

The Jews Return to Jerusalem (Ezra)

Multiple Choice: Circle ALL the Correct Answers!

1. When Cyrus gave his decree he:

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| a) said Jews in Babylon had to give gold, silver & goods to those returning to Jerusalem | b) said only some Jews could return |
| c) sent back cups & vessels of gold and silver taken from the temple before | d) gave the Jews money to rebuild the temple |

2. When the people went back to the land they:

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| a) returned to their own cities | b) became afraid for their safety |
| c) let their enemies join them | d) started to rebuild the temple |

3. The Samaritans:

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| a) had false worship | b) left the Jews to do as they wished |
| c) wrote a false letter to the king | d) knew some things about God's law |

4. When the king of Persia read Cyrus' decree he told the Samaritans to:

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| a) kill anyone trying to rebuild the temple | b) let the Jews build the temple again |
| c) give contributions to the priests of God | d) follow the decree or be hung |

5. Ezra was:

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| a) a priest from the descendants of Aaron | b) a scribe who understood the Law |
| c) to teach the people God's Law | d) to stay in Babylon |

Short Answer

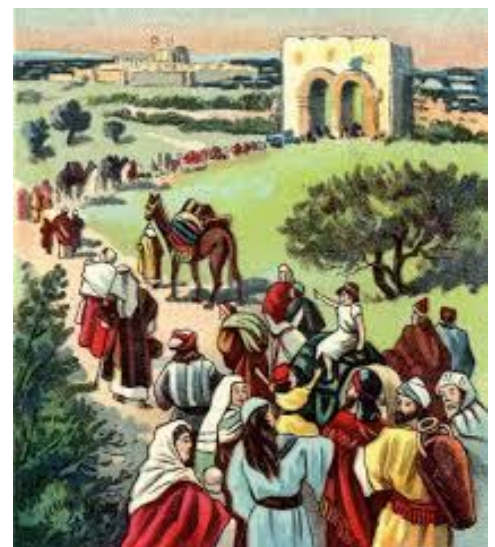
6. What had Jeremiah prophesied would happen after the Jews had been captives in Babylon for 70 years?

7. What was the decree Cyrus made?

8. When they kept the Feast of Tabernacles what were the people rejoicing about? _____

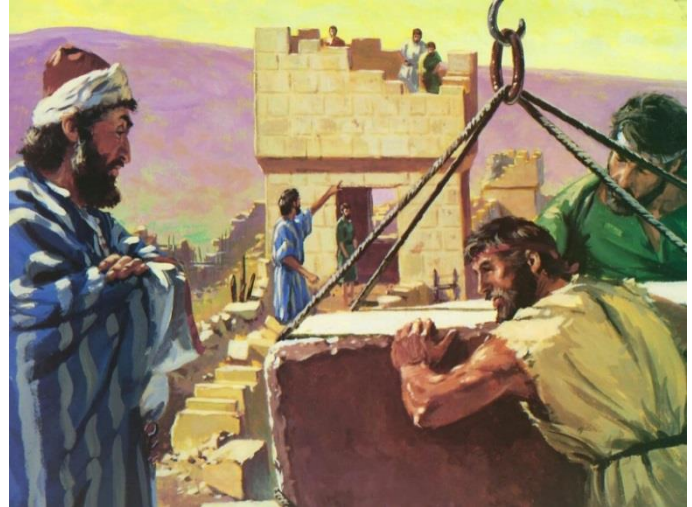
9. Who were the Samaritans?

10. What did they cause to happen?



True or False

- _____ 11. Isaiah had also prophesied of the Jews return to Jerusalem.
- _____ 12. The Samaritans, Moabites & Edomites were glad to see the Jews again.
- _____ 13. In the 2nd year of their return the Temple's foundation was laid.
- _____ 14. **Everyone** was joyful when the foundation was laid.
- _____ 15. The rebuilding stopped for 15 years.



Fill in the Blanks

16. _____ the prophet had mentioned Cyrus by name 200 years earlier.
17. _____ was put in charge as governor of Jerusalem.
18. _____ and _____ built an altar to make acceptable offerings to God again.
19. To encourage the people to build the temple again God sent 2 prophets, _____ and _____ .
20. Ezra was to appoint _____ and _____ to teach God's laws to the people in the land.

Thought Question

21. Why do you think Joshua and Zerubbabel refused to let the Samaritans help them rebuild the temple? _____
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