

Ezra 7-10 – Ezra and the New Law

1. Read **Ezra 7:6-7, 10-12 & 25**. According to these verses, Ezra was . . .
 . . . a priest in charge of sacrifices. *(check one answer)*
 . . . a soldier ready for battle.
 . . . a scholar trained in the Law
 . . . a craftsman able to rebuild the city
2. **Ezra 7:1-8:14** is an account of Ezra's return to Judea. *(circle the correct details)*
It took his group of about 100 - 500 - 1,000 - 2,000 - 10,000 men
about 1 week - 2 weeks - 1 month - 4 months - 1 year to travel from Babylon
during the reign of Cyrus - Darius - Artaxerxes - Nebuchadnezzar.
3. Ezra's own personal account of his group's return is in **Ezra 8:15-9:15**. Check the kinds of people who went with him.
 priests Levites royal guards Persian officials temple workers
4. Compare **Ezra 8:21-23** and **Ezra 8:31**. Why did Ezra think that God had been with the group on their journey?
6. But when Ezra got to Jerusalem he found that something was wrong. According to **Ezra 9:1-4**, what was it?
7. How would you classify his prayer in **Ezra 9:5-15**? *(check one answer)*
 a hymn of thanks for God's blessings
 a confession of the people's sins
 a series of petitions for God's help
 a review of Israel's history
8. According to **Exodus 34:11-16** and **Deuteronomy 7:1-5**, why were Jews not supposed to marry foreign people?

9. Now read the story of how the mixed marriage problem was solved, **Ezra 10:1-44**. What was the solution?

10. Do you think this was a good solution? Would you have wanted to be forced to divorce your husband or wife if you had been in this situation?

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