OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY  
Lesson 28 – Ezra (part 2), Nehemiah, and Malachi

This lesson covers the activities associated with the second recorded return of the Jews from Babylonian captivity.

A. For the book of Ezra chapters 7 thru 10, answer the following questions.

a) When did the events in the book occur (approximate B.C. dates)?  
b) What are the overall theme(s) or events in this portion of the book?  
c) What are one or two notable lessons we can learn from the book for use today?  
d) Ezra encountered a serious "domestic" problem with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
   a. What was it?  
   b. Why was this so troublesome?  
   c. What was Ezra's proposal?  
   d. Do we have a similar problem today in the church?

B. Answer the same a) thru c) questions for the book of Nehemiah. In addition,  
d) Much of Nehemiah's efforts involved the gates of Jerusalem. Some of these still existed during Jesus' time.
   a. What were their names?  
   b. Try to find out where they likely were located.  
   c. Try to find out why they had those names.  
e) Nehemiah encountered multiple problems with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
   a. Name three of them.
   b. Do we have similar problems today in the church?

C. Answer the same a) thru c) questions for the book of Malachi. In addition,  
d) Malachi encountered multiple problems with the Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity.
   a. Name two of them.
   b. Do we have similar problems today in the church?
   e) What is important about Mal. 4:5-6?