

“Through the Bible: Ezra 6-8”

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I. The King Answers; God’s Way Begins to be Implemented Once Again (Ezra 6-7)

A. As Ezra 5 ended, the Lord’s-house builders awaited an answer from King Darius. His answer can be found in Ezra 6:3-12. Answer the following questions based upon these verses.

1. What fact was verified in Ezra 6:3? _____

2. Those who thought to cause trouble were told to “be ye _____ from thence,” and to “Let the _____ of this house of God _____” (Ezra 6:6-7).
3. What did King Darius offer to the house-builders in Ezra 6:8-9?

4. What royal punishment loomed for the ones who disobeyed the king’s edict (Ezra 6:11-12)? _____

B. In what year was the temple finished according to Ezra 6:15?

C. “And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, _____ the dedication of this house of God with _____” (Ezra 6:16).

D. What event was held during the verses of Ezra 6:19-22? _____

E. We are introduced to Ezra in Ezra 7. What do we learn about him in Ezra 7:6?

F. “For Ezra had _____ his _____ to _____ the law of the LORD, and to _____ it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments” (Ezra 7:10).

G. Ezra 7:13-26 records a decree given to Ezra by Artaxerxes. Answer these questions based upon that passage.

1. Who did the king allow to go with Ezra to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:13)?

2. The king ordered gold and silver be taken to Jerusalem, and that sacrifices were to be purchased with the money. If there was something which was needed, how did the king propose to be sure the need was fulfilled (Ezra 7:20)? _____

3. “ _____ is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be _____ done for the house of the God of heaven” (Ezra 7:23).
4. It was not lawful to “impose _____, _____, or _____, upon” certain classes of people. Ezra was instructed to “ _____ ye them that know... _____” God’s law. Lastly, those who “will not _____ the law of thy God” are dealt with (Ezra 7:24-26).

II. An Accounting of Those Returning from Exile (Ezra 8)

- A. Ezra 8:1-14 details those who “went up with me from _____” (Ezra 8:1).
- B. Ezra 8:15-20 shows Ezra realized there were “none of the sons of _____” with them (Ezra 8:15). Ezra located men who would “bring unto us _____ for the house of our God” (Ezra 8:17).
- C. What did Ezra proclaim, and for what reason according to Ezra 8:21?

- D. Ezra chose _____ men to carry gold, silver, and precious articles to the priests in Jerusalem (Ezra 8:24-30). Ezra would soon follow in their track.
- E. God protected Ezra’s traveling group from those who were laying “in _____ by the way” (Ezra 8:31). What did these travelers do upon their arrival in the city (Ezra 8:35)? _____
