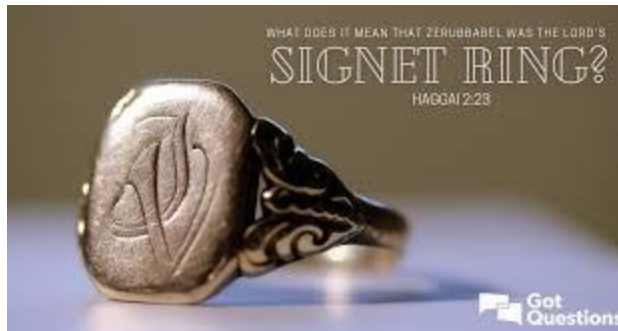
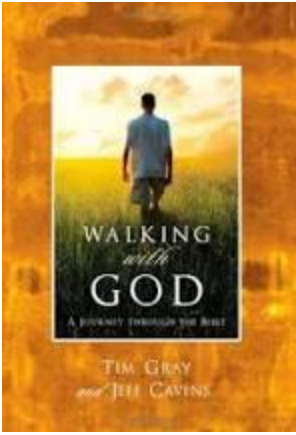


# Walking with God Session Nine

## Chapter Nine: Return



### Reflect:

- God used a pagan king to return His people to the Promised Land. What were the three waves of the return?
- As our hearts are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, do we take care to rebuild as needed?
- How do you keep God's Law? How do you guard your heart?

### Act One: Zerubbabel and Rebuilding the Temple 538 BC, under Persian King Cyrus

- What does it mean that Zerubbabel was the "signet ring" of the Lord?
- How is this return to the Promised Land a Second Exodus?
- Why did some of the elders weep when they saw the Second Temple?
- What happens when the Samaritans offer their help in rebuilding the Temple?

### Act Two: Ezra and Teaching the Torah under King Artaxerxes

- Why do we call God's Chosen People "Jews" rather than "Hebrews" or "Israelites"?
- What problem does Ezra face first? How does he solve it?
- Why was such extreme action necessary?



## Act Three: Nehemiah and Rebuilding the Walls under King Darius, 444 BC

- Zerubbabel was of the line of David and he rebuilt the Temple. Ezra was from Aaron's line, and he taught the Torah, leading the people in right worship. Why is Nehemiah seen as a new Moses?
- Why was it important to rebuild the city walls?
- Did Nehemiah run into any opposition?
- Did the people live up to their covenant promises? What happened?
- Within one hundred years, the Promised Land would be under conquest again. Who conquered them and how did the Jews respond?



*Zerubbabel's Temple*



*Appalling Abomination*