



ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Ezra Apocalypse

Lament, difficult questions, and hope after catastrophe

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous, speaking in the voice of Ezra

DATE & CONTEXT · Commonly associated with the period after AD 70

The big picture

Known in the Ethiopian tradition as Ezra Sutu’el, this work corresponds to the central apocalypse often called 4 Ezra. Ezra struggles with suffering, justice, and the fate of God’s people through dialogues and visions. It is not identical in extent to every English edition labeled 2 Esdras, which may include additional works.

Reading to explore

The core apocalypse, corresponding to 2 Esdras 3–14 in many English editions

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

Live it

01 Bring a difficult question to prayer without forcing an easy answer.

02 Listen to someone grieving without correcting their feelings.

03 Make space for hope that does not deny loss.

Pause & reflect

What question have I been afraid to bring honestly before God?

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

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