

## Week 11: The Post-Exilic Period

*“Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord.”*

Ezra 1:3



The year is circa 430 BC and all has been set aright: the children of Judah have begun to return from the exile. Administration of Judaea now falls to Ezra and Nehemiah. Under them, steps are taken towards rebuilding the Temple, reestablishing the Law of Moses, and reconstructing portions of Jerusalem's walls. However, the country that the Jews left is not the one they are returning to, and they find their homeland overrun by Gentiles who wish little more than to impede their holy endeavour.

Readings:

- Ezra 1, 3-6, Nehemiah 1-6
- See the map below (<http://maps-jerusalem.com/img/0/jerusalem-nehemiah-map.jpg>)

# History of the Old Testament Era

