

# Study XIV

## Chronological Bible Study The Restoration

Ezra, Nehemiah and Ester conclude the historical books of the Bible. The Outline within will guide you through the return of the Jews from captivity, the dedication of the temple, deliverance of the Jews, building of the wall, and closing days of the Old Testament.

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## The Restoration, 516 - 400 B.C.

### Outline

All referenced scripture must be read aloud, as hearing promotes understanding and retention.

A.	Dedication of the Temple.....	Ez. 6:11-18
B.	Passover Celebrated in Jerusalem.....	Ez. 6:19-22
	.....	Ps. 111, 112, 113
	.....	Ps. 116,117
	.....	Ps. 146:1-10
C.	Birth of Zorobabel (12th Generation)	
D.	Zechariah's Message Continues	
	1. Judah's Struggle with Greece.....	Zech. 9:1-8
	2. A Divine Deliverer.....	Zech. 9:9-17; 10:1-2
	3. Israel's Rejection of Good Shepherd.....	Zech. 11:1-17
	4. Israel's Deliverance and Conversion.....	Zech. 12:1-14
	5. Israel's Cleansing.....	Zech. 13:1-9
	6. Israel's Restoration.....	Zech. 14:1-21
E.	Reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes) Begins	
	1. His Identification.....	Est. 1:1-2
	2. Six Month Feast for Provinces.....	Est. 1:3-11
	3. Vashti's Rebellion.....	Est. 1: 2-22
F.	Greeks Defeat Persia	
G.	Esther Becomes Queen of Persia	
	1. New Queen Sought for Ahasuerus.....	Est. 2:1-4
	2. Esther Brought to Shushan.....	Est. 2:5-11
	3. Queens Considered.....	Est. 2:12-14
	4. Esther Made Queen.....	Est. 2:15-17
	5. Feast at Shushan in Honor of Esther.....	Est. 2:18-20
	6. Mordecai Saves the King's Life.....	Est. 2:21-23
H.	Birth of Nehemiah	
I.	Haman Plots Against the Jews	
	1. His Conspiracy.....	Est. 3:1-6
	2. Lots Cast.....	Est. 3:7
	3. Gains Kings Support by Guile.....	Est. 3:8-11
	4. Letters Order Jews Destruction.....	Est. 3:12-15
	5. Mordecai Appeals to Esther.....	Est. 4:1-17

6.	Esther Appeals to the King .....	Est. 5:1-8
7.	Haman's False Security .....	Est. 5:9-14
8.	The King's Sleepless Night.....	Est. 6:1-3
9.	Haman Ordered to Exalt Mordecai .....	Est. 6:4-14
10.	Banquet Held .....	Est. 7:1
11.	Haman Accused and Hanged.....	Est. 7:2-10
J.	Deliverance of the Jews	
1.	Letters Order Jews Protection.....	Est. 8:1-14
2.	Jews Rejoice .....	Est. 8:15-17
3.	Jews Revenge.....	Est. 9:1-14
4.	300 More Slain.....	Est. 9:15
5.	Day of Rejoicing Called Feast of Purim.....	Est. 9:16-27
6.	Feast Day to be Perpetual Celebration .....	Est. 9:28-32
7.	Mordecai Made the Prime Minister .....	Est. 10:1-3
K.	Other Events of this Time	
1.	Birth of Socrates 470 B.C.	
2.	Birth of Abiud (11th Gen.)	
3.	Reign of Artaxerxes I, King of Persia Begins	
L.	Ezra prepares to Return to Jerusalem 459 B.C.	
1.	Commissioned to Go by Artaxerxes .....	Ez. 7:11-26
2.	Ezra's Thanksgiving .....	Ez. 7:27-28
3.	Ezra's Companions .....	Ez. 8:1-14
4.	Preparation for Journey .....	Ez. 7:9; 8:15-31
M.	Ezra's Reforms at Jerusalem	
1.	Arrives, Establishes Law and Order.....	Ez. 7:6-10
2.	King's Commission Declared, Reforms Begin .....	Ez. 8:32-36
N.	438 Years Elapse Between Time of Jerusalem's Re-establishment and Messiah's Appearance	
O.	Ezra's Reforms Continue	
1.	Marriage to Heathen Rebuked .....	Ez. 9:1-4
2.	Ezra's Prayer and Confession.....	Ez. 9:5-15
3.	Ezra Plans National Gathering.....	Ez. 10:1-8
4.	Ezra Preaches and People Repent .....	Ez. 10:9-15
5.	Strange Wives Rejected.....	Ez. 10:16-44
P.	The Building of the Wall	
1.	Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem.....	Neh. 1 & 2:1-16
2.	Building of the Wall Begins .....	Neh. 2:17-20; 3:1-32
3.	Construction Opposed .....	Neh. Chap 4-6

4.	Wall Completed, Despite Tobiah's Interference .....	Neh. 6:15-19
Q.	People are Reformed	
1.	Hanani and Hananiah to Protect Jerusalem .....	Neh. 7:1-11
2.	Dwellers at Jerusalem.....	Neh. 11:1-36
	.....	I Chr. 9:2-34
3.	Reading of the Law Brings Repentance .....	Neh. 7:73, 8:1-18
	.....	Lev. 23; Neh. 9:1-3
4.	Reformation Comes.....	Neh. 12:27-43
	.....	Ps. 119, 147
	.....	Ps. 148-150
R.	Closing Days of Old Testament Era	
1.	Birth of Plato	
2.	Birth of Malachi	
3.	Reign of Darius II	
4.	Nehemiah Wrote his Book, Death of Nehemiah .....	
S.	Malachi's Prophecies	
1.	The Lord's Case Against the Priests.....	Mal. 1:1-14, 2:1-9
2.	The Lord's Case Against the People.....	Mal. 2:10-17, 3:1-18
3.	Coming Day of the Lord.....	Mal. 4:1-6
4.	Death of Malachi	

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**Questions**

1. During the dedication of the Temple what was offered? (Reference A.)

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2. What celebration is discussed? (Reference B.)

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3. What Psalms should correctly follow Ez. 6:22?

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4. What was Zechariah's message? (Reference D.1-6.)

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5. Who was Ahasuerus (Xerxes)? (Reference E.1.)

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6. How long did Ahasuerus hold his feast? (Reference E.2.)

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7. What incident caused Queen Vashti to rebel? (Reference E.3.)

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8. Who told the king what to do with Queen Vashti? (Reference E.3.b.)

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9. Why? (Reference E.3.b.)

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10. How did they go about replacing queen Vashti? (Reference G.4.)

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11. How did Esther, a Jew, come to be in a position to be chosen? (Reference G.2)

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12. How did Esther's cousin, Mordecai, save the king's life? Define "Laying on Hands."

Gen. 22:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 7:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Lev. 3:2, 8, 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Judg. 18:19 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 8:19 \_\_\_\_\_

13. What was Haman's plot against the Jews? (Reference I.1.)

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14. Explain "Lot's cast." (Reference I.2.)

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15. What did Mordecai request of Esther? (Reference I.5.)

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16. How did Esther cleverly expose Haman to the king? (Reference I.10.)

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17. Did the King find out who Esther was and that she was a Jew? (Ref. I.11.)

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18. What was Haman's fate? (Reference J.3.)

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19. What power was given Esther by King Ahasuerus, and what was the final fate of the Jews? (Reference J.4.)

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20. What is the feast of Purim? (Reference J.5, J.6)

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21. What high office was Mordecai appointed? (Reference J.7.)

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22. When was Socrates born? Who was he? (Reference K.1.)

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23. Who was Abiud? (Reference K.2.)

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24. Who was the Author? (Reference L.)

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25. What is the theme? (Reference L.)

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26. Define remnant.

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27. Who permitted the Jews (Israelites) to return to Jerusalem, and for what purpose? (Reference L.3.) (See Ezra 1)

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28. What is a proclamation? What is a decree?

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29. How many returned and what was their substance and offering to God? (Reference L.9.a.) (See Ezra Chap 2)

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30. Why was it necessary to build a second Temple? (Ref. P.2)

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31. Why had God permitted his sacred house to be destroyed? (Reference P.1)

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32. What became of the Israelites when the temple was overrun? (Reference Ez. 5; II Cor. 36)

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33. What clever way did the adversaries seek to hinder the work by appeal to Artaxerxes? (Reference L.12.; Ez. 4:2)

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34. Did they complete the temple? If not, why not? (Reference: Ez. 4, 5, 6, P.4)

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35. Why did Darius II permit the temple to be completed? (Reference: Ez. 6.)

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36. Artaxerxes writes a decree, did it help or hinder Ezra? (Reference L.1.)

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37. Were all 12 tribes represented among Ezra's companions? (Reference L.4.)

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38. Ezra proclaimed a fast. What was the purpose? Would it be fitting for us today? (L.3.c., Ezr. 8)

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39. Where was the treasure committed to the twelve priests taken? (Reference L.4.)

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40. Did God's people then separate from surrounding nations? (Reference O.1.)

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41. How did the Israelites reconcile to God? (Reference O.3.)

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**Theme: Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls Date Of Writing: 5th Century B.C.**

42. Who was Nehemiah? (Parable 1.)

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43. What news did Hanani bring that caused Nehemiah's grief? (Parable 1, 3-4.)

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44. What was his reaction? (Parable 1.)

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45. What did Nehemiah pray? (Parable P.1.)

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46. What was Nehemiah's reply when scorned by Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the servant, Geshem the Arabian, and Ammonite? (Parable 2.b.)

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47. Who ridiculed the Jews for the restoration? (Parable 3.a.)

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48. What was Nehemiah's reaction regarding the greediness and heartlessness of the nobles, and rulers? (Parable 3)

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49. What was some of the crafty things that were done to hinder and/or stop the work on the wall and gates? (Parable 3)

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50. Was the wall ever completed? If so, when? (Parable 4)

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51. Where is the record found in the Bible of the first inhabitants (dwellers) at Jerusalem? (Reference Q.2.)

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52. Would Jerusalem hold all of the Jews? (Reference Q.2.)

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53. Who dwelt there? How were the remainder of the residents chosen?  
(Ref. Q.2)

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54. What is the feast of booths? Feast of Tabernacles? (Reference Q.3, Lev. 23)

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55. Where does Psalm 147 belong? (Ref. Q.4)

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56. Where does Psalms 148, 149, and 150 belong? (Ref. Q.4)

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57. Where should Psalm 1 be situated? (Ref. Q.4 and Neh. 13)

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58. Why was it necessary for Nehemiah to "Cleanse the Temple?"  
(Reference Q.4.b.)

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59. Who were the Jews marrying? (Reference Q.4.e.(5))

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60. What was the Lord's case against the Priests? (Reference S. 1&2)

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