

THE RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

Part Two
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READING (IN THIS ORDER!):

Artaxerxes II

- Ezra 7-10 Ezra comes from Babylonia with great authority.
It was a 5-month journey, taken in the 7th month of Artaxerxes.
Ezra had to deal with the problem of mixed marriages.
- Nehemiah 1-2 Nehemiah is sent by Artaxerxes with great authority to rebuild
Jerusalem's walls, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes.
- Browse through
the handout 3102a The walls are rebuilt. Eliashib is high priest (Nehemiah 3).
- Nehemiah 4-6 Troubles Nehemiah faced.
Notice that 5:14 says Nehemiah stayed 12 years at Jerusalem before
returning to Artaxerxes.
- Nehemiah 7:1-4 Nehemiah leaves his brother in charge.
Nehemiah 7:5-73: An old list of the captives who returned to
Jerusalem with Zerubbabel long ago.
- Nehemiah 8 Ezra and Nehemiah teach the people.
- Nehemiah 9-10 The covenant is renewed.
Chap. 11 = the list of those who volunteer to live at Jerusalem.
Chap. 12:1-21 = Holy men who returned with Zerubbabel long ago.
Chap. 12:22-26 = Present day holy men.
Chap. 12:27-47 = Concerning the arrangements for the holy men.
Chap. 13:1-3 = Israel still is mingling with the heathen.
- Nehemiah 13:4-31 After returning to Artaxerxes II, Nehemiah again came to Jerusalem,
where his brother had been left in control.
Nehemiah discovers much treachery and lawlessness.