

## Concerned or Appalled?

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### REVIEW

- Repent!
- Judah is Exiled—607 B.C.
- Prophecies to the Babylonian Exiles
  - Jeremiah 29—70 years
  - Daniel begins to fast and pray
  - Isaiah 45--Cyrus
- Rebuilding the Altar, Laying the Foundation
- Opposition to Rebuilding—16 years
- Haggai and Zechariah
- The Rebuild Again
- Victory!

### 60 Years Later

- “After these things...”
  - King Artaxerxes sends Ezra to Jerusalem—Ezra 7
  - Why?—vs. 23
  - Specific Commission to Ezra—vs. 25-26
  - Ezra’s Summary Statement—vs. 27-28
  - Another Wave of Exiles—Ezra 8
  - Ezra is Appalled—Ezra 9:1-4
    - Comfortable, Concerned, or Appalled?
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- Ezra’s Prayer—Ezra 9:5-10:1

### Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

*The below questions may include personal and corporate sins.*

1. What areas of sin have you truthfully become comfortable with?
2. What areas of sin are you concerned about, but not yet appalled?
3. Ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit of grace and supplication to move your heart(s) toward a proper repentance of sin (Zechariah 12:10). Spend time listening to the Lord, asking Him to reveal by His Spirit those areas of that He wants His Church to be appalled at.