

## Ezra – Nehemiah Bible Study Series: Ezra Chapters 1 – 3

Sunday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 13

**References:** Ezra Chapters 1 – 3; Jeremiah 25: 11 – 14; Jeremiah 32: 36 – 38; Jeremiah 33: 7 – 8; 2 Chronicles 36: 20 – 23; Leviticus 23: 23 – 36

- When did the events recorded in Ezra 1 occur? (Ezra 1: 1)
- What decree did Cyrus make, and what prophecies did this fulfill? (Ezra 1: 2 – 4)
  - What did Cyrus say that he intended to be accomplished?
  - What does the decree indicate about his attitude regarding the Lord?
- What had Nebuchadnezzar taken from Jerusalem, and what did Cyrus decree regarding those items? Who did he entrust to return those items? (Ezra 1: 7 – 8)
- Summarize what was to be taken back to Jerusalem. (Ezra 1: 9 – 11)
- What issue arose with some of the priests, and what was the result? (Ezra 2: 61 – 63)
- How many people returned to Jerusalem? (Ezra 2: 64 – 65)
- What did the people do to contribute to the work in Jerusalem? (Ezra 2: 68 – 69)
- When did the events recorded in Ezra 3: 1 – 6 occur, and what festivals did they observe? (see Leviticus 23: 23 – 36)
- What lessons should we learn from the fact that these returning exiles began by offering correct worship?
- When did the Jews start work on the temple, and who oversaw it? (Ezra 3: 8 – 9)
- What did they build first, and what did they do when it was completed? (Ezra 3: 10 – 11)
- Describe the different reactions of the people, and what we can learn from their reactions. (Ezra 3: 11 – 13)