

**Ezra, a Priestly Scribe, and the Need for Ezras—Those Skilled in the Word of God**

**Monday 5/1**

**Ezra 7:6**

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request according to the hand of Jehovah his God upon him.

**Neh. 8:13**

13 And on the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe, that is, in order to gain insight into the words of the law.

**2 Cor. 3:5-6**

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God,

6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**Matt. 13:52**

52 And He said to them, For this reason every scribe disciplined to the kingdom of the heavens is like a householder who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.

**Eph. 4:11-12**

11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

**Psa. 32:8**

8 I will instruct you and teach you concerning the way you should go; I will counsel you; my eye is upon you.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 1*

**Tuesday 5/2**

**Neh. 8:2-3, 6, 8**

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read in it before the open area that was before the Water Gate from first light until midday in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.

8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, interpreting and giving the sense, so that they understood the reading.

**Eph. 6:17**

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

**Matt. 4:4**

4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

**Psa. 119:105**

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**Heb. 4:12**

12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 2*

**Wednesday 5/3**

**Col. 3:16**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

**Psa. 119:2, 11**

2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.

11 In my heart I have treasured up Your word That I might not sin against You.

**Deut. 11:18-20**

18 Therefore you shall lay these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes;

19 And you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up;

20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates;

**Rom. 15:4**

4 For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 3*

**Thursday 5/4**

**Isa. 49:6**

6 He says, It is too small a thing that You would be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob And bring back the preserved of Israel; I will also set You as a light of the nations That You may be My salvation unto the ends of the earth.

**1 Pet. 2:9**

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Isa. 60:1-3**

1 Arise! Shine! For your light has come, And the glory of Jehovah has risen upon you.

2 For, behold, the darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But Jehovah will rise upon you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Eph. 5:8-9**

8 For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

9 (For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

**John 8:12**

12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**John 1:4**

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 4*

**Friday 5/5**

**2 Tim. 3:16**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**Acts 26:18**

18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

**2 Tim. 3:17**

*See Wednesday*

**1 Tim. 4:6**

6 If you lay these things before the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, being nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have closely followed.

**2 Tim. 2:1-2, 15**

1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

2 And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 5*

**Saturday 5/6**

**1 Tim. 2:3-4**

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God,

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

**2 Tim. 2:2, 15**

*See Friday*

**2 John 2**

2 For the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

**Eph. 1:22-23**

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

**1 Pet. 1:13**

13 Therefore girding up the loins of your mind and being sober, set your hope perfectly on the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**2 Pet. 3:1**

1 This second letter, beloved, I now write to you; in them both I stir up your sincere mind with a reminder,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 5, Day 6*

**Lord's Day 5/7**

**Psa. 119:159-160, 169-172, 174-175**

159 See how I have loved Your precepts; O Jehovah, enliven me according to Your lovingkindness.

160 The sum of Your word is truth, And all Your righteous ordinances are forever.

169 Let my cry come before You, O Jehovah; Give me understanding according to Your word.

170 Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

171 Let my lips pour forth praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

174 I have longed for Your salvation, O Jehovah, And Your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it will praise You; And let Your ordinances help me.

**Hymns, #542**

**Further Reading:**

*Life-study of Ezra, msg. 5*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 8:1-2*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msg. 14*

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Christ Died for Us*

**Scripture:** *Rom. 5:6-9; 8:3*

**Assigned Reading:** *Matt. 26:26-27:56; Mark 14:22-15:41; Luke 22:7-23:49; John 18:1-19:37; Psa. 22:1-22; Isa. 53*

**Supplemental Reading:** *None*

**Hymn:** *94*

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