

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 38

What do you make of Daniel's vision in Daniel 10-12? What is he being shown and by whom? Why? What is one thing you take away from reading these three chapters?

What is the geographical and historical setting/context in which the Book of Ezra takes place?

Who is Cyrus? What declaration does he make in Ezra 1? What impact does this have on the Israelites living in exile?

What major project do the Israelites begin in Ezra 3? Who is leading this project? Why is this project halted in Ezra 4? Who puts a stop to it and why? How does the project get restarted? Why do you think this project was able to be successfully completed? (Ezra 5-6)

What is the central message of Haggai's prophecy? To whom was Haggai called to deliver God's message? Why? What impact did this prophecy have on its original audience? What impact, if any, does it have on us today? Why?

What are the similarities and differences between Haggai and Zechariah's prophecies?

How does God, through Zechariah, answer Sarezar and Regem-Melech's question in Zechariah 7:2-3? What does this answer reveal about how God wants us to live as people of faith?

Who is restored and who is defeated in Zechariah's "Judgment Day" vision? Why? According to Zechariah, where will God be during this Judgment Day and what will God be doing? What does this reveal to us about God? (Zechariah 12-14)

Where does the story of Esther take place? How does Esther come to be the queen? (Esther 1-2)

Who is Haman? What does he convince King Xerxes to do to all the Jews living in his kingdom? Why? What did Mordecai mean when he told Esther that she was made queen for "just such a time as this?" What was Mordecai asking Esther to do? Why was this task so dangerous? (Esther 3-5)