

Congregational Reading Service of Ezra

July 7, 2024 | *Ezra: Selected Passages*



Outline of the Book of Ezra

Chapter 1:

V1-4: The Decree of Cyrus

V5-11: The Return under Sheshbazzar

Chapter 2:

V1-63: Those who returned from exile

V64-70: The possessions and the offerings

Chapter 3:

V1-6: The Offerings to the Altar

V7-13: The Foundation of the Temple

Chapter 4:

V1-3: The Rejection of the Samaritans

V4-6: The consequence of the rejection

V7-16: The letter from the Samaritans to King Artaxerxes

V17-24: King Artaxerxes' reply and consequence

Chapter 5:

V1-2: The Voice of the Prophets

V3-5: The Governor's Inquiry

Chapter 6:

V1-12: King Darius' Reply

V13-15: The Temple Completed

V16-18: The Temple Dedicated

V19-22: The Passover Celebrated

Chapter 7:

V1-10: A brief summary

○ V1-5: Ezra's genealogy

○ V6-10: The arrival at Jerusalem

V11-26: Ezra's commission from Artaxerxes

○ V11-13: The decree

○ V25-28: Commission and Thanksgiving

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V33-35: The offering and the presentation

V1-10: A brief summary

V36: The delivery of the king's commission

○ **V1-5: Ezra's genealogy**

○ **V6-10: The arrival at Jerusalem**

Chapter 9:

○ **V11-26: Ezra's commission from Artaxerxes**

V1-2: Addressing the (sin of) intermarriage

○ **V11-13: The decree**

V3-15: The sorrow and prayer of Ezra

V25-28: Commission and Thanksgiving

Chapter 10:

Chapter 8:

V1-5: The repentance of the people

V1-14: Those who returned with Ezra to Jerusalem

V6-15: The assembly and the people

V15-20: The gathering at the river Ahava

V16-17: The ending of the intermarriage

V20-23: Prayer and Fasting to the Lord

V18-44: Those guilty of intermarriage

V24-30: The preparations for the journey

***Note:** The **Bolded** sections above is what was read at the reading service.

V31-32: Departing Ahava to Jerusalem

1 Timothy 4:13 – *“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”*

Paul's instruction to Timothy. Be encouraged to do the same.

Nehemiah 8:8 - *"They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."*

Ezra publicly read the scriptures. (Also look at Nehemiah 8:1-3)

Revelation 1:3 - *"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near."*

Contextually this speaks to the prophecy. The application / connection is that, there is a blessing to reading aloud scripture.

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