

Listening Guide

Introduction

[1] How many years of Israel's history does the Exile and Reconstruction era cover?

[2] What two stages of Israel's history are addressed in this era?

The Exile

[3] What "time" books address the exile?

[4] How do we construct the exile's events?

[5] What “color” books give us insight into the exile?

[6] What historical event ended the exile, and who ended it?

The Reconstruction

[7] What is the big idea of the two books that describe Judah’s reconstruction?

[8] What are the two “time” books that describe the reconstruction?

[9] What did many of the Jews believe would happen when they returned to Judah?

[10] On what did they base that belief?

The Book of Ezra

[11] What two great events are recorded in Ezra?

[12] What chapters in Ezra record each of the events?

[13] Who led the first wave of Jews back to Judah and started rebuilding the temple?

[14] Briefly describe the temple-building process.

[15] What two prophets did God use to persuade the Jews to resume work on the temple?

[16] Who led a second group of Jews back to Judah?

[17] How many years elapsed between the temple's construction and Ezra's return to Judah?

[18] What did Ezra lead Judah to "reconstruct"?

[19] What was the condition in Jerusalem at the end of Ezra's book?

The Book of Nehemiah

[20] What facts open the book of Nehemiah?

[21] In addition to the fact that the wall and its gates were not repaired, what else did the visitors report?

[22] What was Nehemiah's response to the facts he heard?

[23] What statement in Nehemiah 6 tells us that building the wall was a miraculous event?

[24] What is the primary focus of Ezra's and Nehemiah's rebuilding stories?

The Reconstruction and Its Color Books

[25] What are the "color" books for the reconstruction period?

[26] What is Esther's story about?

[27] What two eras do Chronicles add color to?

[28] How does Chronicles add color to the Reconstruction era?

[29] When did Haggai and Zechariah minister to Judah?

[30] What was Haggai's focus?

[31] What was Zechariah's focus?

[32] When do we believe Malachi ministered?

Conclusion

[33] What covenants were active in Judah's destruction and reconstruction?

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

The Reconstruction era shows us that God specializes in reconstructing people. How would you help a person who needs reconstructing to go about that process? How do you work with God in your own reconstruction when you need it? What does 1 John 1:9 say about this process?