

Ezra

The prophecy of Jeremiah against the Babylonians came true as the Medes and Persians conquered the Babylonian empire. When Cyrus became king of the new Persia empire (538 B.C.), what announcement did he make? Ezra 1:1-4

When God stirred the hearts of the priests, Levites, and leaders of Judah and Benjamin to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple, what did their neighbors give them to help? Ezra 1:6

What did King Cyrus himself return to Sheshbazzar, the leader of the returning exiles from Judah? Ezra 1:7-11

Who were the other leaders of the Jewish exiles who were returning to Jerusalem? Ezra 2:2

How many men of Israel returned? Ezra 2:3-35

How many priests returned? Ezra 2:36-39

How many Levites (including singers and gatekeepers) returned? Ezra 2:40-42

How many temple servants and descendants of King Solomon's servants returned? Ezra 2:58

Others returned but were not included as official Jews, while others who claimed to be priests were not included as such. Why? Ezra 2:59-63

How many total returned from Babylon to Jerusalem? Ezra 2:64-65

What animals did they take? Ezra 2:66

What monetary gifts and priest's robes were sent back? Ezra 2:69

Where did they settle when they reached the area of Judah? Ezra 2:70

What was the first thing they rebuilt when they returned, and where did they build it? Ezra 3:2-3

The people hired masons and carpenters from Tyre and Sidon to help rebuild the temple. When did construction of the temple begin? Ezra 3:8

Who was in charge of the rebuilding? Ezra 3:8

When the enemies from the area heard that the temple was being rebuilt, what did they ask to do? Ezra 4:2

What were they told? Ezra 4:3

The enemies tried to frustrate the rebuilding, and finally when a different king came to power in Persia, they sent a letter to him accusing the Jewish people who returned of trying to rebel against the king. The king sent them back a letter saying what? Ezra 4:21, 24

When Darius came to power in Persia, another letter was sent to Darius asking him whether the temple rebuilding should be allowed or not. After finding the original decree from King Cyrus in the Persian records, Darius wrote and told the governor of the area what? Ezra 6:7-10

On what date was the rebuilding of the temple completed? Ezra 6:15

Years later, during the reign of Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra left Babylon to return to Jerusalem. Who was Ezra? Ezra 7:1-6

Who returned to Jerusalem with him? Ezra 7:7

Why did Ezra want to go to Jerusalem? Ezra 7:10

What authority and privileges did the king give Ezra? Ezra 7:13-15, 21, 24, 26

On the trip to Jerusalem, how did Ezra 'protect' the valuable items he was bringing with him? Ezra 8:24-30, 34

When Ezra began teaching the people and examining the situation, what did he find had happened? Ezra 9:1-2

What scripture had the Israelites violated? Deut 7:1-4

What was the reaction of Ezra when he learned this? Ezra 9:3-4

When Ezra pointed out that what they had done, what was the reaction of the people? Ezra 10:1

What suggestion was made to remedy the situation? Ezra 10:2-3

What was Ezra asked to do? Ezra 10:4

Ezra called an assembly of all the Israelites. It was in December and raining and the people were upset and afraid. What did Ezra tell them that they must do? Ezra 10:10-11

While the people agreed, what problem did they express? Ezra 10:13

How was it suggested that this be handled? Ezra 10:14

How long did this take? Ezra 10: 16-17

Where priests involved in this sin? What did they do to atone? Ezra 10:18-19

What other groups were involved? Ezra 10: 23, 24, 25-43

What complicated the procedure? Ezra 10:44

What can we learn from this situation?