

REBUILDING

A STUDY IN EZRA & NEHEMIAH

A close-up photograph of a stone wall. The stones are dark, grey, and irregularly shaped, with visible mortar joints. The wall is composed of several courses of stones. At the bottom of the image, a few stones are highlighted with a bright teal or green glow, creating a strong contrast with the dark, textured stones above.

A PASSIONATE PICTURE OF REPENTANCE

EZRA 9-10

- **Ezra 1-6:** New Exodus, Plundering of Egypt, Numbering of the People, External Challenge
- **Ezra 7-10:** New Exodus, Plundering of Egypt, Numbering of People, Internal Challenge of Intermarriage



Ezra was wholly devoted to
“**Study** the Law of the Lord, and to
do it and to **teach** his statutes and
rules in Israel”

Ezra 7:10



“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible.”

Ephesians 5:11-13



Sin Exposed & Ezra's Response

“When sin is exposed, you will run toward confession and forgiveness or self-righteousness and self-justification.”


Paul Tripp



“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!”

1 Corinthians 6:14-15





“The Israelites have done exactly what God told them not to do. They have no righteousness to plead, and they have no excuses to make; there is nothing they can say to defend themselves.”

James Hamilton



**“Punished us less than our
iniquities deserve.” Ezra 9:13**

“Cause He is good and He is God
what I earned is not what I got.
And He is just yet also kind what I
deserve it’s not what I find.”

God Is Love - Chris Renzema



“The LORD is slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love,
forgiving iniquity and transgression.”

Numbers 14:18



“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”


2 Peter 3:9



Great Habits to Adopt

1. **STUDY** God's Word and watch Him reveal Himself.
2. After studying, **ASK**, "Who am I in light of this?"
3. After that, **RESPOND** by asking, "What needs to change?"



A man with short dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, is kneeling on a dark surface. He is facing away from the camera, with his head bowed and hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the side, highlighting the contours of his shirt and the texture of his skin. The background is solid black.

Ezra's Example and The People's Response

“It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by everyone who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of the land to worship the Lord, the God of Israel.”

Ezra 6:21



“The wives who wished to renounce false worship and be faithful only to God would presumably be allowed to remain, maintaining families that worshipped and followed only God.”

Wallace Benn



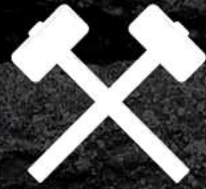


**Ezra demonstrates a different kind of fasting,
one of extreme repentance and sorrow.**

A white rectangular plate with a fork is shown in the background of the text box. On the plate is a bowl containing various fruits, including apples and oranges.

FASTING

A hunger for God



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