



JOURNEY
— THROUGH THE —
OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 3
The Historical Books
Part 2

**3. THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM AND JUDAH
(1 & 2 Kings, 2 Chron. 10-36)**

The Southern Kingdom is also referred to as Judah and lasted 350 years and consisted of just two tribes...Judah and Benjamin

1. Judah During the Divided Kingdom **(1 Ki. 12-22, 2 Ki. 8-16, 2 Chron. 10-28).**

There were three distinct periods during the division of the Kingdom into Israel and Judah...

The first period comprised 60 years of war (from Rehoboam to Asa)

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**The second period was 75 years of
Political Alliance
(Jehoshaphat-Joash)**

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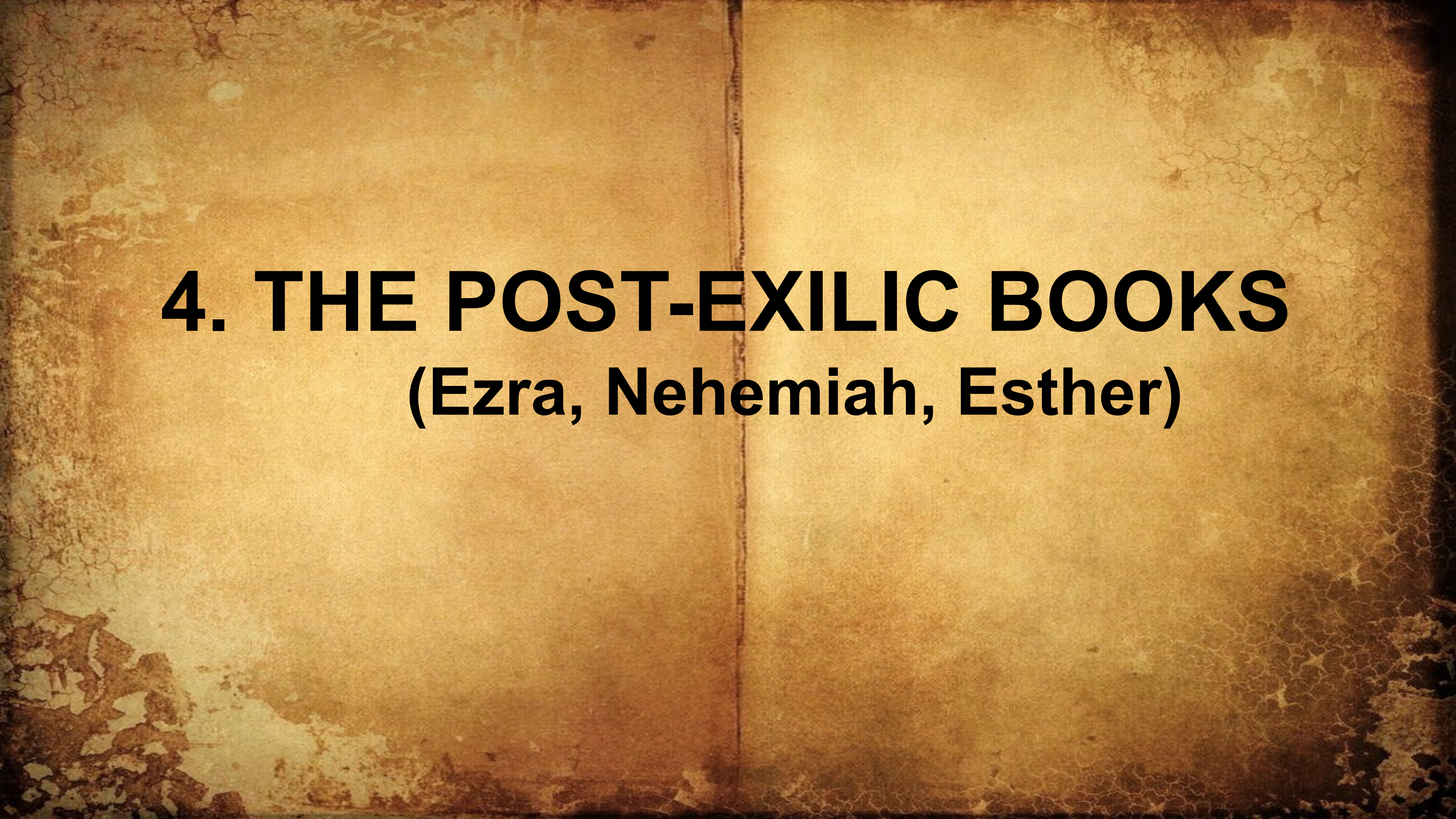
**The third period was 75 years of War
(Amaziah-Ahaz)**

**2. Judah: The Surviving Kingdom
(2 Ki. 18-24, 2 Chron. 29-36)**

**The history of the kingdom of Israel
can be divided into three
segments...**

**The United Kingdom
The Divided Kingdom
The Surviving Kingdom**

The theological point of telling the stories of the Kings and the history of Judah is to encourage obedience to God and warn against disobedience



4. THE POST-EXILIC BOOKS

(Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)

1. Ezra: The Rebuilding of the Temple.

The seven letters in the book show how God used three Persian (Modern day Iran) Kings Cyrus, Artaxerxes and Darius to help the Jews return and rebuild their homeland

Samaritans were the name given to Northern Kingdom Jews that had intermarried with the Assyrians during this time.

2. Nehemiah: The Rebuilding of the Walls

3. Esther: The Protection of the Nation.

**Esther is one of two books in
the Bible that do not mention
the name of God. The other
is Song of Solomon**

**The lesson is that God is
sovereignly in control of the
righteous and unrighteous and all
things in our lives and he is at work
to save us and put us in positions of
influence for His glory.**