

Ezraiah - Anatomy of a Nation Restored



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Background

➤ Josiah Revival

➤ Daniel's Prophecy of the Messiah



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:8-13 NKJV Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:8-13 NKJV ...(9) So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the LORD..."



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:8-13 NKJV ...(10) Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. (11) Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:8-13 NKJV...(12) Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:8–13 NKJV ...(13) "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:14–17 NKJV So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke with her. (15) Then she said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 22:14–17 NKJV ...(16) "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read—...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings, 22:14–17 NKJV ...(17) because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be aroused against this place and shall not be quenched.'"



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 23:3-26 NKJV Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 23:3-26 NKJV ... (21) Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." (22) Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. (23) But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the LORD in Jerusalem...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 23:3-26 NKJV...(25) Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him...



Josiah Revival

2 Kings 23:3-26 NKJV ... (26)
Nevertheless the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.



Josiah Revival

- Josiah's Revival did not Prevent Judgment.
- It equipped Israel to survive it.
- God's Word was preserved in the Babylonian Captivity
- Seventy Years Later Daniel gets Revelation about the Messiah.



Daniel's Prophecy of the Messiah

Daniel 9:25–26 NKJV "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times...



Daniel's Prophecy of the Messiah

Daniel 9:25–26 NKJV "...(26) "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.



Which Decree to Rebuild

- Cyrus Decree to rebuild the Temple (538 BC – Ezra 1)
- Darius' Decree reaffirming Cyrus' decree (522 BC Ezra 5–6)



Cyrus Decree

Ezra 1:1–4 KJV Now 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, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing...



Darius Decree

Ezra 6:1 KJV Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.



Which Decree to Rebuild

- Artaxerxes decree conflating Jerusalem and the Temple, laying the foundation of spiritual restoration. (457 BC Ezra 7:11–28)
- Artaxerxes decree to rebuild the walls (445 BC – Nehemiah 2)



Two Decrees Fit Daniel's Prophecy of the Messiah

- Artaxerxes 445 BC decree fits Daniel, as it explicitly concerns rebuilding the wall
- Sixty-nine "Sevens" = 483 years
- 445 BC + 483, using 360 day propetic year, yields 32 AD or 176,880 days



Two Decrees Fit Daniel's Prophecy of the Messiah

- Artaxerxes 457 BC decree fits Daniel, as it includes Jerusalem
- Sixty-nine "Sevens" = 483 years
- 457 BC + 483, using inclusive dating and accounting for no zero year = 26 AD



Ezra Returns with the Priests

- Ezra Returns in 457 AD
- Nehemiah returns in 445 BC
- Both of these events are telescoped together



Ezra Returns in 457 AD

Ezra 7:6–8 KJV This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, ... (8) And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.



Nehemiah Returns in 445 BC

Nehemiah 2:1–2 KJV And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. (2) Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,



Ezramiah - Nehemiah and Ezra Telescoped

Ezra 2:1–2 KJV Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, ... (2) Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:



Outline for the Series

- Cyrus decree authorizing return
 - Initial building
 - Work Stopped
 - Darius Confirms decree



Outline for the Series

- Decrees Rebuilding National Life
 - Artaxerxes 457 BC – spiritual rebuilding
 - Artaxerxes 445 BC – physical rebuilding
- Revival and apostasy



Ezraiah - The Restoration of Israel



Scripture Passages

Ezra 2:1–2,
2 Kings 22:8–17,
2 Kings 23:3–26, Daniel 9:25–26,
Ezra 1:1–4, Ezra 6:1, Nehemiah 2:1–2,

