

HISTORY

JESUS in the OT

Ezra

Restoring Holiness

Ezra 9-10

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A Broken Intercessor

Ezra 9:3-6

3 When I heard this report, I tore my tunic and robe, pulled out some of the hair from my head and beard, and sat down devastated. 4 Everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me, because of the unfaithfulness of the exiles, while I sat devastated until the evening offering. 5 At the evening offering, I got up from my time of humiliation, with my tunic and robe torn. Then I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God. 6 And I said: My God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift my face toward you, my God, because our iniquities are higher than our heads and our guilt is as high as the heavens.

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2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be yoked together with those who do not believe. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?



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John 17:18

As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

1 John 2:15-16

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world.




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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God.



ARE YOU COMMITTING
SPiritual ADULTERY?

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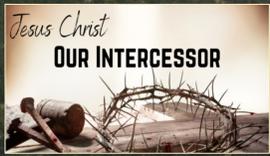
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A Broken Intercessor

An Intercessor Stands in the Gap



Jesus Christ
OUR INTERCESSOR



Revival Doesn't Start With the Crowd
It Starts With a Cry

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A Convicted People

Ezra 10:1-4
¹ While Ezra prayed and confessed, weeping and falling facedown before the house of God, an extremely large assembly of Israelite men, women, and children gathered around him. The people also wept bitterly. ² Then **Shecaniah**, son of Jehiel, an Elamite, responded to Ezra, **"We have been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women from the surrounding peoples, but there is still hope for Israel in spite of this."** ³ Therefore, let's make a covenant before our God to send away all the foreign wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the command of our God. Let it be done according to the law. ⁴ Get up, for this matter is your responsibility, and we support you. Be strong and take action!"

Before God Can Heal the Land, He Has to Cleanse His People

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A Costly Separation

Ezra 10:10-11
¹⁰ Then the priest Ezra stood up and said to them, **"You have been unfaithful by marrying foreign women, adding to Israel's guilt."** ¹¹ Therefore, make a confession to the LORD, the God of your ancestors, and do his will. **Separate yourselves** from the surrounding peoples and your foreign wives."

**Holiness Always Cost You Something
Sin Will Cost You Everything**

Matthew 16:24
 If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

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A Renewed Covenant

Ezra 10:12
 Then all the assembly responded loudly, "Yes, we will do as you say!"



GRACE

**Jesus Doesn't Just Call You Out of Sin
He Calls You Into Grace**

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Ezra's Story Points Us Straight to Jesus

Ezra Interceded for the Guilty, Jesus Intercedes for Us

Ezra Called for Holiness, Jesus Gives Us the Power to Live in Holiness

Ezra Led the People Into Covenant Renewal, Jesus Leads Us Into Eternal Redemption

Ezra Wept Over Sin, Jesus Died for Our Sin

JESUS

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