

“The Return”

A Walk Through the Old Testament - Class 21

Zechariah and Malachi

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Purpose: After seven decades of exile in Babylonia, the Israelites were permitted to return to their homeland. Many opted to stay instead but some did return to begin the difficult process of restoration and rebuild.

I. Introduction

II. The Return Decreed

1. God’s Servant Cyrus
2. The Interpretation
3. Plans to Restore

III. Israel’s Return

1. Ezra’s Account
2. Some Details
3. A Positive Benefit

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IV. Problems that Follow

1. Not Eager
2. Mixed Feelings
3. The Samaritans

V. The World’s Situation

1. After Cyrus
2. After Darius
3. Esther

VI. God Sent His Prophets...