

Ch 19 The Return Home

Workbook

Day One

Read: Is 44:24-45:3; Ezra 1, Nehemiah 1:1-2:8

1. Who moved Cyrus to send out a proclamation?
2. What reason is given for moving Cyrus to issue the proclamation?

Where else did you read this prophesied today?

3. Who else was stirred to action? (Ezra 1:5-6)

Who stirred them?

4. How does Nehemiah's story compare to the story you read in Ezra?

God can and WILL move in the hearts of His people to accomplish His purposes. Cyrus and Artaxerxes were pagan kings yet God had no problem using them to for His kingdom purposes. In what area of your life does God want to apply this? Trusting Him to move the hearts of others? Respond to His call on your own life? Write a prayer in response.

Day Two

Read: Ezra 3:8-4:24; Neh 2:17-4:23

1. How are the workers attacked in Ezra 4:4-6?

How are they attacked in Neh 2:19?

2. What tactics are used to attack the workers in Neh 4:1-3?
3. How are they attacked in Neh 4:8?
4. In Ezra 4:24 what happens?
5. How did Nehemiah deal with the threats of attacks?

When God's work is going forward attacks are to be expected. What is God showing you about obstacles and how to overcome them? In what situation does He want to apply this in your personal walk? Write a prayer in response.

Day Three

Read: Ezra 5:1; Haggai 1:1-15, 2:1-9; Zech 1:15-17, 4:6-10.

1. According to Haggai 1:1-15, what happened to the workers?
2. What encouragement did Haggai bring?
3. What message did Zechariah bring?

4. How did the people respond?

Re-read Haggai 1:5-7. “Consider thy ways! You have sown much but harvest little...” What is God saying to you personally through the passages we read today? Write a prayer in response.

Day Four

Read: Zech 8:1-23; Is 61:1-11.

1. List the promises you see in these passages.

2. List the commands in these passages.

God blesses the righteousness He requires of us. Review the lists of promises and commands. What promises or commands did God use to specifically speak to you today?

Write a prayer in response.

Day Five

Read: Ezra 5:1-6:12, 8:21-31; Neh 4:8-15, 6:1-12.

1. How did God act on behalf of His people in Ezra 5:1-6:12?

In Ezra 8:21-31?

In Neh 4:8-15?

In Neh 6:1-12?

2. Read Neh 6:15-16. What two things resulted from God's provision?

God provided EVERY TIME!! Each time the people remained Obedient, God delivered. To what situation/area in your life does God want you to trust Him to provide? Write a prayer in response.

