

## Ezra 1-6 - Zerubbabel and the New Temple

1. According to **Ezra 1:1-4**, why did Cyrus, the emperor of Persia, want the exiled Jews to return to Jerusalem?
2. According to **Ezra 1:5-11**, who went back to Jerusalem? And what did they take with them?
3. Look over the list of returnees in **Ezra 2:1-70**.  
How many Jewish people returned to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many servants did they bring along? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many singers? \_\_\_\_\_ Horses? \_\_\_\_\_ Mules? \_\_\_\_\_  
Camels? \_\_\_\_\_ Donkeys? \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Ezra 3:1-4:5** and **Ezra 4:24-6:22** tell the story of how worship at the temple was restarted. Match these people with their descriptions:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joshua                      A. Persian king who let the temple continue to be rebuilt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zerubbabel                B. Persian king who first authorized rebuilding the temple  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cyrus                      C. prophet who told the Jews not to stop rebuilding  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jeshua                        D. provincial official who challenged the rebuilding  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kadmiel                      E. high priest when the temple was rebuilt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Haggai                        F. leader of the Jewish community in Jerusalem  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zechariah                  G. Levite whose family took charge of rebuilding the temple  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tattenai  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shethar  
\_\_\_\_\_ Darius
5. Lists the passages which tell that these religious holidays were celebrated again:  
Shelters \_\_\_\_\_ Passover \_\_\_\_\_  
New Moon \_\_\_\_\_ Unleavened Bread \_\_\_\_\_
6. How important are religious holidays for your family?

6. In your Bible color **Ezra 3:10-13**, which tells how the people held a worship service when the temple foundation was begun. Why do you suppose the older people cried?
  
7. Why did the rest shout for joy?
  
8. Read **Ezra 4:1-3** again. What might have happened if Zerubbabel had allowed the other people who lived nearby to join in rebuilding the temple?

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