



THE VISION

THE JOURNEY: EZRA & NEHEMIAH

EZRA: THE BOOK OF REVIVAL

A. Author: Ezra (7:28)

B. Title: Named after the Priest who led the nation to revival

C. Theme: The power of the Word of God to bring revival to His people.

D. Outline:

a. FIRST RETURN FROM BABYLON (1-6)

1. Kings of Persia Mentioned in Ezra

A. Cyrus (538-530 B.C.)

- Issued an Edict for the Return to Jerusalem (1:2-4)
- Supplied the exiles with means to rebuild the temple (1:7)

B. Darius I (521-486 B.C.)

- Received a letter to rebuild the temple (5:11)
- Issued an agreement with the temple project (6:3-12)
- Temple finished in 520 B.C. through preaching of Haggai and Zechariah (3:12-13)

C. Ahasuerus or Xerxes (486-465 B.C.)

- Opposed the people of Jerusalem in Esther's time (4:6)

D. Artaxerxes I (464-423 B.C.)

- Received a letter opposing Jerusalem rebuilding (4:11)
- Sided with the opposition to Jerusalem (4:21-22)

2. The Response to the New Temple (3:12-13)

- A. Those Unfamiliar with the Old One Rejoiced
- B. Those Familiar with the Old One Wept

b. SECOND RETURN FROM BABYLON (7-10)

1. Ezra's Return in the Reign of Artaxerxes

- A. Artaxerxes' Change of Heart (7:11-28)
- B. Ezra's Return to Jerusalem (7:10,27-28)
- C. Ezra's Trust in God (8:21-22)

2. Ezra's Spiritual Revival

- A. Ezra's Shame & Prayer for Revival (9:6-15)
- B. Ezra's Three-month Response to their Sin (10:16-17)

NEHEMIAH: THE BOOK OF LEADERSHIP

A. Author: Nehemiah

B. Title: Named after the Cupbearer of Persia who rebuilt the wall.

C. Theme: The physical and spiritual restoration of Jerusalem.

D. Outline:

a. Nehemiah's Burden and Call (1:1-2:10)

- 1. Nehemiah's Burden (1:3-4)
- 2. Nehemiah's Call (2:1-10)

b. Nehemiah's Planning (2:11-3:32)

- 1. He Surveyed the Problem (2:11-12)
- 2. He Devised a Plan (3)

c. Nehemiah's Handling of Opposition (4-6)

- 1. Opposition from the Outside (4:1-2,13)
- 2. Opposition from Within (5:1,9)
- 3. Opposition from Conspiracy (6:1-2,14)

d. Spiritual Renewal and Dedicating the Wall (7-13)

- 1. Ezra Reads the Law (8)
- 2. The People Confess their Sin (9)
- 3. Nehemiah Dedicating the Wall (12:27)

HYMNS FOR TONIGHT'S WORSHIP



- # 514.....I Love to Praise Him
- # 515.....Since I Have
Been Redeemed
- # 502.....In My Heart There
Rings a Melody
- # 503.....Since Jesus Came
Into My Heart

Copies of **"The Journey"** outlines are still available in the Ministry Hallway. You can listen to the messages on our website: www.fbtc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU MARCH 30

Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Field Peas
Garden Salad, Cornbread, Strawberry Shortcake

Cashier - Celyn Pendleton

Servers - Bill Sellers & Jane Trawick

Serving time is 5:00 until 6:00pm. Children 5 & under - free, ages 6 to Adult are \$4.00 each with a family max of \$16.00. Please call the church office to make your reservations by **Monday, March 28.**

- **I Love My Church Offering** - We appreciate all offerings towards our "I Love My Church" offering, but we are still short of our goal of \$50,000. So far we have raised \$36,000. Please pray about this offering and come prepared to give to the Chest of Joash until the beginning of April.

- **Sweet Finale** - Friday, **Mar 25** - Join us for dessert in the FLC between 7:15 & 7:45pm, then meet in the auditorium to hear comedian and speaker, Randy Overstreet. If you would like us to display your wedding photo, please bring it (framed) to the office by Friday afternoon.

- **Spring Discipleship** - Classes & room assignments are posted on the glass doors. It's not too late to join a class!

- **New Sunday School Class for Ladies** - Pam Moser will be teaching a new class beginning at 10:30am on Sundays. *The Lighthouse* class for ladies of all ages will meet in D220-I.

- **T-Shirts for China** - Our SE Asia Mission Team is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. The shirts have all of the "10 in '11" mission trips listed on the back. Shirts are \$15 each and available in sizes Youth L through 3X (2X & 3X: \$1 more). You can only order your shirts this Sunday, Mar 27 and next Sunday, **Apr 3**. Order forms are available in

the Ministry Hallway on Sunday.

- **D-NOW 2011 - Featuring Dr. Alvin Reid and the Chad Lister Band - April 1 - 3** - Students grades 7-12 *Church Family: Our students need your help...please bring snack items and/or 2-liter drinks to provide for the students*

while they are staying with their host families. You can drop off items on Sunday - watch for collection tubs around campus.

Spring Celebration At The Property

Saturday, April 9 ☀ 11am-4pm

Bring a picnic lunch for your family, along with lawn chairs, blankets, and pop-up tents, as we spend the day with our FBTC family. There will be inflatables for the children to play on and the Recreation Committee will begin games of volleyball, soccer and football at 1pm. You are welcome to bring your own outdoor games to play as well.

In case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

- **Homebound Easter Baskets** - Stop by the table outside the Music Office to pick up donation cards. Purchase the items and return to far end of the Ministry Hallway by Sunday, **Apr 10**. Our Bible Belles Bible Drill Team will deliver the baskets on Saturday, **Apr 16**.

- **Tool Roundup** - Our WV Mission Team is collecting various hand tools to take with them for construction. They need anything from hammers and pliers to paint rollers and painter's tape. Please note that these items will not be returned. You can drop off tools in the box in the Ministry Hallway.
- **Note from Security** - Remember to lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. We do have patrol during services, but our campus is easily accessible and we don't want to invite trouble.
- **Race to the Resurrection** - (6th Graders Only) This fun event will be held Friday, **Apr 8**, 6-9pm in the Children's Building.