Rebuilding What Was Lost The Book of Ezra-Nehemiah



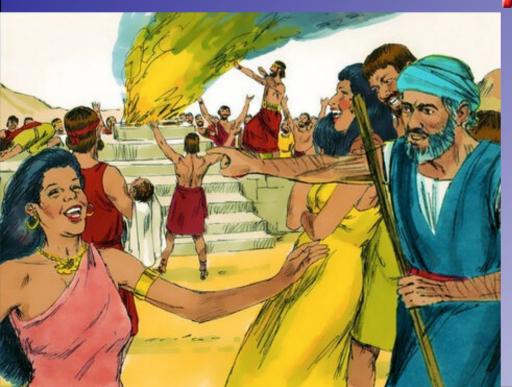
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- A Little Bit of Background
 The Return

- Laying the Foundation
 Letters to Kings
 The Return of the Heroes
 After "The End" (part 2)

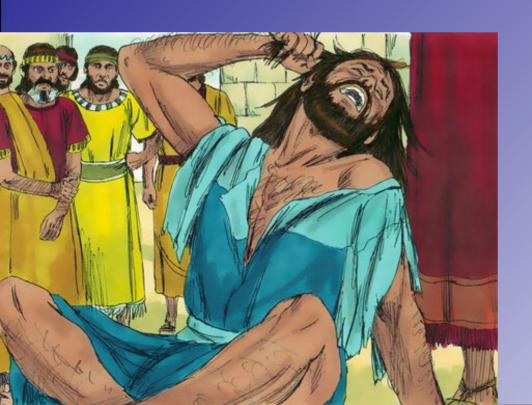


Ezra the Scribe has come back to Jerusalem
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Please read Ezra 9:1-2
What had God specifically said to His people
when they entered Canaan way back in
Deuteronomy 7:1-4?
How closely does Ezra 9:1-2 parallel
Deuteronomy 7:1-4, from centuries earlier?
So how could they have screwed this up?
How can we apply that within our
own contexts today?



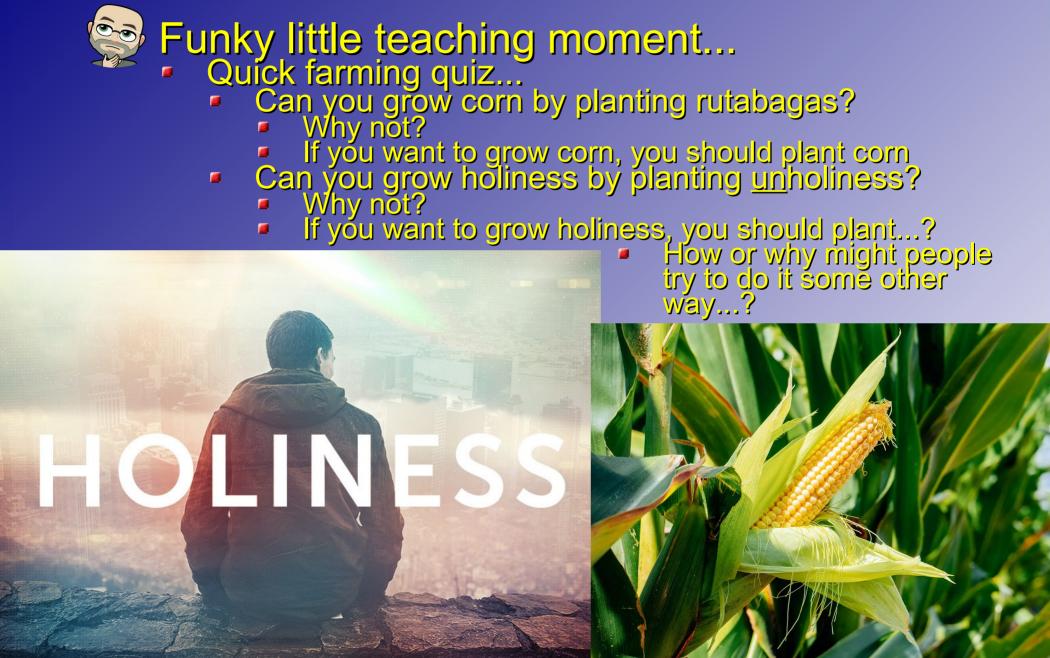


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 Why did he respond this way?
 (in particular, why was he so personally shocked and devastated by their actions?)

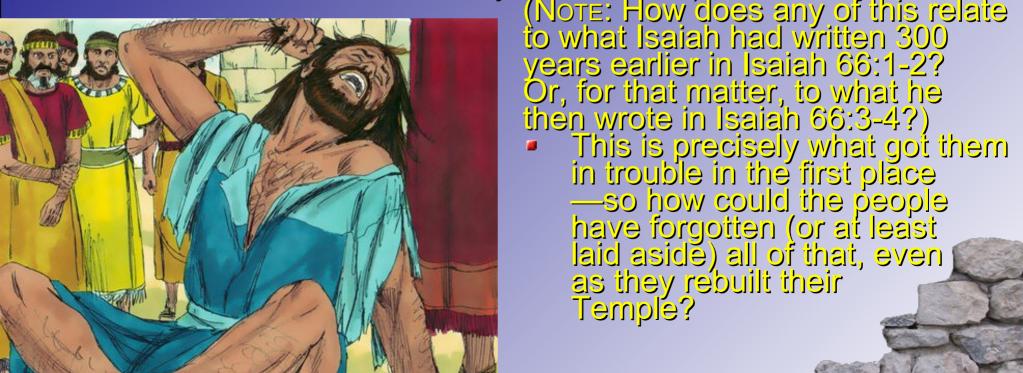




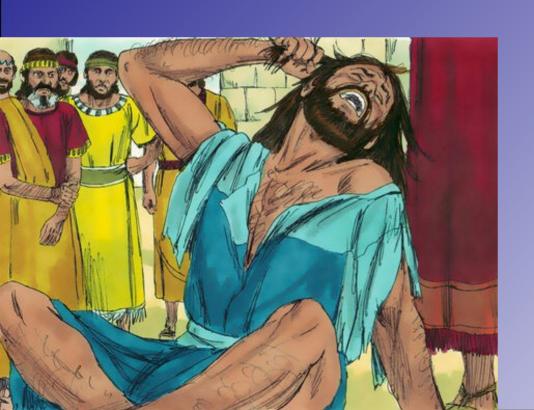




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 How did others respond to his response in 9:4?
 (and what does that suggest about the importance of dealing with visible sin in such a visible way sometimes?)
 (Note: How does any of this relate to what Isaiah had written 300 years earlier in Isaiah 66:1-2?

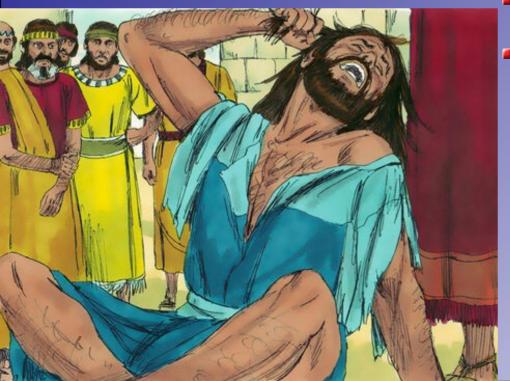


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 How do you think that the rest of the people would have responded to these responses?





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 How did Ezra pray in Ezra 9:5-7?
 Why would he pray this way—wasn't the whole point that he had been trying to do the right thing and that it was the other group that was sinning?
 Is it healthy to pray this way? Why or why not?
 What does it do to your self-perception when you do?
 What can it do to your self-perception when you don't?





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 Please read Ezra 9:8-9
 How do you read this?
 Is this a light of hope to cling to in the darkness?
 Is this a light of hope to cling to in the darkness that we've now just foolishly thrown away?
 Why would we ever do that?

