



# ***FACILITIES UPDATE***

- + Utilizing as much of our current space as we can
- + Incurring as little (or zero) debt possible
- + Honoring the legacy of previous generations

***FISCAL  
RESPONSIBILITY***

- + Increased Secure Space for Kids
- + One Worship Location
- + Common Area
- + Multipurpose Spaces
- + Navigable for Visitors & Guests

***PRAGMATIC  
NECESSITY***

- + Accommodating rapid growth, especially among wee babes
- + Deteriorating Sanctuary
- + Unsustainable Worship Service Rotation

***IMMINENT  
TIMELINE***



# ***RETURN***

EZRA 1:1-4, 3:7-13



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01



# *BEGINNING*

Human beings were made  
in *the image of God* to  
display the *glory of God*  
to the ends of the earth.

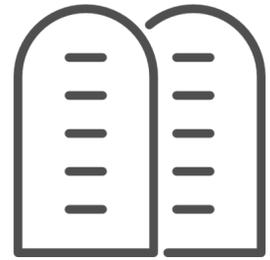
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# *PATRIARCHS*

Though we were shattered by the Fall, God still desires for the earth to be blessed through a people He has *restored to Himself.*

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# EXODUS

Despite Israel's call to be a blessing to the world, God's people need *continual rescuing* from their brokenness.

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# JUDGES

God's people are *increasingly eroded* by "doing what is right in their own eyes," and become *completely lost*.

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# *KINGS*

Having a king, like the other nations, revealed that God's people need both a *perfect leader* as well as *virtuous citizens*.

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06



# *EXILE*

In order to show them their need for restoration, God allows His people to *lose their promise and experience oppression.*

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**07**



# *RETURN*

When we repent & confess our sin, God forgives & heals us. But we still have to face the *consequences of our choices.*





## ***EZRA 1:1-4***

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:



## ***EZRA 1:1-4***

2 “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: ‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.



## ***EZRA 1:1-4***

<sup>3</sup> Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them.



## ***EZRA 1:1-4***

- <sup>4</sup> And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.’



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>7</sup> Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>8</sup> In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the people (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the Lord.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>9</sup> Joshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers—all Levites—joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>10</sup> When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>11</sup> With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “*He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.*” And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>12</sup> But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy.



## ***EZRA 3:7-13***

<sup>13</sup> No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.



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**07**



# *RETURN*

The first step in rebuilding a life that has been wrecked by selfishness is making God your *top priority*.

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# *RETURN*

Being forgiving is a free gift of grace. Being fruitful requires *diligent and consistent effort.*

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What unites the people of God is not a uniform ideology or experience of the world—it's our faith in God to be our *comfort & hope* in every season.

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The community built on and around the person of Jesus Christ will be *a sanctuary for a weary world*. The Church is a community where all *weeping* eventually turns to *rejoicing*.

