

My Personal Outline of the Book of EZRA

- I. Rebuilding the Place of God (The Ministry of Zerubbabel) (Chapters 1-6)
 - A. The Return (Chapters 1-2)
 - 1. Proclamation of the Departure (1:1-4)
 - 2. Provision for the Departure (1:5-11)
 - 3. People of the Departure (Chapter 2)
 - B. The Rebuilding (Chapters 3-6)
 - 1. The Restoration of Worship (3:1-7)
 - 2. The Rebuilding of the Temple (3:8-6:22)
 - a. Commenced (3:8-13)
 - b. Contested (4:1-6:12)
 - 1) The Opposition (Ch. 4)
 - a) The 1st Opposition (4:1-5)
 - b) The 2nd Opposition (4:6-23)

(NOTE: This section describes an opposition that occurs at a later date. It is no doubt recorded here so that all the opposition to the building might be recorded in full in one place.)
 - 2) The Outcry (Ch. 5)
 - a) God's Decree (5:1,2)
 - b) Governor's Dilemma (5:3-17)
 - 3) The Outcome (Darius' letter) (6:1-12)
 - c. Completed (6:13-22)
 - 1) The Finishing (6:13-15)
 - 2) The Fan Fare (6:16-18)
 - 3) The Feasts (6:19-22)
- II. Reviving the People of God (The Ministry of Ezra) (Chapters 7-10)
 - A. The Trip (Chapters 7-8)
 - 1. Ezra's Return - Preparations (Ch. 7)
 - a. The Description (A Summary) (7:1-10)
 - b. The Decree (7:11-26)
 - c. The Doxology (7:27-28)
 - 2. Ezra's Return - People (8:1-20)
 - a. The Leaders (8:1-14)
 - b. The Levites (8:15-20)
 - 3. Ezra's Request - Protection (8:21-23)
 - 4. Ezra's Responsibility - Presents (8:24-30)
 - 5. Ezra's Return - Providence (8:31-36)
 - B. The Trouble (Chapters 9-10)
 - 1. The Discovery (Ch. 9)
 - a. The Report of the Leaders (9:1,2)
 - b. The Reaction of the Leader (9:3-15)
 - 1) His Penitence (9:3,4)
 - 2) His Prayer (9:5-15)
 - 2. The Decisions (Chapter 10)
 - a. The Confession (10:1-4)
 - b. The Consecration (10:5-6)
 - c. The Convocation (10:7-17)
 - d. The Cleansing (10:18-44)