

CONQUEST & KINGS: EZRA-NEHEMIAH & 1 & 2 CHRONICLES

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I. 1 & 2 Kings Review

II. Historical Context & Canon

Historical Context

- Abraham: ca. 2000 B.C.
- Exodus: ca. 1446 B.C.
- Conquest of Canaan: ca. 1400
- Judges: 1350-1050 BC
- Crowning of King Saul: 1050 BC
- Crowning of King David: 1010 BC
- Divided Kingdom: 931 BC
- Scattering of "Israel": 722 BC
- Exile of "Judah": 586 BC (first wave 605 BC; second wave 597 BC)
- Return from Exile: 458 BC

Order of the Canon

- 1) Greek Order

- 2) Hebrew Order

III. Ezra-Nehemiah: Overview and Outline #1

- 1) Context

- 2) Prophecies (?) Fulfilled

Ezra 1:1:- In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

- 3) Outline # 1
 - a. Rebuilding the Temple: Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-6)
 - b. Rebuilding community: Ezra (Ezra 7-10)
 - c. Rebuilding the walls (Neh. 1-7)
 - d. Epilogue (Neh. 8-13)

IV. Ezra-Nehemiah: Outline #2

1) Outline #2

a. Three Parallel Cycles

- i. **Ezra 1-6:** Zerubbabel and Jeshua leads rebuilding of the temple
- ii. **Ezra 7-10** - Ezra attempts a spiritual revival
- iii. **Nehemiah 1-7** -Nehemiah leads the rebuilding of the walls

b. Two Concluding Movements

- i. **Nehemiah 8-10** – Revival in Jerusalem
- ii. **Nehemiah 11-13** – Revival fails and ends with disappointment

2) Elements of The Three Parallel Cycles

a. King's Commission

b. Attempted Restoration

c. Hostility And Failure

3) Cycle Chart

See next page.

	Ezra 1-6	Ezra 7-10	Nehemiah 1-7
King's Commission			
Attempted Restoration			
Hostility And Failure			

4) Concluding Movements

a. Spiritual Revival (Neh. 8-10)

b. Covenant Compromise (Neh. 11-13)

i. Five Compromises

1. 13:3-9

2. 13:10-14

3. 13:15-22

4. 13:23-27

5. 13:28-29

ii. Two Fold Ending

V. Ezra-Nehemiah: The Wrap Up

1) Sour Ending?

2) Big Themes

3) Application

VI. 1 & 2 Chronicles: Overview

1) Why is Chronicles so hard?

2) Date and Title

- a. *Paraleipomenōn*
- b. "Daily Deeds"
- c. Mid 400s

VII. 1 & 2 Chronicles: The Exegete

1) What is an Exegete?

2) The 5 Techniques

- a. Sources
- b. Harmonization
- c. Supplementation
- d. Typology
- e. Interbiblical Interpretation

