

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 28 – Ezra (part 2), Nehemiah, and Malachi

This lesson covers the activities associated with the second recorded return of the Jews from Babylonian captivity.

A. For the book of Ezra chapters 7 thru 10, answer the following questions.

- a) When did the events in the book occur (approximate B.C. dates)?
- b) What are the overall theme(s) or events in this portion of the book?
- c) What are one or two notable lessons we can learn from the book for use today?
- d) Ezra encountered a serious "domestic" problem with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
 - a. What was it?
 - b. Why was this so troublesome?
 - c. What was Ezra's proposal?
 - d. Do we have a similar problem today in the church?

B. Answer the same a) thru c) questions for the book of Nehemiah. In addition,

- d) Much of Nehemiah's efforts involved the gates of Jerusalem. Some of these still existed during Jesus' time.
 - a. What were their names?
 - b. Try to find out where they likely were located.
 - c. Try to find out why they had those names.
- e) Nehemiah encountered multiple problems with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
 - a. Name three of them.
 - b. Do we have similar problems today in the church?

C. Answer the same a) thru c) questions for the book of Malachi. In addition,

- d) Malachi encountered multiple problems with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
 - a. Name two of them.
 - b. Do we have similar problems today in the church?
- e) What is important about Mal. 4:5-6?