

# The Return from Captivity

Section 03: Ezra 1-3

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**Read: Ezra 1-3**

**Intro:** Cyrus rises and begins to send God's people back to Judah/Jerusalem to build the temple.

## Cyrus in Prophecy

- What does Isaiah say about Cyrus? (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1-7) When does Isaiah prophecy vs Cyrus?

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- What does 2 Chronicles 36:22 and Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10 say about Cyrus?

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- Who is Cyrus??

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## Cyrus' Proclamation

- What did Cyrus' proclamation say? (Ezra 1:1-4)

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- What was returned to Jerusalem? (Ezra 1:5-11)

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- Who returned to Jerusalem? (Ezra 2:1-70) What does the "listing" mean? Why list them?

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- What begins to happen in Judah? (Ezra 3:1-7)

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## The Temple Rises

- What is built in the second year of return? (Ezra 3:8-11)

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- What is the reaction to this event? (Ezra 3:12-13)

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- What are some reasons old men might cry? (Ezra 3:12)

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