

The Return from Captivity

Section 15: Ezra 7-8

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Read: Ezra 7-8

Intro: “Second Wave” of returnees. Ezra the priest and scribe returned with certain priests, Levites, and other Israelites from Babylon to Jerusalem, furnished with a royal commission to provide for the worship of God and the observance of the law.

Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem from Babylon (7:1-10)

- How much time has elapsed between Ezra 1-6 and the beginning of Ezra 7? _____
- What are some well-known names that appear in Ezra’s genealogy? (7:2-5) _____

- What was Ezra? (7:6) _____
- Who went with Ezra? (7:7) _____
- How long was his journey? Why? (7:8-9) _____
- What had Ezra set his heart upon? (7:10) _____

The King’s Decree on Behalf of Ezra (7:11-24)

- What were the main points of the King’s Decree concerning Ezra? (7:11-24)?

- What specifically did the King tell Ezra to do? (7:25-26) _____

- How did Ezra react to the King’s decree? (7:27-28) _____

Ezra Comes to Jerusalem (8:1-36)

- Those who “went up” with Ezra from Babylon to Jerusalem. (8:1-14)
- Who was missing and how did Ezra fix that? (8:15-20)

- What security arrangements did Ezra make for the long journey to Jerusalem? (8:21-31)

- What did they do when they arrived in Jerusalem? (8:32-36)

