

## *“The Return”* Part 2

### **A Walk Through the Old Testament - Class 22**

#### **Zechariah & Malachi**

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**Purpose:** Even after a seventy-year exile the Israelites that returned are slow to obey. Moreover, God continues to raise up leaders and prophets to incite them to obedience. However, after Malachi’s prophecy God is silent for four hundred years.

#### I. Introduction

#### II. Nehemiah returns to the Land

1. Background
2. Backup: Artaxerxes Recognizes Something Important
3. Nehemiah’s Reaction

#### III. Nehemiah and the Wall

1. Arrival
2. Antagonists
3. Antagonism
4. Success

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### IV. Nehemiah and Reform

1. Moral and Spiritual
2. Economic
3. Redistribution
4. Celebration and Renewal

### V. Nehemiah, Persia and Home Again

1. 12 years and Off
2. Home Again
3. An Angry Man

### VI. Malachi