

Basic Training in the Bible

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Wave One:

Wave Two:

Wave Three:

Context:

- Israel is in exile in Babylon then Persia for 70 years
- God moves King Cyrus to send Israelites back to Jerusalem to restore the temple and Jewish worship
- In 537 BC, a remnant returns to Jerusalem with **Zerubbabel** as their leader to rebuild the temple. It's completed in 516 BC. (Haggai 2:1-9). Roughly 42,000 people returned
- In 458 BC, **Ezra** is sent to Jerusalem by Artaxerxes I, king of Persia. Ezra was a priest and scribe, an expert in the law of Moses and the covenant. (Ezra 7:25-26). Another 5,000 return.
- **Nehemiah** leads a remnant back under Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem's walls and infrastructure. (445 BC) He also repopulated the city, built a governor's house, created administrative infrastructure, and restored the city in general.
- Two Major Themes in Chronicles: Right _____ and Right _____

Who was Nehemiah? (1:1-2:9)

Two Key Passages: Ch. 9, 10:28-39 vs. Ch. 13

Nehemiah's Accomplishments:

- Rebuilds the city walls and gates
- Repopulates the city
- Builds a governor's house,
- Develops an administrative infrastructure
- Renews the spiritual life of the Jews, focusing on confession and recommitment to the Covenant and the Law

Leadership Lessons:

This Week's Readings:

- Neh. 1-3 – Nehemiah's
- 4-6:14 – Opposition
- 6:15-7:73 – Completion
- 8-10 – Renewal
- 11-13 – Rebuilding and Relapse