

**Ezra: Returning, Rebuilding, and Restoring**  
**Part 2- Overview, continued**

A. One of the main purposes of the OT is to give us \_\_\_\_\_ events that help us understand \_\_\_\_\_ reality.

•**Hebrews 7:18** The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

**CHAPTER REVIEW**

**Chapter 1** records how God takes the \_\_\_\_\_ in restoration.

**Chapter 2** indicates that many in Israel became \_\_\_\_\_ with exile.

**Chapter 3** is about rebuilding the \_\_\_\_\_.

•**Romans 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

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

B. God completely rejects the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world in carrying out his \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

•**Ezra 4:4** Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.

C. Challenges bring us into closer \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**Chapter 5** we’re told how to get \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Exchange **reaction** for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Exchange **fallacies** for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Exchange **doubt** for \_\_\_\_\_.

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