

**HISTORY**  
**JESUS in the OT**  
**How to Have the Joy Restored**  
*2 Chronicles 36:15-21, Ezra 1 & 3*

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**How to Have the Joy Restored**  
Egypt  
 Is a Picture of the Slavery of Sin  
Coming Out of Egypt  
 Is a Picture of What Happens to You When You Become Saved  
The Promised Land  
 Is a Picture of the Victorious, Spirit-Filled Life

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**How to Have the Joy Restored**  
Rebellion  
 The People of God Sinned  
 The Prophets of God Warned  
 The Punishment of God Fell  
**REBELLION**

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Rebellion  
*2 Chronicles 36:15-21*  
*15 But the LORD, the God of their ancestors sent word against them by the hand of his messengers, sending them time and time again, for he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. 16 But they kept ridiculing God's messengers, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the LORD's wrath was so stirred up against his people that there was no remedy. 17 So he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their fit young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary. He had no pity on young men or young women, elderly or aged; he handed them all over to him.*

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Rebellion  
*2 Chronicles 36:15-21*  
*18 He took everything to Babylon—all the articles of God's temple, large and small, the treasures of the LORD's temple, and the treasures of the king and his officials. 19 Then the Chaldeans burned God's temple. They tore down Jerusalem's wall, burned all its palaces, and destroyed all its valuable articles. 20 He deported those who escaped from the sword to Babylon, and they became servants to him and his sons until the rise of the Persian kingdom. 21 This fulfilled the word of the LORD through Jeremiah, and the land enjoyed its Sabbath rest all the days of the desolation until seventy years were fulfilled.*  
 For 490 years (from the time Saul was king until King Zedekiah) they didn't observe the Sabbath year.  
 490 divided by 7 is 70 years.

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Confession and Repentance  
*Daniel 9:2-5*  
*2 I, Daniel, understood from the books according to the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah that the number of years for the desolation of Jerusalem would be seventy. 3 So I turned my attention to the Lord God to seek him by prayer and petitions, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: Ah, Lord—the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant with those who love him and keep his commands— 5 we have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled, and turned away from your commands and ordinances*

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## How to Have the Joy Restored

### Confession and Repentance

1 John 1:9  
 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**CONFESSING**  
OUR SINS

**Confess**  
You Agree With God That What You Did Was Wrong

**Repentance**  
You Turn Around From What You Did Wrong and Turn Back to Jesus

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### Obedience

Ezra 1:1-3  
<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken through Jeremiah, the LORD roused the spirit of King Cyrus to issue a proclamation throughout his entire kingdom and to put it in writing:  
<sup>2</sup>This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: "The LORD, the God of the heavens, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and has appointed me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. <sup>3</sup>Any of his people among you, may his God be with him, and may he go to Jerusalem in Judah and build the house of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem.

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Ezra 3:10-11  
<sup>10</sup>When the builders had laid the foundation of the LORD's temple, the priests, dressed in their robes and holding trumpets, and the Levites descended from Asaph, holding cymbals, took their positions to praise the LORD, as King David of Israel had instructed. <sup>11</sup>They sang with praise and thanksgiving to the LORD: "For he is good; his faithful love to Israel endures forever." Then all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD because the foundation of the LORD's house had been laid.

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Ezra 3:12-16  
<sup>12</sup>But many of the older priests, Levites, and family heads, who had seen the first temple, wept loudly when they saw the foundation of this temple, but many others shouted joyfully. <sup>13</sup>The people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shouting from that of the weeping, because the people were shouting so loudly. And the sound was heard far away.

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## How to Have the Joy Restored

### Obedience

Spiritual Foundations

- Prayer
- Reading Your Bible
- Witnessing
- Going to Church
- Fellowshipping With Other Believers

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## How to Have the Joy Restored

JESUS

OUR

RESTORER

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