

## Ezra: Returning, Rebuilding, and Restoring Part 1- Overview

A. Ezra is about \_\_\_\_\_-ship:

B. It's also about \_\_\_\_\_.

### Quick history:

The children of Israel were slaves in **Egypt**. The **Exodus** was about the 15th century BC. The **period of the Judges** were several hundred years when Israel operated as a theocracy. Then came **Israel's golden age** under King David and King Solomon in the 10th century BC. Then came the **divided kingdom era**, when Israel in the north seceded from Judah and Jerusalem in the south. The northern kingdom was conquered by the **Assyrians** in the 8th century BC. The southern kingdom was conquered by **Babylon** in the early 6th century BC. In 538 BC, the **Medo Persian empire** overtook the Babylonian empire.

C. God takes the \_\_\_\_\_ (in restoration.)

•**John 6:44** “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

D. Never become \_\_\_\_\_ with exile.

•**Philippians 3:20** Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

E. Chapter 3 is about \_\_\_\_\_.

F. The altar is where \_\_\_\_\_ is relinquished.

G. Chapters 4-5 are about \_\_\_\_\_.

H. The opposition was more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.

I. The real work of restoration is \_\_\_\_\_.