

## **Ezra – Nehemiah Bible Study Series: Ezra Chapters 6 & 7**

Sunday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 27

- What did Darius do when he received Tattenai's letter? Where did he find the answer he sought? (Ezra 6: 1, 2)
- How was the construction of the temple described, and how was the work financed? (Ezra 6: 3 – 5)
- What direction did Darius give Tattenai and his companions? (Ezra 6: 6, 7)
- What decree did Darius issue to help provide for the work, and what did he hope the people would do in the temple? (Ezra 6: 8 – 10)
- What penalty would be incurred by anyone who opposed the work? (Ezra 6:11, 12)
- How did Tattenai and his companions respond? (Ezra 6: 13)
- What did the people do, and what was the result? (Ezra 6: 14, 15)
- What did the people do when the temple was completed? (Ezra 6: 16 – 18)
- What was the first feast celebrated at the temple? (Ezra 6: 19 – 22)
- As the narrative shifts from Zerubbabel to Ezra in the next chapter, read Haggai 2: 20 – 23 and characterize the blessing that the prophet gave to Zerubbabel.
- What do we learn from Ezra's genealogy and background? (Ezra 7: 1 – 6)
- When did Ezra lead the next group of Jews to Jerusalem, and what motivated Ezra to lead this group? (Ezra 7: 7 – 10)
- What did the king's letter authorize Ezra to do? (Ezra 7: 11 – 19)
- What else did the king promise Ezra? (Ezra 7: 20 – 23)
- What benefit was given to religious leaders, and what authority was Ezra given? (Ezra 7: 24, 25)
- How did Ezra respond to the king's commands? (Ezra 7: 27, 28)