

**Week 1**

**September 12, 2021**

**Sermon Title:**

**Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-3**

**Speaker:**

**Sermon Notes:**

**Community Group:**

**Location:**

**Date:**

## Week 1 Day 1

### Bible Reading: Jeremiah 25:1-14



### Questions for Reflection:

Using your cell phone, scan the QR code above to watch a short video about the background and setting of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Why did God send the Babylonians to capture the Israelites?  
(Jeremiah 25:1-11)

What kingdom conquered the Babylonian Empire around 539 BC?

What was the name of their king?

(You may need to look at the introductory notes of Ezra & Nehemiah in your study Bible.)

How does this fulfill the prophecy “by the mouth of Jeremiah”?

(Jeremiah 25:12-14)

## Week 1 Day 2

**Bible Reading: Ezra 1:1—2:42**

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## Week 1 Day 3

### Bible Reading: Ezra 1:1-11

#### Questions for Reflection:

Spend some time today reading the introductory notes in your study Bible at the beginning of both Ezra and Nehemiah. What did you learn about the setting and background for these books?

Why would King Cyrus issue a decree that the Israelites were free to return home and rebuild the broken-down temple? How were their beliefs about culture and religion different from the Babylonians?

## Week 1 Day 4

**Bible Reading: Ezra 2:43—3:13**

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