

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey

The Book of Ezra

Meaning of book: Hebrew: _____
Greek: _____

Who wrote it? _____

Date of writing: _____

Timing of events: _____

Key Term: _____: The book describes two restorations from Babylonian _____. First, more than _____ Israelites returned under Sheshbazzar. Second, a smaller group of about _____ accompanied _____, whose goal was to teach the people the _____ of Moses.

Location of Events: _____

Book Outline: Part 1 – The _____ of the Temple (Chaps. 1-6)
a. The First Return to Jerusalem (Chaps. 1-2)
b. Construction of the Temple (Chaps. 3-6)

Part 2 – The _____ of God’s People (Chaps. 7-10)
a. The Second Return to Jerusalem under Ezra (Chaps. 7-8)
b. Restoration of the People (Chaps. 9-10)

Summary in one sentence: The first group of returning exiles restored _____ of the Lord, culminating in a _____ temple; but Ezra, who led the second group, reestablished Israelite community under Mosaic law, culminating in putting away _____ marriages.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *God* – invoked by _____ as he warns Israel about their sinful ways; *Cyrus* – king of _____ who instigates the exile’s return and their rebuilding of the Temple; *Zerubbabel* – along with _____, begins to rebuild the Temple; *Artaxerxes* – later king of Persia; ends rebuilding of Jerusalem; sends *Ezra*; *Darius* – later king of Persia; gives financial and material _____ to the Temple builders; *Ezra* – priest; descendant of _____

Where is Christ? Ezra the priest is a foreshadowing of Christ, because he led God’s people out of captivity. In Luke 4:18 Jesus announced His agenda on earth, part of which was “to proclaim _____ to the _____”.

Verse to Remember: Then the Israelites, including the _____, the _____, and the rest of the exiles, celebrated the dedication of the house of God with _____. (Ezra 6:16)

- Interesting Facts:**
- 1.) The return from Babylon to Judea has been called Israel’s “Second Exodus”, which was a distance of about 900 miles.
 - 2.) The 40,000 plus exiles who returned from Babylon only represented a remnant of the 2 million plus who were in captivity.
 - 3.) Those who returned from exile were from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi.

What is my take away? _____

Home Study: _____

