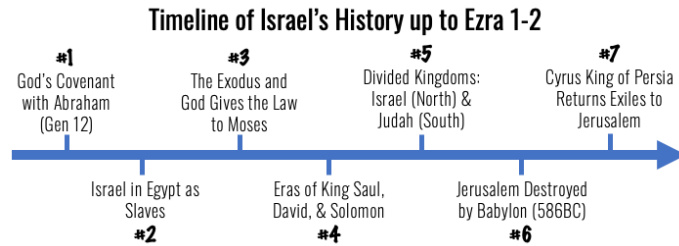


Rebuild: Ezra-Nehemiah
Part 1: Returning from Exile | Ezra 1-2
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Hope in the Lord, Sovereign over history and Deliverer of his people!



I. Focus on Ezra 1:1: The Lord is the Sovereign.

1. **Truth #1:** The Lord Jesus is the Sovereign, directly in control of everything in the world. See Proverbs 21:1; Jeremiah 29:10-14; Colossians 1:15-17.

II. Focus on Ezra 1:2-4: The Lord is the Covenant-Keeper.

1. **Truth #2:** The Lord Jesus is the Covenant-Keeper, faithful to his promise to take his people home. See Hebrews 9:27-28.

III. Focus on Ezra 1:5-8: The Lord is the Provider.

1. **Truth #3:** The Lord Jesus is the Provider, taking care of his people all along our journey. See Romans 8:32.

IV. Focus on Ezra 2:1: The Lord is the Deliverer.

1. **Truth #4:** The Lord Jesus is the Deliverer, saving us personally to be free to live for him. See Psalm 126, Romans 8:34-35 & 38-39.

→ **Life Application:**

- 1) In what specific ways have cynicism and discontent distorted your view of the Lord?
- 2) What "seeds of hope" must you keep planting in your life (in yourself, church, or world)?