

TAKE HOME PRINCIPLES Ezra 7:11-28

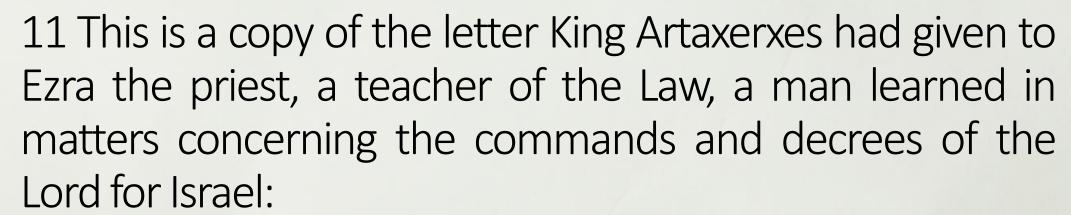






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King Artaxerxes' Letter to Ezra



12 Artaxerxes, king of kings,

To Ezra the priest, teacher of the Law of the God of heaven:

Greetings.

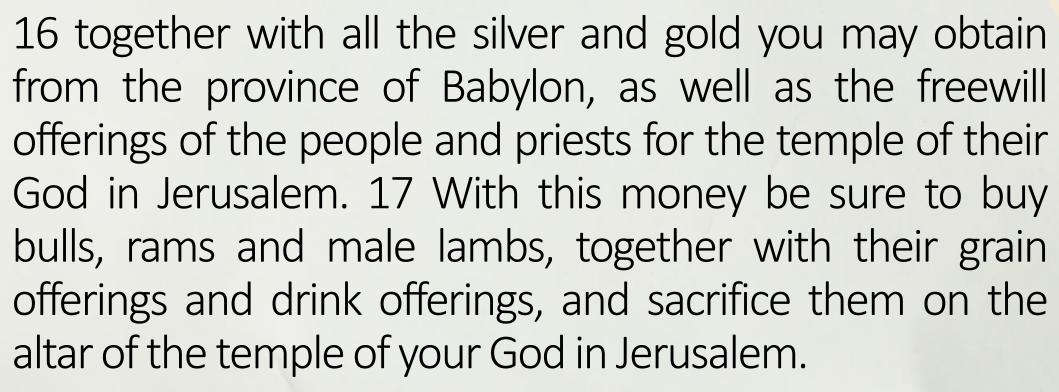


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13 Now I decree that any of the Israelites in my kingdom, including priests and Levites, who volunteer to go to Jerusalem with you, may go. 14 You are sent by the king and his seven advisers to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem with regard to the Law of your God, which is in your hand. 15 Moreover, you are to take with you the silver and gold that the king and his advisers have freely given to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,

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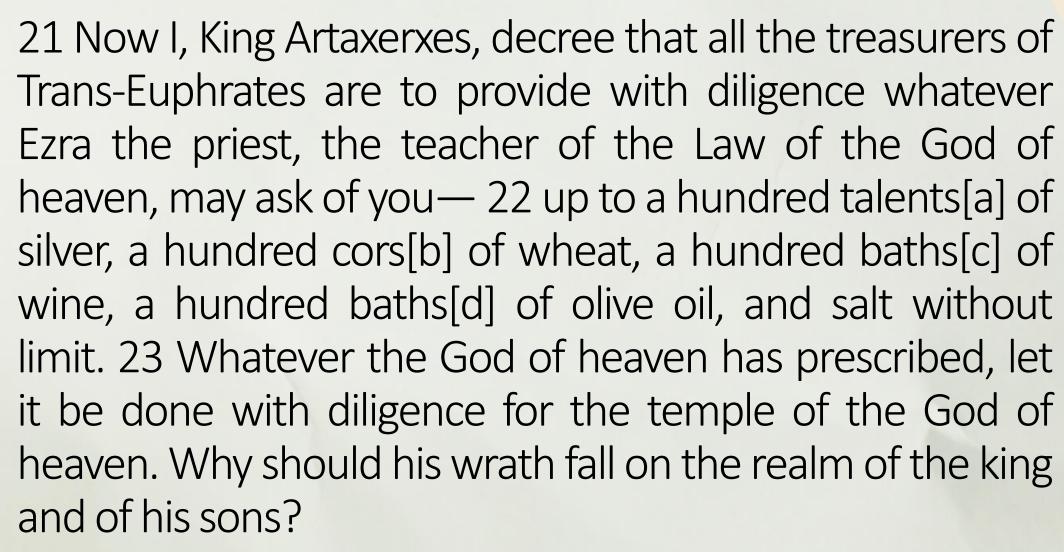


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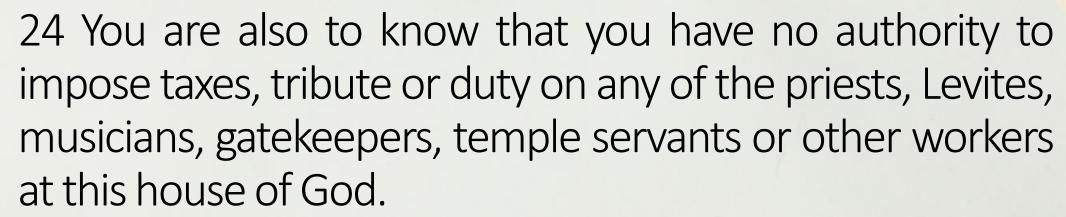
18 You and your fellow Israelites may then do whatever seems best with the rest of the silver and gold, in accordance with the will of your God. 19 Deliver to the God of Jerusalem all the articles entrusted to you for worship in the temple of your God. 20 And anything else needed for the temple of your God that you are responsible to supply, you may provide from the royal treasury.

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25 And you, Ezra, in accordance with the wisdom of your God, which you possess, appoint magistrates and judges to administer justice to all the people of Trans-Euphrates—all who know the laws of your God. And you are to teach any who do not know them.



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26 Whoever does not obey the law of your God and the law of the king must surely be punished by death, banishment, confiscation of property, or imprisonment.[e]

27 Praise be to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, who has put it into the king's heart to bring honor to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem in this way 28 and who has extended his good favor to me before the king and his advisers and all the king's powerful officials. Because the hand of the Lord my God was on me, I took courage and gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

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"I will study, obey and share His Word, so that my life will bring glory to His name."

Who was Ezra and how was he described in v. 11?



In verses 12–26, what were the instructions of King Artaxerxes to Ezra and to all the treasurers in the province west of the Euphrates River?

What was Ezra's response to the support he received? (vv. 27-28)

Ezra was described as "a teacher of the Law, a man learned in matters concerning the commands and decrees of the LORD for Israel". What does this mean, and how did he gain favor with the King?

What can we learn about God in verse 26 on disobedience to the Law?

Why is it so important to praise God and acknowledge God's blessings in our lives?

One of the things Ezra was tasked to do was to share God's law to others. As Christians, it is also our duty to study the Word and likewise teach what we know about Christ to others.

a. How would you describe your Bible study time? How do you think you can still improve it?

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b. Do you find it easy to share the Gospel? If yes, what best practice can you share with your group? If not, what are your challenges and how can you overcome these?



Following the example of Ezra, we should be mindful that our successes and blessings in life come from God, and that we should give Him the glory. Are you consistent in giving praise to God every time you receive a blessing? How do you usually do it?

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Small Group Sessions CLOSING PRAYER

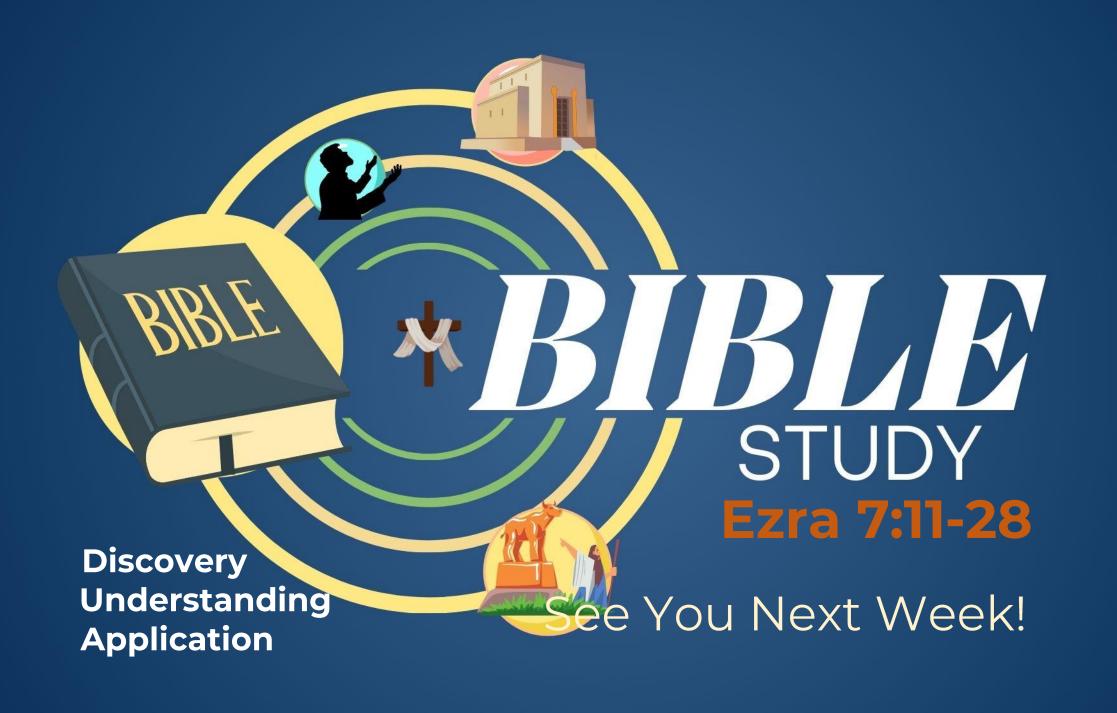


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Worship Service Schedule: 9am

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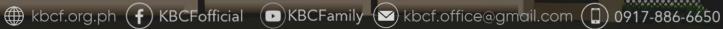
















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