



# EZRA-NEHEMIAH

BABYLON →

50 YEARS LATER



## PARALLEL DESIGN



1. PERSIAN KING MOVED BY GOD TO SEND A LEADER TO JERUSALEM



2. LEADER FACES OPPOSITION TO REBUILDING



3. STRANGE ANTI-CLIMAX

### EZRA 1-6 ZERUBBABEL THE TEMPLE

1-2

WHOEVER WANTS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU! (SEE JEREMIAH 25)

ZERUBBABEL = "PLANTED IN BABYLON"

3-6

SEE LEVITICUS 9, 1 KINGS 8

GOD'S PRESENCE?

ELDERLY WHO REMEMBER THE FIRST TEMPLE

4

YOU HAVE NO PART IN THE TEMPLE!

WE JUST WANT TO HELP!

ISRAELITES WHO NEVER WENT INTO EXILE

THE END.

ANOTHER 70 YEARS

### EZRA 7-10 EZRA TORAH & COMMUNITY

7-8

GO TEACH THE TORAH AND REBUILD YOUR COMMUNITY!

9-10

THESE PEOPLE ARE AS BAD AS CANAANITES!

GOD NEVER COMMANDS EZRA TO DO THIS

GOD OPPOSES DIVORCE (SEE MALACHI 2:13-16)

MIXED RESULTS LEAD TO ANOTHER ANTI-CLIMAX

DEUTERONOMY 23:1-4

YOU HAVE NO PART IN ISRAEL!

THE END.

### NEH 1-7 NEHEMIAH CITY WALLS

MAY I GO REPAIR JERUSALEM'S WALLS?

YES! GO IN PEACE

YOU HAVE NO PART IN JERUSALEM!

THIS AGAIN...

### NEH 8-12 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

7-DAY TORAH MARATHON

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF BOOTHES

- CONFESSION OF SIN
- COVENANT RENEWAL
- VOW TO FOLLOW THE TORAH
- GREAT CELEBRATION

### NEH 13 ...BUT IT'S NOT

TEMPLE NEGLECTED

SABBATH DISHONORED...

...WITHIN SIGHT OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS!

OH GOD... AT LEAST I TRIED!

the end.

## PROPHETIC HOPES AFTER EXILE

- FUTURE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, HOSEA 3)
- GOD'S PRESENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECHARIAH 2)
- GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECHARIAH 8)
- FULFILL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)



BUT



THE BOOK POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR A...

