Bring The Book

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INTRODUCTION

- When the children of Israel had been carried away into bondage after Persia had conquered the Babylonians, the Jews who had been held captive were given permission by King Cyrus to return to their homeland.
- About 445 BC, when Nehemiah led a group back to Jerusalem and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in a scant less than two months.
- Getting all of the courage that he could possibly muster, he asked King Artaxerxes for permission to go back and rebuild the walls.

1 Bring the Book: The Principle of Restoration

Nehemiah 8:1

- What we have here is a look at the restoration. This is going to be a restoring of the old Jewish law.
- They had done what they wanted to do, and as a result, the law of God had been forgotten.
- He begins with one thing. He says, Bring the book.
- What restoration is all about is bring the book.
- If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. If any man minister, let him minister as of the ability that God supplieth, that in all things God may be glorified.
- We are here to please God, not ourselves. We're here to bring the book and speak out of the book.

2 Restoration Is to Bring Something Back

Nehemiah 8:1

- She can take all that's needful to rub off all the stuff that's been added to it and all of the things that have been changed and restore it to its original.
- He reads some more and he says to himself, I'm about to restore this. I'm going to have a football team.
- Okay, we still have NFL football. No, sir, not anymore. We've gone away from the book.
- The first thing you know, you just destroy NFL football, and it starts with very small things.
- Bring the book, the key to all restoration. No matter the enterprise, no matter the activity, bring the book and look at the book first.

3 Bring the Book on the Plan of Salvation

- If you want to know whether you have to be baptized to be saved, bring the book. What does it say about it?
- There are nine different cases of conversion in the book of Acts of Apostles. Bring the book and read it.
- How did they do it in New Testament times? How did they do it with apostolic approval?

MY NOTES