

# Return from Exile: Rebuilding the Nation

OLD TESTAMENT \* Week 40 \* Opening & Closing Prayer: #18 *For Our Country*, BCP 820

I. 2 Chronicles 36:21 –

II. 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Isaiah 44:28-45:1, 13

Ezra 1:1-4

God does what he promises.

A. Cyrus sends Jews back

B. Ezra 3:1-6 –

C. Ezra 3:7-13 –

D. Ezra 4 –

E. Ezra 5 –

F. Ezra 6 –

G. Ezra 7 –

H. Ezra 9-10 –

Just because God's people do something they think is right doesn't necessarily mean it's what God really wants.

III. Nehemiah rebuilds city walls. Lessons for any project:

A. Nehemiah 1 - Pray

B. Nehemiah 2 – Evaluate

C. Nehemiah 3 – Divide the labor

D. Nehemiah 4 – Expect opposition.

E. Nehemiah 5 – Don't neglect the Faith

- F. Nehemiah 6:1-14 –  
  
Especially vs 3:
- G. Nehemiah 6:15-19 – Don't quit
- H. Nehemiah 7—Even when finished...
- I. Nehemiah 8 – Study
- J. Nehemiah 9 – Confess and commit
- K. Nehemiah 10 – Support
- L. Nehemiah 11 – Make room and Invite
- M. Nehemiah 12 – Celebrate
- N. Nehemiah 13 – Continually grow

## **Preparation for next week: Read Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**

So far we have read: Genesis - 1 Chronicles; 2 Chronicles 26 - Zephaniah