

## **Series: Major Bible Events**

### **Title: The Restoration of the Temple**

#### **Text: Ezra**

Ezra: Scribe & Priest

Wrote 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, & Ps 119

Ezra led a 120 man council who formed the OT Canon.

#### **I. The Returning Exiles:** (Ezra 1)

537-516 BC- The Temple is Rebuilt by Zerubbabel

478 BC - Esther became Queen of Persia

473 BC - Esther Saves the Jews from Massacre

458 BC - Ezra went from Babylon to Jerusalem

445 BC - Nehemiah returned to repair the Wall

1st Command of the New Emperor: (2 Chron 36:22-23)

As Prophesied by (Isaiah 44:28)(Is 45:1-6; 13)(Jer 29:10)

(Ezra 1:1-5) Some were called to Go

(Ezra 1:6) Some were called to Give

King restored the Treasure from the Temple: (1:7-11)

King Promised Substantial Assistance: (6:3-12)

#### **The Census of those returning:** (Ezra 2:1-60)

(Vs 1-35) “*Children of the Province*”

(Vs 36-39) The Priests

(Vs 40-54) The Priests

(Vs 55-57) Solomon’s Royal Staff

(Vs 58-63) The Unknown Genealogies

(Ezra 2:61-63) List of those who forfeited their ministry

(Ezra 2:64) 42360 People + 7337 Support staff

(Ezra 2:68-69) The People gave personal freewill offerings

## **II. The Rebuild of the Temple: Zerubbabel**

536 BC - The Jews Return from Babylon

537-516 BC- The Temple Rebuilds begins by Zerubbabel

The Altar is Restored: (Ezra 3:1-7)

The Foundation of the Temple Laid: (Vs 8-13)

The Test of Faith: (Ezra 4:4-7)

A decree to halt it indefinitely. (Ezra 4:23-24)

After 15 yrs, the work resumed:

Haggai & Zachariah Encouraged them to restart: (Ezra 5:1-2)

(Ezra 6:1-12) King Darius reconfirms the decree of Cyrus.

## **III. The Return of Ezra:** (Ezra 7-10)

(Ezra 7:1-5) Priestly Pedigree back to Aaron.

(Vs 7) Temple personnel to perform the needed temple duties.

(Vs 8) Travel time was 4 Months

(Vs 10a) The Key to Ezra Success:

His Primary Objective was to ...

(Ezra 7:10) *to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.*

Letter from The Persian King gave Authority: (Ezra 7:23-26)

Ezra knew the power of Praise! (Ezra 7:27-28)

## **IV. The Burden of Leadership:** (Ezra 9-10)

**Ezra’s Problem:** (9:1-2)

**Ezra’s Grief:** (9:3-4)

**Ezra’s Prayer:** (9:5-15) (2 Cor 6:14-18)

**Prayer Changes Things: (Ezra 10:1)**

**Revival:** (Ezra 10:10-12)