

# Ezra

## RESTORATION

# We Finished!

Ezra 5:1 – 6:15

May 14, 2023

Today we're going to see how the returning exiles got off target and the key to getting back on track. Their mission was to rebuild the temple, yet they spent years without moving the mission forward. We'll see some of the reasons for their lack of forward momentum and what will ultimately allow them to complete the mission. It is important to not lose sight of the mission we've been called to do. We must keep in mind the greater reality yet to come when we'll dwell with Jesus face-to-face.



**WAYPOINT**  
**CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

# Order Of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 67:1-5*

## Songs of Praise

*Great Are You, Lord*

*Reckless Love*

## Confession of Faith

### **Heidelberg Catechism #32**

*Q. Why are you called a Christian?*

*A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.*

## Offering and Prayer

## Song of Declaration

*Behold Our God*

## Confession of Sin

*Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

*Romans 8:31-34*

## Children's Message

## Sermon

### ***We Finished!***

*Ezra 5:1 – 6:15*

*Pastor James Brignac*

## Song of Response

*Amazing Grace*

## Benediction

# Sermon Notes

## Sermon Text

***Ezra 5:1 – 6:15***

## Faithless

***How does Haggai give context to Ezra?***

*Ezra 5:1*

*Haggai 2:6-9*

***How does Zechariah give context to Ezra?***

*Zechariah 1:3*

***What is the key takeaway from these two other prophets?***

## Faithful

***Why was the rebuilding of the temple an issue for Darius?***

*Ezra 5:1*

## **What is preventative providence?**

*God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions. – Westminster Shorter Catechism #11*

*Ezra 5:13-14*

## **What is their response to opposition now (Ezra 5:11)?**

## Fruition

### **What do we learn from 1 Corinthians 3:16?**

### **What are the decrees of God? How does it help us understand this passage?**

*Ezra 6:14*

*The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained everything that ever happens. – Westminster Shorter Catechism #7*

### **How should we view the rebuilding of the temple (Rev. 21:22)?**

# Announcements



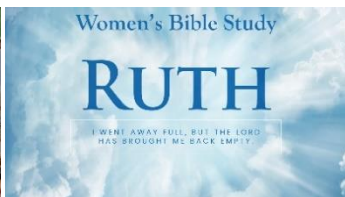
Celebration – May 27 at 6:00 PM  
Service – May 28 at 10:30 AM



Save the dates!  
August 18-19, 2023



Sundays - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
At Waypoint Church



Next Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
7:00 PM



Summer Bible Study  
Wednesdays in June, 10-11:30 AM



Multiple groups are available.  
Contact Pastor James to get  
connected



Every Friday at 8:00 AM  
via Zoom meeting

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is it essential to understand the connections between various books of the Bible?
2. Read Zechariah 1:3. How could this be seen as the theme of the entire Bible?
3. The Bible is full of stories showcasing the brokenness of God's people and God's relentless pursuit of them. Which Bible character or story resonates with you the most? Why?
4. Read Ezra 5:11. What do you believe led the people to make this bold proclamation?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. What does it mean that we are God's temple?
6. Is there any area of your life in which God is calling you to walk faithfully in the midst of opposition today?