

# ***Exile and Restoration***

## ***In exile***

- Daniel, Ezekiel, Psalm 137, Isaiah 40ff
- Approx 70 years - Jeremiah 29

## ***Rebuilding the Temple (Ezra 1-6)***

- Decree of Cyrus
- Return of Zerubbabel
- Altar and foundations laid
- Opposition to building
- Encouragement by Haggai and Zechariah
- Darius give permission to complete building
- Completion of temple, dedication and passover

## ***Return of the Law (Ezra 7 - 10)***

- Artaxerxes give Ezra permission to return to Jerusalem
- Faith required to return
- Ezra leads the people in repentance over intermarriage

## ***Rebuilding the City (Nehemiah)***

- Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem
- Nehemiah inspects the walls
- Rebuilding the walls
- Opposition to rebuilding
- Completion of the walls
- Ezra reads the law
- Israel confess their sins
- The people of Jerusalem
- Dedication of the wall and Nehemiah's reforms

## ***Esther***

- The times of Xerxes (I), Ahasuerus
- A Jewish girl who became Queen of a foreign empire
- Her fasting when in trouble
- Her boldness in petitioning the King for her people
- Justice is done to a evil man
- Origin of the feast of Purim