Return from Exile

Ezra 1-10
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Ezra 1
2. Ezra 2-3
3. Ezra 4-5
4. Ezra 6
5. Ezra 7-8
6. Ezra 9-10

MAIN POINTS

- Cyrus's proclamation authorizes return and reconstruction, while the restored vessels and detailed register reestablish people, service roles, and settlement (Ezra 1:1-2:70).

- Altar and offerings precede the foundation; opposition halts construction, prophetic words accompany its resumption, and archival verification produces royal support for completion (Ezra 3:1-6:16).

- Ezra's preparation to seek, do, and teach the law appears alongside fasting, recruitment, delegated custody, and written accounting (Ezra 7:10; 8:15-34).

- The closing crisis is narrated through a report, mourning, corporate confession, a proposal from Shechaniah, public assent, and a months-long case review (Ezra 9:1-10:17).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What does Ezra 1 emphasize about the return from Babylon?
Ezra 1:1-11

2. Why are both shouting and weeping important in the foundation scene?
Ezra 3:10-13

3. Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, to do it, and to teach it (Ezra 7:10). What evidence of each movement is present in your practice, and where is deliberate change needed?
Ezra 7:10

MEMORY VERSE / Ezra 1:1

Ezra connects Cyrus's proclamation with the word of the LORD by Jeremiah and says the LORD stirred up Cyrus's spirit (Ezra 1:1). The following verses record the written decree.

WEB

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that Yahweh’s word by Jeremiah’s mouth might be accomplished, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

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Waymark 40 / Group

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER