

A STUDY IN EZRA & NEHEMIAH



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Cyrus' decree  
to rebuild the  
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458 BC

445 BC

**Temple Rebuilt**

*Led by  
Zerubbabel  
(Ezra 1-6)*

**Torah Restored**

*Led by Ezra  
(Ezra 7-10)*

**Walls Rebuilt**

*Led by  
Nehemiah  
(Nehemiah 1-13)*



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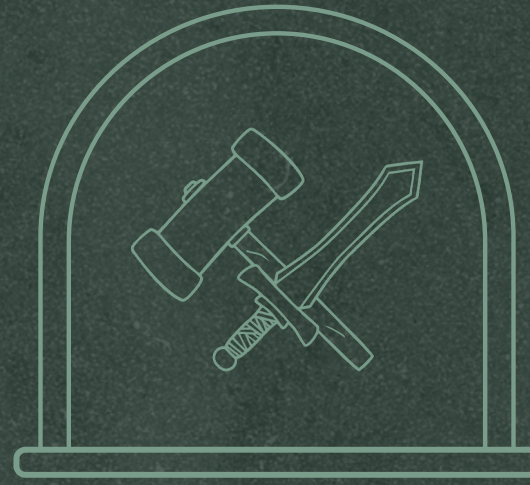
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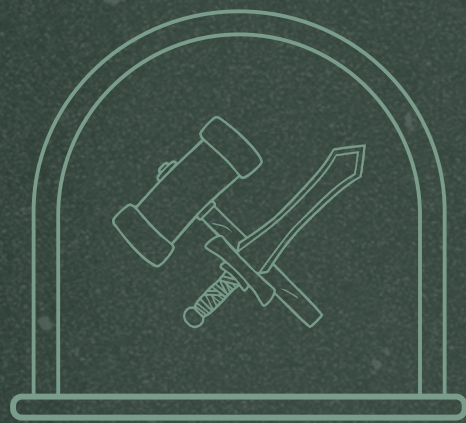
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- God's **plan** to bring revival to his people.





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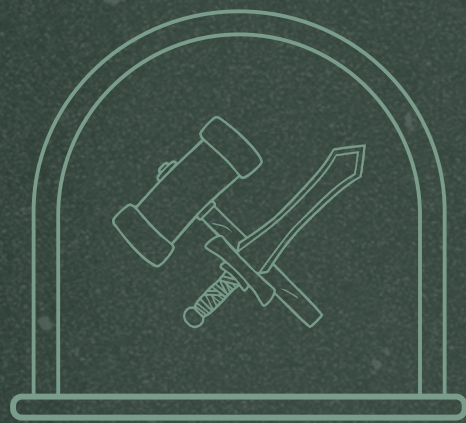


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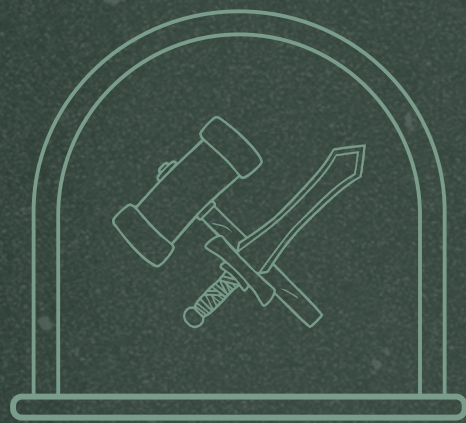






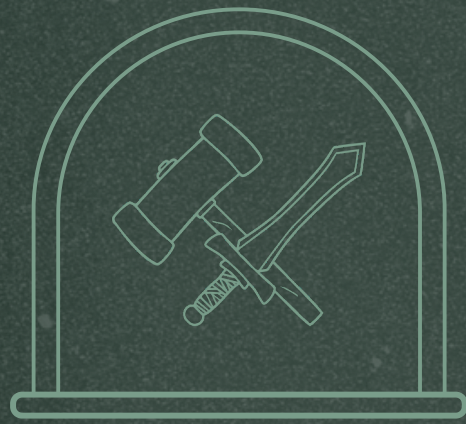
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2) God **sovereignly**  
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3) God **sovereignly stirs** to reawaken his people for His plans and purposes (Ch. 2)



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