

THE SECOND RETURN UNDER EZRA

Ezra 7 - 10

About eighty years after the first group of captives had returned to Jerusalem, a second group returned, in 457 B.C., under the leadership of Ezra. Read about them below:

A. The Command to Return: Read Ezra 7:1-28

1. Who was Ezra? Ezra 7:6

2. From whom was he descended? Ezra 7:5

3. What kind of person was he? Ezra 7:10a

4. What did he want to do in Judah? Ezra 7:10b

5. Who did the king say might go with him? Ezra 7:13

6. What were they to carry with them? Ezra 7:15, 16, 19

7. What wonderful promise did the king make to Ezra? Ezra 7:20-22

8. What two things did the king want Ezra to do in Judah? Ezra 7:25

a. _____

b. _____

9. What did Ezra do when he learned all that the king had commanded
Ezra 7:27, 28

10. Who went up with Ezra to Jerusalem? Ezra 7:7, 28b

B. The Journey to Jerusalem: Read Ezra 8:1,15-36

1. Where did the people gather to begin their journey to Jerusalem? Ezra 8:15a

2. What did they discover they were lacking at this time? Ezra 8:15b

3. When these were provided what did Ezra have all the people do? Ezra 8:21

4. Why did they not have soldiers to guard them on their journey? Ezra 8:22

5. Who was responsible for all the silver and gold on the journey? Ezra 8:24-30

6. How long did it take them to make the journey? Compare Ezra 8:31 with

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Ezra 7:8

7. What did all the people do when they arrived at Jerusalem? Ezra 8:35
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C. The Work of Ezra in Jerusalem: Read Ezra 9:1-10:17

1. After this, what great sin did Ezra discover that the first group of people had committed?
Ezra 9:1, 2
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2. How did Ezra feel about this? Ezra 9:3, 4
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3. What did Ezra do about this sin? Ezra 9:5-15
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4. What did the leaders suggest that they do to correct this situation? Ezra 10:3
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5. Did the people agree to do this? Ezra 10:9-12
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6. How long did it take Ezra to complete this work? Compare Ezra 10:16 and 17
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was it that made possible this return to Jerusalem, and all of Ezra's work? Ezra 7:6b, 9b, 28b, 8:18a, 22b, 31b
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2. To what do I owe all that has been done for me and through me in the past?
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