



Wednesday Night
Bible Study

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Ezra

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Ezra, Chapter 1-2



- 1. Who wrote the book of Ezra?**
- 2. Approximately when do scholars believe the events of the book of Ezra were recorded?**
- 3. When did the events of the book of Ezra happen?**
- 4. Who does King Cyrus say gave him the kingdoms he rules?**
- 5. What does King Cyrus say God has appointed him to do?**
- 6. Who does King Cyrus say is able to go to Jerusalem?**
- 7. What were people living in areas where survivors lived instructed to provide?**
- 8. Who made the journey to Jerusalem?**
- 9. What did King Cyrus give to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah?**
- 10. In chapter 2, verse 9, we find that some families could not show that they were descended from Israel. Later in this same chapter, they were ordered not to eat any of the most sacred food until what happened?**
- 11. What was the Urim and Thummim?**
- 12. How many people in all made the journey to Jerusalem?**

Ezra, Chapter 3



1. At the beginning of this chapter, the people were said to have assembled as what?
2. What did Jeshua and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel and his associates begin to do first and why?
3. Who were these people afraid of?
4. Despite their fears, how often did they offer sacrifices to God?
5. What special feast did they celebrate and what was the purpose of this feast (hint: found in Leviticus 23)?
6. What were the people of Sidon and Tyre supposed to provide for the temple and who authorized them to do so?
7. When did work begin on the temple?
8. What did all the people do once the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid?
9. What did many of the older priests and Levites and family heads do and why?
10. How loud was the sound of the shouts of joy and the sound of weeping?

Ezra, Chapter 4



1. Who came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families once they heard that the exiles were building a temple?
2. What did these men offer to do?
3. How did Zerubbabel, Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel respond?
4. What did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin do next?
5. What did these same enemies do at the beginning of the reign of Xerxes?
6. Who sent Artaxerxes a letter?
7. What did they accuse the Jews of doing?
8. What did they say would happen once the city was built and the walls restored?
9. In the king's reply, what information did he say resulted from his search concerning the city of Jerusalem?
10. What order did the king issue?
11. What did Rehum and Shimshai do with the king's decision?
12. When did the work stop on the house of God in Jerusalem?

Ezra, Chapter 5



1. Who prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem?
2. What did Zerubbabel and Jeshua do?
3. Who helped them in this endeavor?
4. What two questions do Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their associates ask the Jews?
5. What was watching over the elders of the Jews?
6. Did they stop work on the temple?
7. What did Tattenai, Shethar-Bozenai and their associates tell King Darius the Jews were doing in Jerusalem?
8. Who did the Jews say had issued a decree for them to rebuild the house of God?
9. What did the Jews say King Cyrus had removed from the temple of Babylon?
10. How long did the Jews say they had been working on the temple?
11. What does Tattenai, Shethar-Bozenai and their associates ask King Darius to do?

Ezra, Chapter 6



1. Upon receiving the request made in chapter 5, what did King Darius do?
2. Where was the scroll found?
3. What decree had King Cyrus issued?
4. Describe the temple?
5. How were the costs to be paid?
6. What was to be given back to exiles and placed in the house of God?
7. What does King Darius order Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their fellow officials to do?
8. What does he order Tattenai and Shethar-Bonzenai and their fellow officials to do for the elders of the Jews?
9. What was to happen to anyone who changed King Darius' edict?
10. Under the preaching of Haggai and Zechariah, what happened to the elders of the Jews?
11. When was the temple completed?
12. On the day that the people of Israel dedicated the house of God, what did they offer in sacrifices?
13. What two major celebrations did the exiles enjoy in their new temple?

Ezra, Chapter 7



1. In the beginning of chapter 7, who comes up from Babylon?
2. Describe Ezra?
3. Why did King Artaxerxes grant Ezra everything he asked?
4. Who also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes?
5. Ezra began his journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month, when did he arrive in Jerusalem?
6. What more to we learn about Ezra in verse 10?
7. Who does King Artaxerxes say can go to Jerusalem with Ezra?
8. What would they be taking with them?
9. What were they to do with this money?
10. If needs arose at the temple, where were they to get the money to meet these needs?
11. Along with ordering the treasurers of Trans-Euphrates to provide Ezra with whatever he asked for, King Artaxerxes said that these same men did not have the authority to do what?
12. What did King Artaxerxes instruct Ezra to do?
13. What was to be the punishment for not obeying the laws of God?

Ezra, Chapter 8



1. Where did Ezra assemble the family heads and those registered with them who came up with him from Babylon?
2. When he checked with the people, what did he not find?
3. When Ezra summons the men of learning, who does he send them to?
4. What were they supposed to get from Iddo and his kinsmen?
5. Who answered Ezra's call to go with them?
6. What did Ezra ask the people to do by the Ahava Canal?
7. What was Ezra ashamed to ask King Artaxerxes for and why?
8. What did Ezra give to twelve of the leading priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah and ten of their brothers?
9. What did Ezra tell these men to do?
10. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, Ezra and his party rested for three days. What did they do on the fourth day?
11. When they had weighed everything, what did they find?
12. What did the exiles returning from captivity do next?
13. What did they give to the royal satraps and to the governors of Trans-Euphrates?

Ezra, Chapter 9



1. At the beginning of chapter 9, what did the leaders come to Ezra about?
2. Who had led the way in this unfaithfulness of the people?
3. What did Ezra do when he heard this news?
4. How long did Ezra sit there?
5. What did Ezra do next?
6. How does Ezra describe their sins and guilt?
7. Because of their great guilt and sins, what had the people suffered?
8. What does Ezra say that God had not done in their bondage?
9. In verses 8 and 9, Ezra lists all the things God had done for them. Name a few.
10. What does Ezra say the people had filled the land with?
11. Ezra says that what has happened to the people is a result of what?
12. Does Ezra believe their punishment has been too harsh?

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