

Ezra – Nehemiah Bible Study Series: Ezra Chapters 8 & 9

Sunday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 4

- In the list recorded in Ezra 8: 1 – 14, how do you know that Ezra was in this group, and how does the number in this group compare to the number of Jews who returned in the first group?
- Where did they meet before leaving, how long were they there, and who was missing from them? (Ezra 8: 15)
- What did Ezra do about this problem, and what was the result? (Ezra 8: 16 – 20)
- What did Ezra and the people do before leaving? What was the purpose of this act, and why had they not asked for soldiers to protect them? (Ezra 8: 21 – 23)
- Describe what they took with them. What does this show about why they were concerned about protection, and who was placed in charge of the treasure? (Ezra 8: 24 – 30)
- When did they depart, and what was the result of their journey? (Ezra 8: 31, 32)
- Describe some things they accomplished after arriving, and what does this indicate about their priorities? (Ezra 8: 33 – 36)
- At the beginning of Ezra 9, what issue was brought to Ezra, and what aspects of the Old Law were being violated? (Ezra 9: 1, 2; Deuteronomy 7: 3, 4; Joshua 23: 11 – 13)
- How did Ezra and others react to this news? (Ezra 9: 3, 4)
- How did Ezra describe the people's guilt and the consequences? (Ezra 9: 5 – 7)
- Regardless of their transgressions, what blessing had God given them, and what "remnant" did Ezra refer to here? (Ezra 9: 8, 9)
- How did Ezra describe the people's transgressions? (Ezra 9: 10 – 12)
- Why was Ezra especially concerned by the sin in this case, and how did he react? (Ezra 9: 13 – 15)