



ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

1 Esdras

Restoration, worship, and the power of truth

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The big picture

Also called Greek Ezra, this work retells material related to Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. It includes the debate of three royal guards about what is strongest, leading to praise of truth. The return from exile and the restoration of worship invite reflection on the patient rebuilding of a community.

Reading to explore

1 Esdras 3-4; 8-9; names and numbering vary

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

01 Tell the truth in a situation where exaggeration would benefit you.

02 Help restore something useful in your community.

03 Remember a difficult beginning before judging slow progress.

Pause & reflect

What needs rebuilding, and what part of that work can I faithfully undertake?

Original SELAH37 introduction. Read the text in context; historical dates and attributions are approximate.

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