



## “Preparing For Your Position” May 17, 2026

### **- There were three men that God chose to rebuild Jerusalem**

- 1) Zerubbabel (in charge of building the altar and rebuilding the temple of God)
- 2) Ezra (in charge of restoring the worship; law & ordinances)
- 3) Nehemiah (rebuilding the walls and in charge of protection)

#### **• Ezra 7:6-10**

- Why did God choose Ezra?
- We have too many Christians not preparing, but just waiting?
- While you are not preparing for what God wants you to do, I guarantee you there is someone who is...Satan.

#### **• Isa. 40:31**

- To wait in Hebrew is not passive, it's active. It means to hope; expect; bind together. It does not mean “do nothing”. Peter didn't walk on water because he waited and did nothing.
- If you do not plant a seed in the ground, do you expect it to grow?

#### **• Ezra 1:1-3**

- When you start preparing for what God wants you to do you will face resistance from Satan. (**2 Tim. 3:12, John 15:20, Matt. 10:22**) This does not mean it has to affect you though. (**James 4:7, John 16:33, Eph. 6:16, Psalm 34:19**)

#### **• Ezra 4:1-5**

- Be aware of Satan's strategy (friendship, discouragement, stop your purpose)

#### **• Ezra 8:21-23, 31**

- How do I prepare for my position?