## Ezra - Jesus & Remnant: God's faithfulness and Covenant faithfulness





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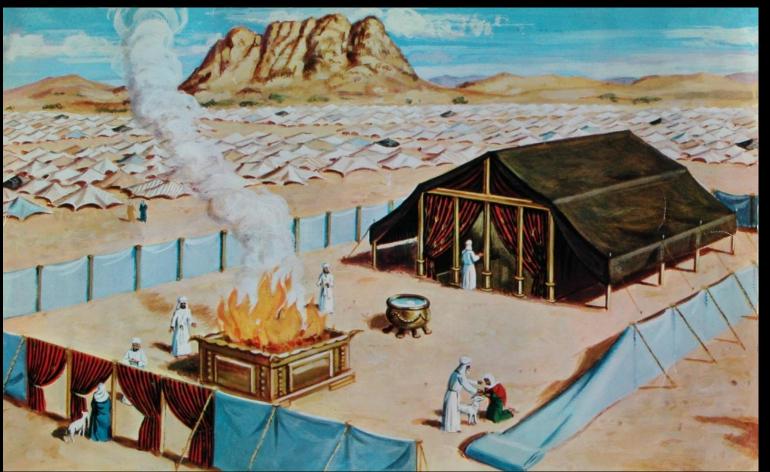
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## Get into the Ark Sanctuary





And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

**Psalms 77:13** 



#### Health Snippet - Spring Greens

Health Benefits of Spring Greens (Seek Medical Advice)
Spring greens also called Collard greens are loose leaf greens.
Like kale, they belong to the cruciferous family with leaves that are large, smooth and flat.

#### Just 2 cups (72 grams) of raw collard greens provide:

Calories: 24, Carbs: 4g, Fiber: 2.8g, Protein: 2g, Fat: 0.4g, Vit.

K: 128%, Calcium: 16%, Vit C: 28%, Folate: 23%, Vit A: 20%,

Magnesium: 5%, Potassium: 3%, Phosphorus: 1%, etc...

- 1. <u>Immune support</u>: Rich in vitamin C to help support a healthy immune system.
- 2. <u>Bone health</u>: Contain vitamin K and calcium, which are essential for building and maintaining strong bones.
- 3. <u>Digestive health</u>: A good source of fibre, which promotes a healthy digestive system and gut bacteria.
- 4. <u>Heart and disease prevention</u>: Antioxidants & sulforaphane have anti-inflammatory properties, potentially protecting against heart disease, stroke, and some cancers.

Eye and skin health: Contain beta-carotenes like lutein and zeaxanthin, which are beneficial for eye and skin health.

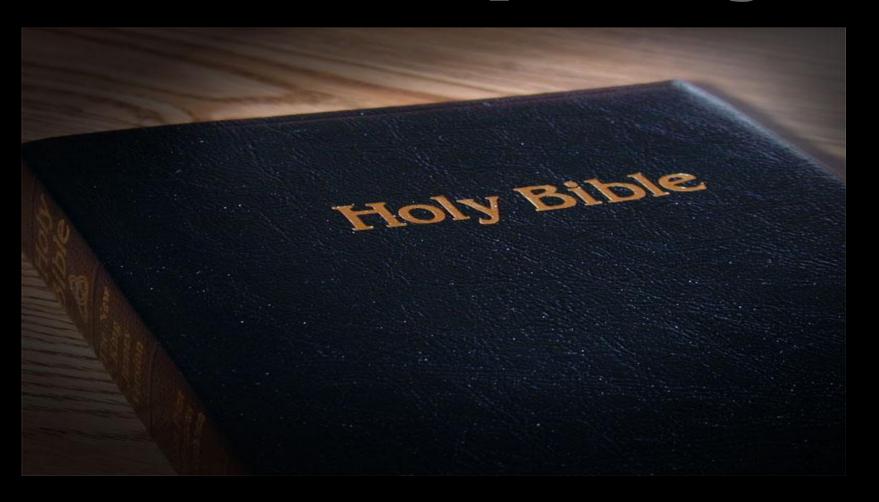
Side effects: in some gas & in some medication interactions, with blood thinners like Coumadin.

### 10 HEALTH BENEFITS OF

#### Collard Greens

- 1 Removes Toxins from the Body
- 2 Maintains Blood Pressure Levels
  It helps in lowering cholesterol levels in the blood.
- Other Health Benefits
  It protects the body against arthritis, cardiovascular disease, cataracts and muscular degeneration
- 4 Blood Clotting
  It helps in the process of blood clotting.
- 5 Beautiful & Glowing Skin
  Collard greens also help in maintaining beautiful and glowing skin.
- 6 Slows Ageing Process
  Consumption of these leaves prevents cell damage, thus slowing down the aging process
- 7 Supple & Youthful Skin
  If you eat collard green leaves, you will have supple and younger-looking skin
- 8 Moisturizes Skin
  Keeps the skin well-hydrated, thus keeping it moisturized
- Gives Lustrous Hair
  Provides luster to the hair, making it look even better.
- 10 Adds Volume & Softness
  Keeping your hair beautiful, voluminous, silky and smooth

# Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?





### Yes, we Can!

## THUS SAYS CYRUS KING OF PERSIA

The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house



Judah Ezra 1:2



## Ezra - Jesus & Remnant: God's faithfulness and Covenant faithfulness

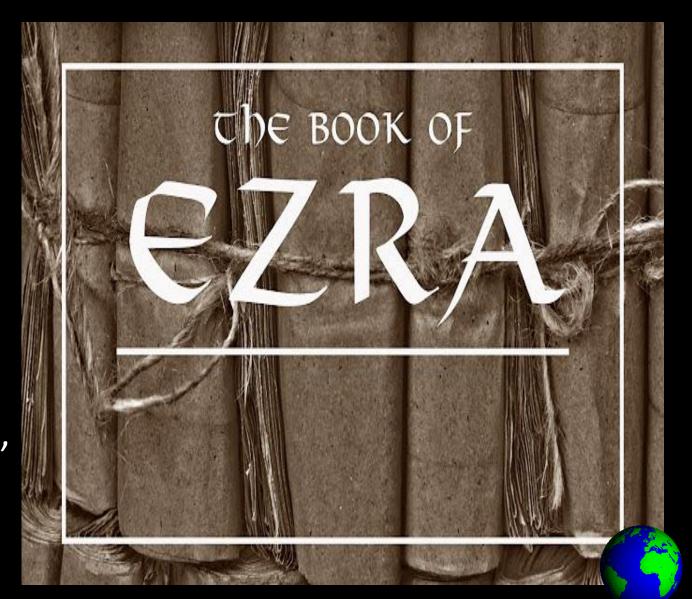




#### Introduction

The key points in the book of Ezra are God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises through the return from exile, the struggle to rebuild the temple, and the need for spiritual reformation led by Ezra.

The book shows God uses kings to accomplish His will and highlight's themes of repentance, prayer, and bold leadership to restore the community's relationship with Him.



#### Introduction (cont'd)

God's faithfulness: The book demonstrates God's promise-keeping by orchestrating the return of the Israelites from their 70-year exile in Babylon, a fulfilment of prophecy from Jeremiah.

Rebuilding the temple: The first half of the book details the process of rebuilding the temple after the return, overcoming opposition from local authorities who tried to hinder the work.

**Spiritual reformation**: The second half focuses on Ezra's mission to lead the people in spiritual revival and social renewal. This included addressing the problem of intermarriage with non-lsraelites.



#### Introduction (cont'd)

God's providence and sovereignty: God works through human leaders, like King Cyrus and King Artaxerxes, to advance His plans, showing His sovereignty over history and the nations.

Repentance and renewal: The people's return to Jerusalem represents a spiritual renewal, and Ezra's leadership, marked by prayer, fasting, and confession, leads to a national rededication to God's covenant.

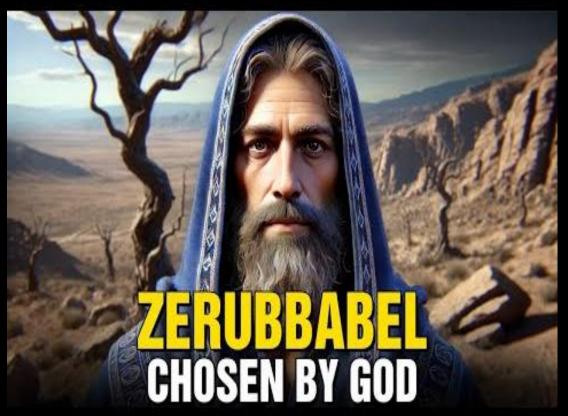
Bold faith and leadership: Ezra's leadership is characterized by boldness as he stands up for God's law and leads his people, even in the face of opposition and difficult decisions.



## 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Divinely appointed

1. Zerubbabel was chosen by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to complete his mission. Ezra 5:14-15

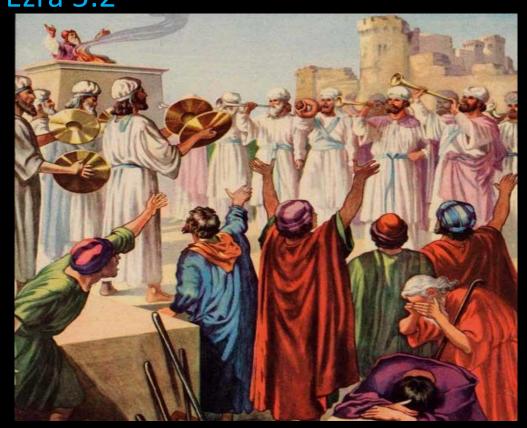
Jesus is also God's chosen servant, sent to fulfil God's plan. Matthew 12:18





#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Temple builder

2. Zerubbabel's mission was to lead the rebuilding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. Ezra 5:2

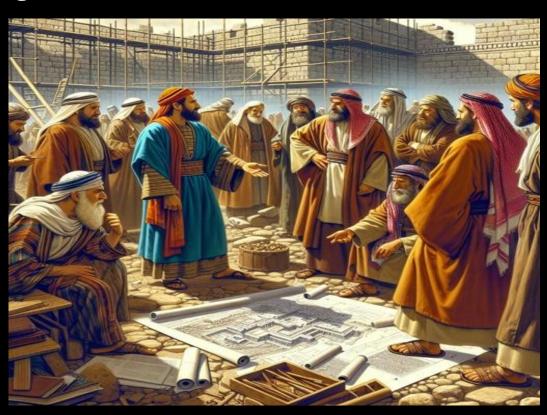


Jesus is seen as the foundation of a new, spiritual temple that is a continuation and fulfilment of the physical one. Ephesians 2:19-22



## 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Overcoming opposition

3. Zerubbabel faced significant opposition while rebuilding the temple, a task that seemed as daunting as a "great mountain". Ezra 4:1-5



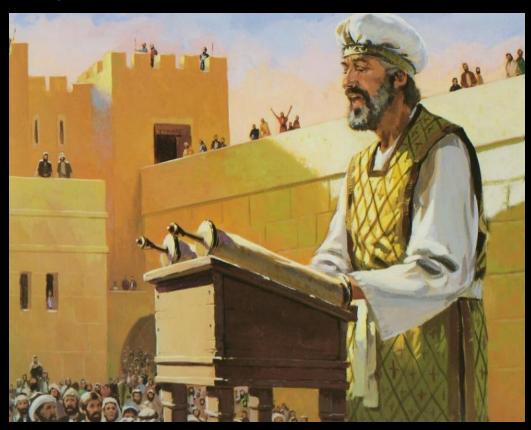
Jesus's victory over the "mountains" of opposition from the Pharisees, scribes and ultimately sin and death. Mark 7:1-

13



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Priest and Teacher

4. Ezra was a high priest and was a devoted teacher of God's law. Ezra 7:10



Jesus is our great high priest and statutes and the law and teaching the truth of the Father. Hebrews 4:14



Jesus Apriest Forever

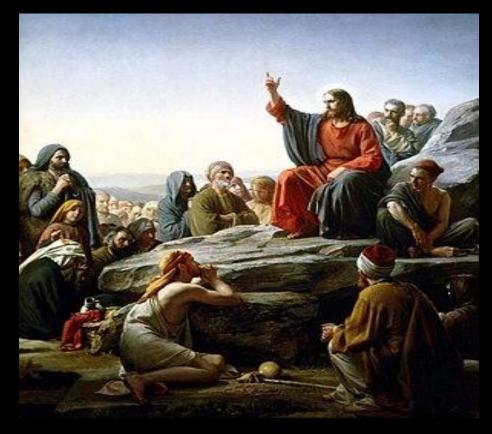




#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Spiritual Reformer

5. Ezra's work involved reforming Israel to proper worship and to repentance and reformation. Ezra 10:4

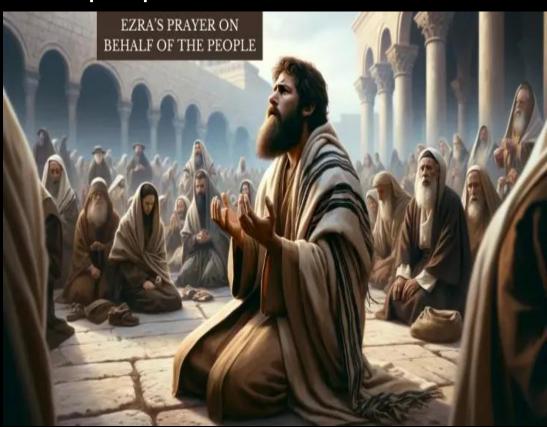
Jesus' work of reformation of Israel in enabling true worship "in spirit and in truth". John 4:23-24





#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Weeping over Jerusalem

6. Ezra wept over the city of Jerusalem, reflecting his deep love and concern for God's people. Ezra 9:5-15

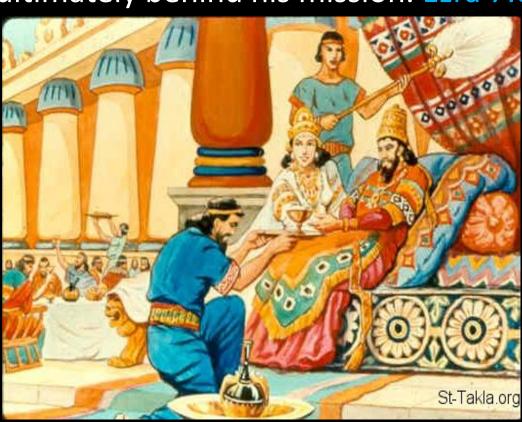


Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, reflecting his deep love and concern for God's people. Luke 19:41-44



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Sent by a Higher Power

7. Ezra was sent by the Persian king, but he understood that God was ultimately behind his mission. Ezra 7:6



Jesus was sent by God the Father to lead God's people from sin to eternal life.

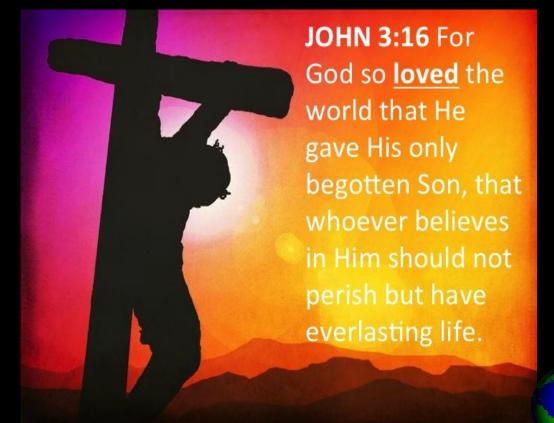
Romans 3:23



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra New Beginnings

8. Ezra led a "return" from exile, representing a new beginning for the Jewish people. Ezra 1:1-4

Jesus is the new covenant and new life offered through His sacrifice on the cross. Luke 22:20

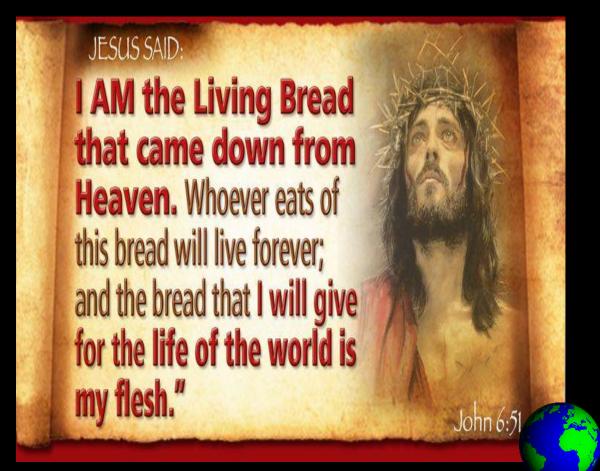


#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Devotion to God's Word

9. Ezra devoted himself to studying, obeying, and living the Law of the Lord. Ezra 7:10



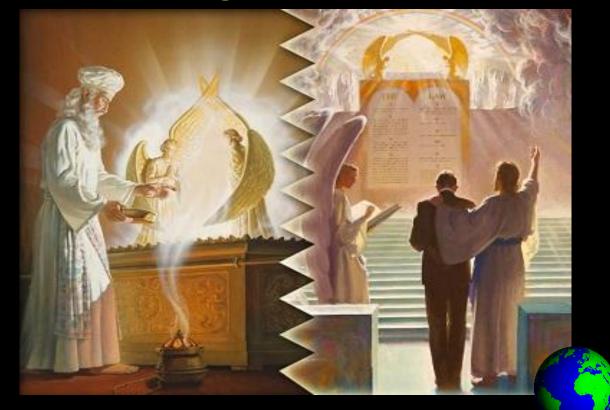
Jesus lived a life entirely devoted to the Father's will and word. John 6:38



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Liberator and fulfiller of prophecy

10. Cyrus authorized the Jews to return and rebuild their temple, fulfilling prophecies from Isaiah. Ezra 1:1-4

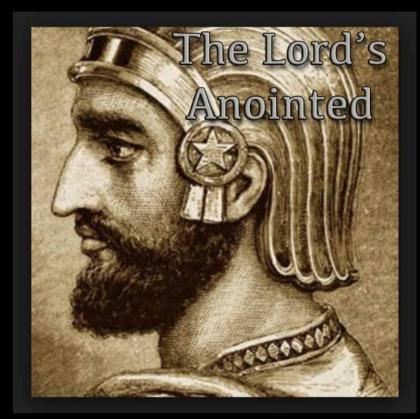
Jesus is the spiritual liberator who fulfils prophecies, opening the way to the heavenly sanctuary and promising to restore all things. Acts 3:21

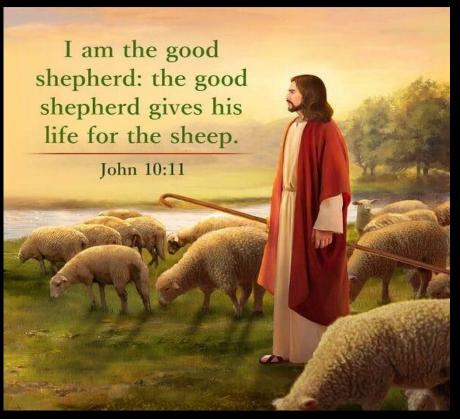


#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Anointed/chosen figure

11. Cyrus is referred to as God's "shepherd" in Isaiah 44:28 and also as God's "anointed" in Isaiah 45:1.

Jesus is the ultimate "Good Shepherd" John 10:11 and the ultimate "The Anointed" Acts 10:38.

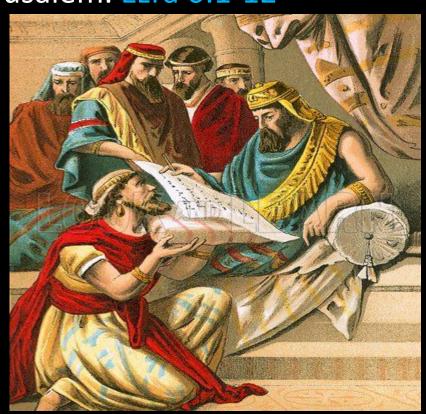






#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Role in the Bible Prophecy

12. King Darius was a Persian emperor who also issued the decree for the rebuilding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Ezra 6:1-12



Jesus calls for all humanity to restore the temple of our bodies so that the Holy Spirit can dwell within. 1 Corinthians 3:16



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Liberation and Restoration

13. Artaxerxes also gives a decree to Ezra to return to Jerusalem to oversee the restoration of Jerusalem. Ezra 7:11-26

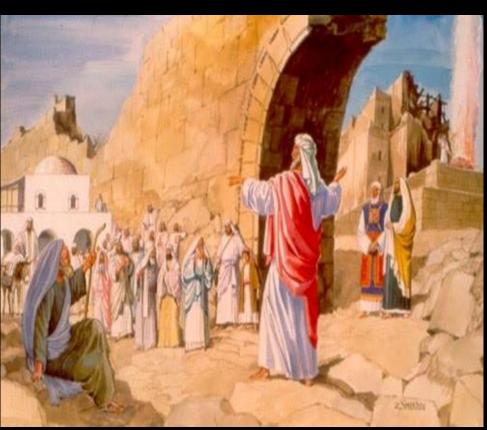
Jesus came to this earth to restore humanity so that they can inherit the New Jerusalem He built. Revelation 21-22



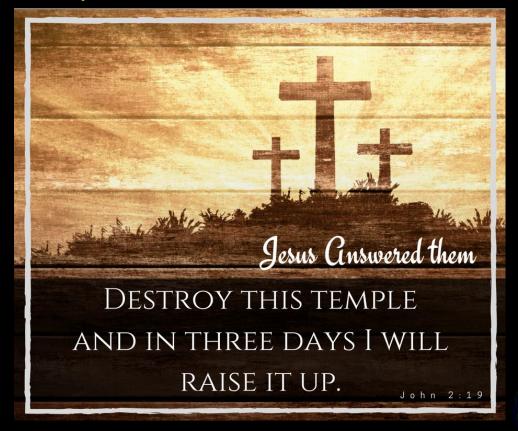


#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra The True Temple

14. Haggai prophesied about rebuilding the physical temple in Jerusalem. Ezra 6:14



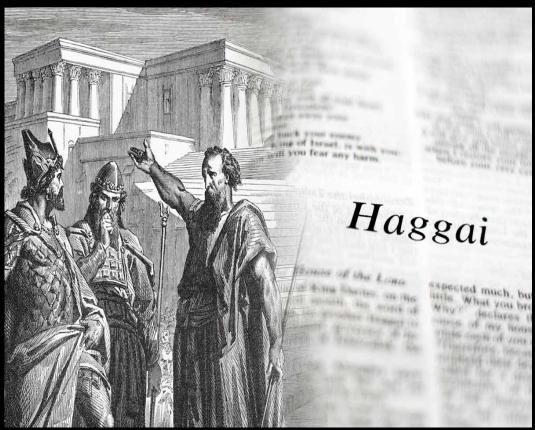
This prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, who is called the new, greater temple where God's presence dwells. John 2:19-21





#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra God's Presence

15. Haggai's work was part of God's promise to be with his people. Ezra 6:14



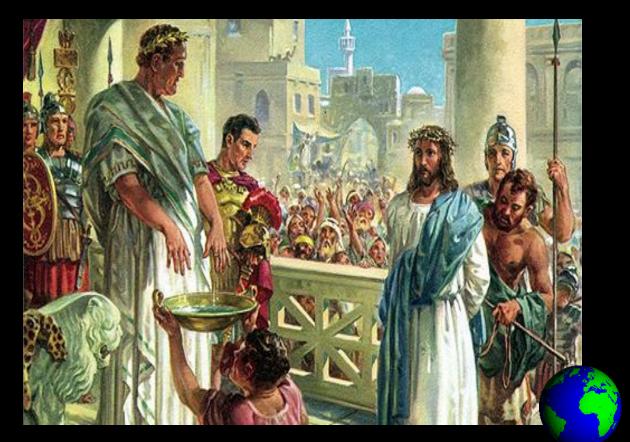
The promise fulfilled in Jesus, the embodiment of "God with us". Matthew 1:23



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Purpose and Mission

16. Haggai stood against defeatist attitudes and encouraged faithfulness to God's work. Ezra 5:1

Jesus stood against defeatist attitudes and encouraged faithfulness to God's work. John 16:33



#### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ezra Provided divine support

17. Zechariah, along with Haggai, motivated the Jewish people to resume the rebuilding of the temple after the Babylonian exile. Ezra 6:14

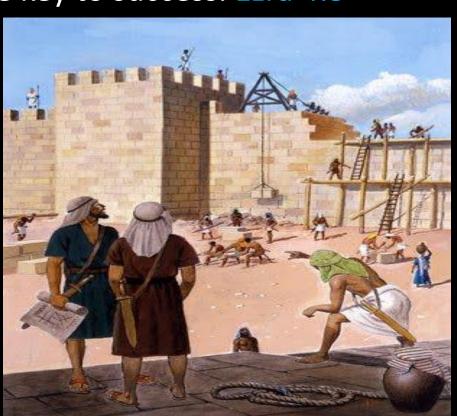
Jesus said Jerusalem and its Temple would be abandoned and destroyed because the religious leaders rejected him. Matthew 23:38





## 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra "Not by might nor by power"

1. Zerubbabel's task of rebuilding the temple was immense, but he learned that dependence on God's power was the key to success. Ezra 4:3

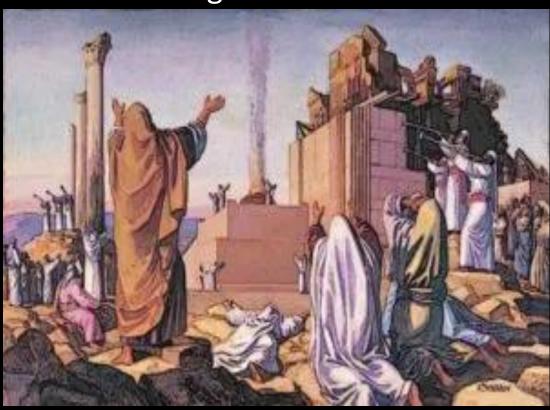


Remnant in rebuilding their body of the temple of the Holy Spirit need to depend on the power of the holy Spirit to do so. Ephesians 3:16

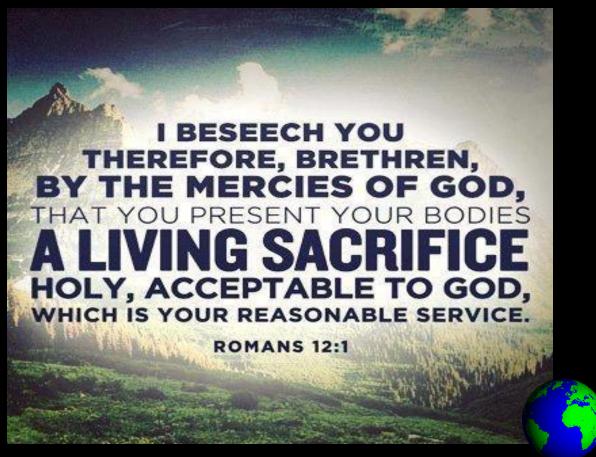


#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Prioritize God's will first

2. Zerubbabel didn't immediately start with the physical walls. He prioritized correctly by first rebuilding the altar and reinstating sacrifices. Ezra 3:2



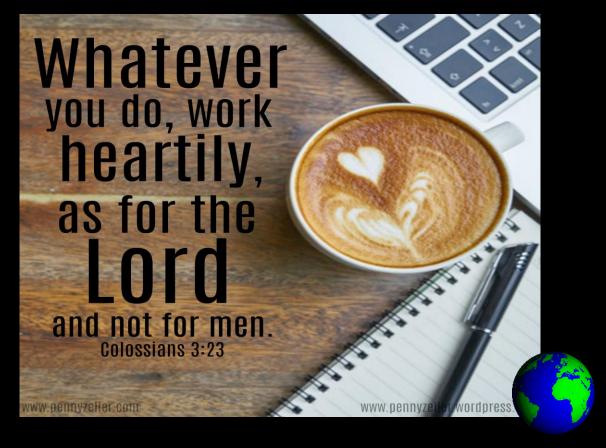
Remnant should always go the family alter every morning before they can go about their daily activities. Romans 12:1



#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Servant leadership

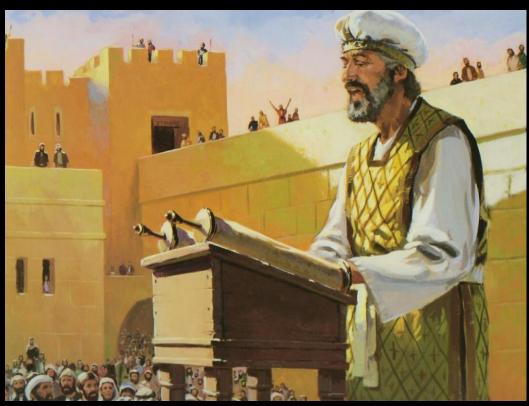
3. Zerubbabel's example illustrates the difference between being a leader who seeks power and one who serves. Ezra 4:3

Remnant need to about serving others and being grounded in an inner sense of purpose, not external gratification. 1 Peter 4:10



#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Study and learn

4. Ezra "set his heart to study the law of the Lord" and committed vast portions of scripture to memory. Ezra 7:10



Remnant need to set their heart to study the law of the Lord and commit portions of scripture to memory. James 1:25



#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Live it out

5. Ezra didn't just study; he applied God's laws to his life, loving God and his neighbour as he was commanded. Ezra 7:10



Remnant are to live a life as Jesus commanded to love God and love man. Matthew 22:37-39



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Teach others

6. Ezra's goal was to "teach the statutes and ordinances of the Law of God in Israel". Ezra 7:10



Remnant's goal should be to teach all to do the commandments of God to prepare for heaven. Revelation 22:14



#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Faith is key

7. Ezra was successful because "the gracious hand of his God was on him," a favour granted because of his faithfulness. Ezra 7:6

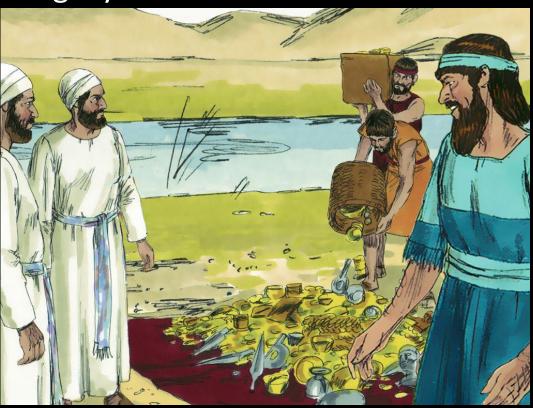


Remnant are admonished to have the faith of Jesus, especially as we near the end of time. Revelation 14:12

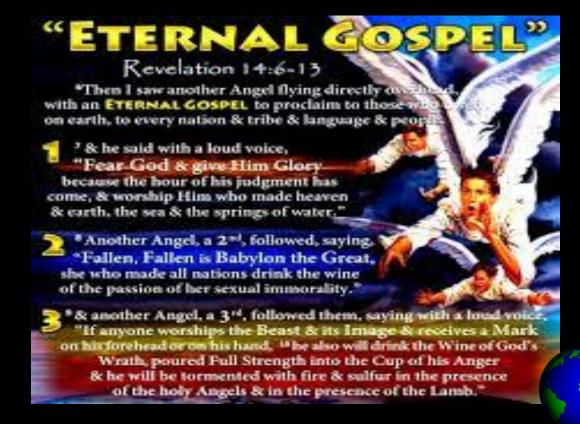


#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Faithful stewardship

8. Ezra was entrusted with significant resources because he was a faithful steward of God's money and led with integrity. Ezra 8:25-26



Remnant are entrusted to faithfully proclaim the 3 Angels messages, Health, Sanctuary, Prophecy, Sabbath, Death, etc. Revelation 14:6-12



#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Prayer and fasting

9. Ezra and his company practiced prayer and fasting before important journeys, showing a reliance on God for guidance and protection. Ezra 8:21-23

Remnant are admonished to fast and pray that we enter not into temptation and to rely on God's leading. Matthew 26:41





The **COMMANDMENT** 

of fasting & prayer

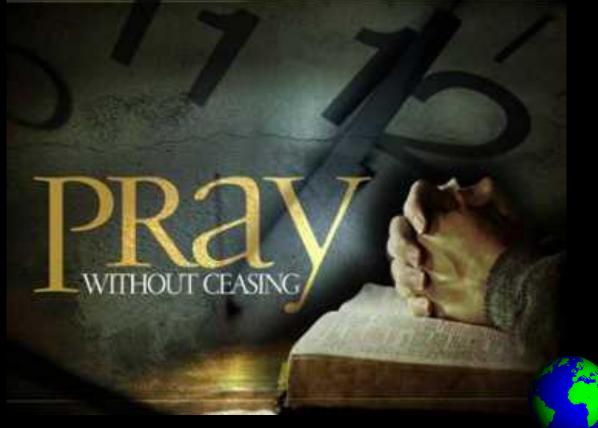


#### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Consistent prayer

10. Nehemiah's life was marked by active, consistent prayer, even for small tasks. Ezra 8:21



Remnant's life should be marked by active, consistent prayer all the time to be led by God. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

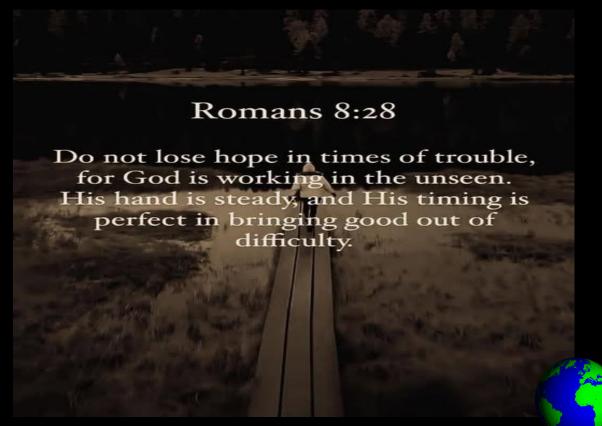


### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra God uses unlikely people

11. Cyrus was a non-believer, yet God used him to fulfil His prophecy and plan for the Israelites. Ezra 1:1-2

Remnant need to remember that God can use anyone to fulfil His purposes for His people. Romans 8:28





### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra God provides abundantly

12. Not only did Cyrus allow the Jews to go home, but he also provided resources and funding. Ezra 1:3-4

Remnant will see God provide resources and money through non believers as and when needed. 2 Corinthians 9:8





# 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Prioritize God's work over personal interests

13. Haggai confronted the people for building their own homes while neglecting the temple. Ezra 4:4

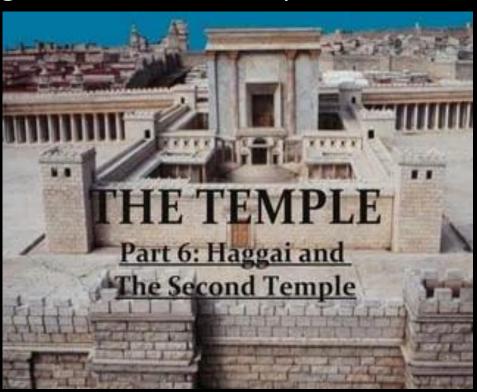
Remnant should seek the kingdom of heaven over the things of this world.

1 John 2:15-17

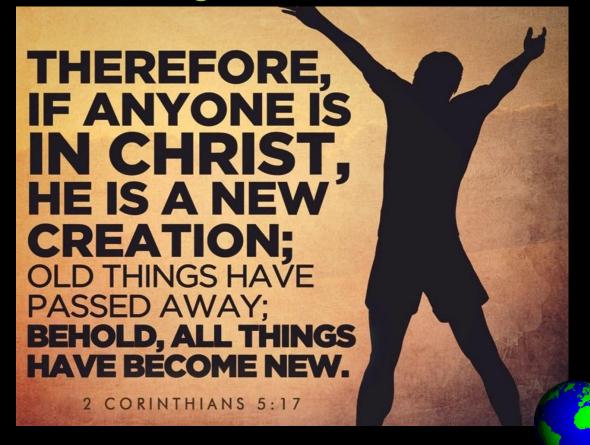


# 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Overcome discouragement

14. Haggai addressed the discouragement of those who compared the new temple to the glorious former temple. Ezra 3:12-13



Remnant should remember that former things will all pass away and Jesus will make all things new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

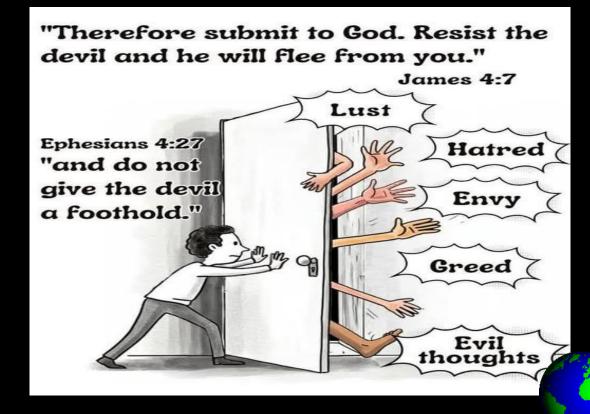


2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra Recognize the implications of disobedience

15. Haggai told the people's current struggles is their neglect of the temple, showing that disobedience can result in a withholding of blessings. Ezra 4:1-5



Remnant shown that temptation and sin lead to a spiritual death and the result is consequences of disobedience. James 1:14-15

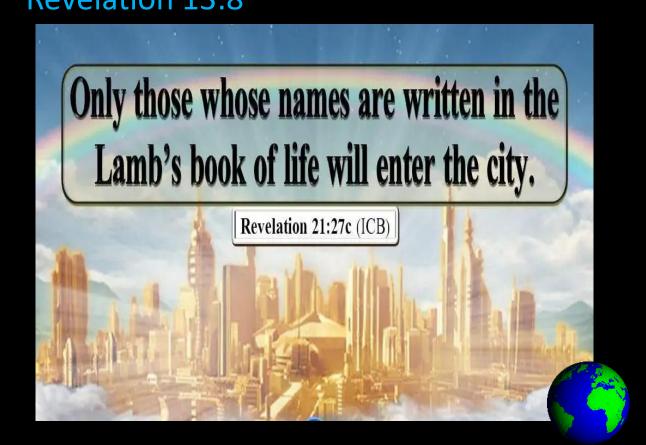


# 2 - Remnant in the book of Ezra The importance of repentance

16. Zechariah calls the people to repent and not repeat the mistakes of their ancestors, which led to exile. Ezra 5:1-2

Remnant should make sure they do not repeat the mistakes of the past to have their names in the book of life.

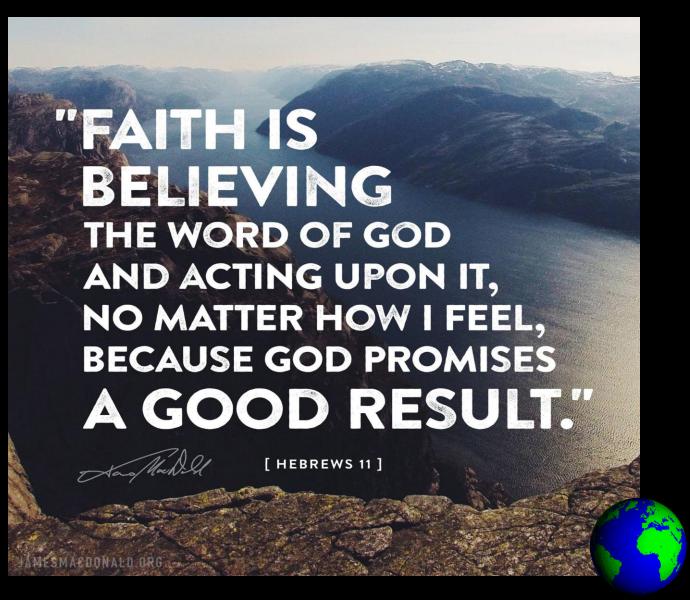
Revelation 13:8



#### 3 - Lessons form the book of Ezra

Faith and the Word of God: Ezra's success was rooted in his deep faith and dedication to studying, practicing, and teaching God's law, showing that true leadership and spiritual renewal begin with God's Word.

Worship and obedience: The book emphasizes the importance of rebuilding the temple and re-establishing proper worship. When God's people are united and obedient, they can experience a spiritual revival and receive God's blessings.



#### 3 - Lessons form the book of Ezra

Unity in the community: Ezra highlights that unity is a crucial ingredient for success. It's not based on social status or background, but on being children of the same God, saved by the same sacrifice.

Spiritual leadership: Effective leaders must have faith, teach God's Word, and love God's people. They are also called to be faithful stewards of God's resources.



#### 3 - Lessons form the book of Ezra

#### **God's faithfulness and**

deliverance: The book demonstrates that God keeps His promises, even using a foreign king to bring His people back from exile. It shows that we can trust in God's deliverance, and He will always find a way to accomplish His will for those who look to Him.

#### Rededication and renewal:

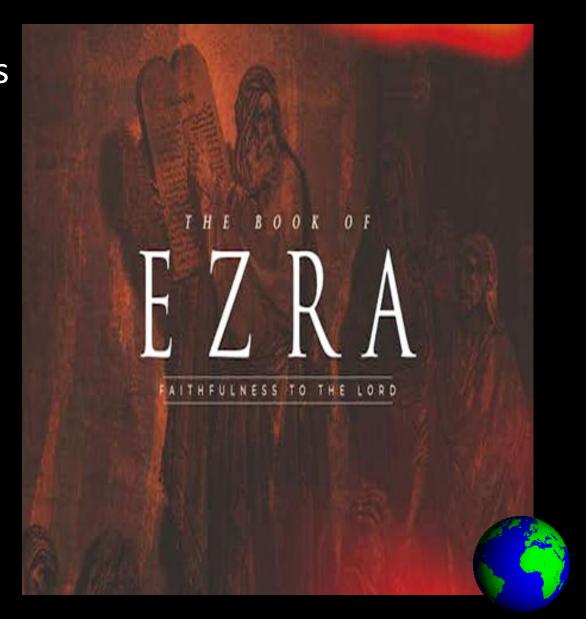
Returning to the homeland didn't automatically change the people's spiritual state. The book stresses the need for times of rededication and renewal to maintain a strong walk with God.



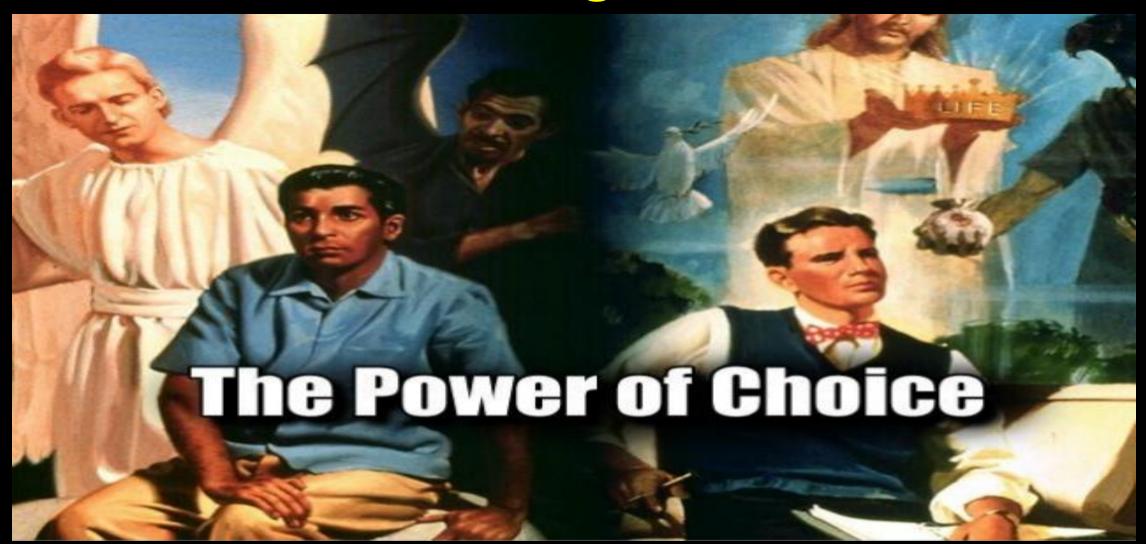
#### Conclusion

Confession and repentance: Ezra's prayer and his response to the people's sin show the importance of honest confession and repentance. He identified with the people's sin and led them in a communal act of sorrow and commitment to obey God's law.

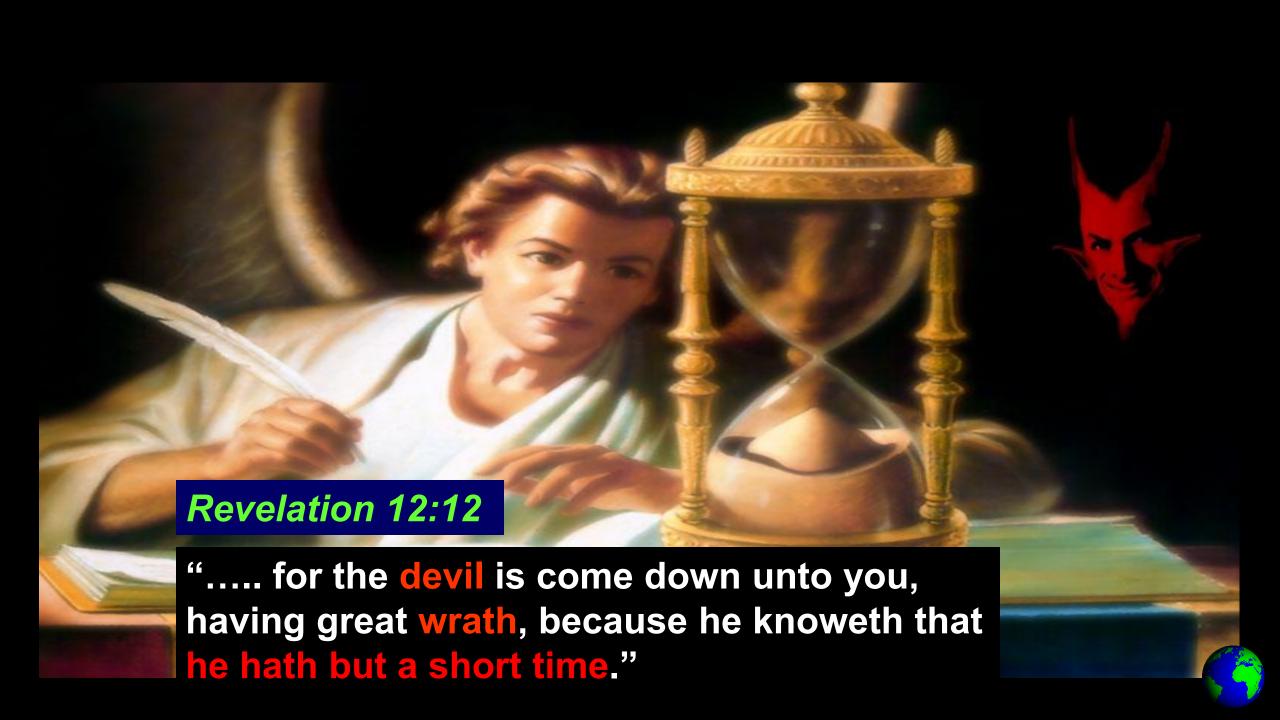
In summary, we learn in Ezra of the importance of faith in God's Word, the necessity of active worship and obedience, and the significance of unity and spiritual leadership. The book also teaches that God is faithful to His promises and can be trusted even when circumstances seem bleak, and highlights the need for regular times of dedication and renewal.



## God has given all:







### Enter The Ark of Hope

- 1. Diet
- 2. Discipline
- 3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16

The Ark of the Covenant





Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





