

Introduction to the Book of Ezra

Rebuilding the _____ / _____

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This is a book about...

- 1.
- 2.
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- 6.

Purpose Ezra records the _____ of Israelites to Palestine from _____ to rebuild the temple in _____ in order to demonstrate God's _____ over the nations, His _____ to Israel, and the importance of godly _____.

The Take-Away

>> God can work through _____ leaders

- *My perspective*
- *My response:* Ephesians 5:15^{ff}; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21

Abiding in Christ's Word

Key Scripture: John 8:31

Context

- Immediate – John 8:25-30
- Would-be believers? – abiding ⇒ _____
Or true believers? - abiding ⇒ _____
- Would-be believers – need to abide in Christ's word for _____
- True believers – need to abide in Christ's word to be _____

Interpretation Help – use of *abide* in gospel of John

3:36

5:38

14:10

14:17

14:23

15:4-5

15:6

15:7-8

15:9-10

1. Abide = _____ or _____
2. Can be used with respect to _____
3. Can be used ⇒ believer's _____ with God
Command ⇒ believer's _____ and _____

Principles

1. Abiding is:
 - An expression of the _____ of the believer to Christ
 - An expression of the _____ of the believer to Christ
2. Abiding in Christ's word = a _____ of _____ and _____ to God's Word.

Questions to Consider

Am I practicing a regularity of study and devotion to God's Word?