

## **Thematic Structure of The Book of Ezra**

- I. The Proclamation of Cyrus (1)
- II. The Exiles Return (2)
- III. The Rebuilding of the Temple *Started* (3)
- IV. The Rebuilding of the Temple *Opposed* (4)
- V. The Rebuilding of the Temple *Continued* (5)
- VI. The Rebuilding of the Temple *Finished* (6)
- VII. The People Instructed in the Law
- VIII. The Temple Inaugurated
- IX. The Sin of Intermarriage with Gentiles
- X. The Repentance of Sin

### **Main Theme:**

The Rebuilding of the Temple

### **Major Themes**

1. The Sovereignty of God
2. The Importance of the Temple
3. The Need for Trust in God
4. The Importance of the Law
5. The Need for Purity and Repentance

### **Key Text**

#### **Ezra 7:10**

<sup>10</sup> *For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.*