

Ezra & Nehemiah

Return of the Exiles to Israel

Lesson 4

The Old Testament is not arranged in chronological order. It is arranged by types of books.

The Law (5 books)

1. ***Genesis***
2. ***Exodus***
3. ***Leviticus***
4. ***Numbers***
5. ***Deuteronomy***

Poetry (5 Books)

1. ***Job***
2. ***Psalms***
3. ***Proverbs***
4. ***Ecclesiastes***
5. ***Song of Solomon***

History (12 Books)

1. ***Joshua***
2. ***Judges***
3. ***Ruth***
4. ***1 Samuel***
5. ***2 Samuel***
6. ***1 Kings***
7. ***2 Kings***
8. ***1 Chronicles***
9. ***2 Chronicles***
10. ***Ezra***
11. ***Nehemiah***
12. ***Esther***

Major Prophets (5 Books)

1. ***Isaiah***
2. ***Jeremiah***
3. ***Lamentations***
4. ***Ezekiel***
5. ***Daniel***

Minor Prophets (12 Books)

1. ***Hosea***
2. ***Joel***
3. ***Amos***
4. ***Obadiah***
5. ***Jonah***
6. ***Micah***
7. ***Nahum***
8. ***Habakkuk***
9. ***Zephaniah***
10. ***Haggai***
11. ***Zechariah***
12. ***Malachi***

1. If we were to place the books of the Bible in chronological order _____ and _____ would be among the last.
2. _____ is believed to have written the books of ____ & _____ and _____.
3. Daniel had been in Babylon for 70 years when he began to seek God about the fulfillment of _____ prophecy about the return of the Jews to their homeland. Besides the fact that he knew how long he had been there here are the years that the kings had served:

44 Years	Nebuchadnezzar reigned 45 years and took Jehoiakim captive the first year of his reign.
23 years	Evil Merodach reigned
2 Years	Belshazzar
<u>1 Year</u>	Darius
70 Years	Since the exile of Jehoiakim and Daniel
18 Years	Since the destruction of the temple.

(The book of Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Judaica Press 2000 P. 81)

Darius reigned for less than 1 year. Afterwards Cyrus became King.

4. I & II Chronicles tell the history of the Jewish Nation. Read II Chronicles 36:22-23. Then read Ezra 1:1-4.
5. God said that _____ was his _____ and he would perform God's _____.

6. The following people were not necessarily followers of God, but God used them to accomplish his purposes:

636 BC – Cyrus – Sends the Jews back to their homeland and finances the rebuilding of the temple

1917 – Balfour Declaration – This short letter gave the Jews the right to a homeland

1948 – Truman – Recognized Israel as the State of Israel

1967 – 6 Day War – Jews entered Jerusalem for the first time since Titus overthrew them in 70 AD
(although it was still partitioned)

2017 – Trump – Recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

7. There are _____ years between the Balfour Declaration and the 6-Day War. There are _____ years between the 6-Day war and Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. _____ years in the Jewish Law is called the _____ and what was lost is restored.

8. The beginning of Ezra tells how _____ encouraged the tribes of _____ and _____ and the _____ and _____ to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the _____. Cyrus also gave them all of the vessels that belonged to the house of the Lord and sent them back to Jerusalem with them.

9. _____ called for the temple vessels to be used during his drunken party. While they were drinking from the vessels, a _____ wrote on the wall _____.

10. Only _____ was able to interpret what the words meant.

MENE - "God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it."

TEKEL - "You have been weighed on the scales and found deficient."

PERES – "Your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians"

11. Ezra 1:6 says that those around them encouraged them by giving them _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ as well as a freewill offering.

12. Cyrus sent _____ silver and gold articles back to Jerusalem for the Temple.

13. _____ is referred to as the _____ of _____. It is possible that he is also known as _____ who led the Jews back to their homeland.

14. Chapter 2 lists all those who returned to Israel. Verse 64 says there were _____ who returned along with _____ servants and _____ singers. They also brought the following animals:

736 Horses

245 Mules

435 Camels

6,720 Donkeys

61,000 Drachmas of Gold (4 grams)

5,000 Silver Minas (1.25 lbs)

100 Priestly Garments