

May 26- June 02

DISCOVERY UNDERSTANDING PPLICATION



New International Version (NIV) Ezra Comes to Jerusalem

1 After these things, during the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest—



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6 this Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the Lord, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him. 7 Some of the Israelites, including priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers and temple servants, also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.



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8 Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king. 9 He had begun his journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month, and he arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, for the gracious hand of his God was on him. 10 For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.





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Who was Ezra as revealed in his genealogy in v. 1–6? What made him special? What was the significance of him being a descendant of Aaron?

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Ezra's group was the 2nd group of exile that returned to Jerusalem from Babylon after the dedication of the 'Temple under King Darius in 586 B.C. He led a group of immigrants 58 years later. Who was the reigning king at that time and how did the king respond with favor for his request to return? (vv.6-8)



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What preparations did he have to do for his return (vv.6-10)?

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Ezra 7:1-10



Why did Ezra have to ask King Artaxerxes if he could return?



What could have motivated Ezra to return to his land? What situation could you envision at this time with the people in Jerusalem after almost 60 years of dedicating the temple?



How did Ezra leverage on his knowledge, skill and probably high position and influence in the kingdom of King Artaxerxes to help his people back in Jerusalem? How did that make him effective in God's kingdom?





Why was it important for Ezra to seek the Law of the Lord?



How can you demonstrate dedication to studying and following God's word in your daily life, similar to Ezra's dedication? PPLICATION 2.1

What practical ways do you plan to do to be better equipped to reach out and share the Gospel with non-believers, to minister to others and be of used to your Master?

Ezra 7:1-10



How can you use your skill, training, Bibleknowledge and spiritual gifting in ministering to people around you including your family, friends and your community?

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Small Group Sessions CLOSING PRAYER



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