thing. Yes, gentlemen, read Trapp certainly, and if you catch the infection of his consecrated humor, so much the better for your hearers.

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