

**The Exiles Return**

Read Ezra 1, 3-6



**Who is Speaking to Whom & Fill in the Blanks? (KJV)**

1. "The Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_ hath given me all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his \_\_\_\_\_? his God be with him, and let him go up to \_\_\_\_\_, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem" \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ (1v \_\_ - \_\_)
2. "And whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in any place where he \_\_\_\_\_, let the men of his place help him with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in \_\_\_\_\_." \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ (1v \_\_\_\_\_)
3. "Let us \_\_\_\_\_ with you: for we seek your \_\_\_\_\_, as ye do; and we do \_\_\_\_\_ unto him since the days of \_\_\_\_\_ king of Assur, which brought us up hither." \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ (4v \_\_\_\_\_)
4. "Ye have \_\_\_\_\_ to do with us to \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ unto our God; but we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_, as king \_\_\_\_\_ the king of Persia hath commanded us." \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ (4v \_\_\_\_\_)

**Word Definition** (Look up the following words in a Strong's Concordance to find out what they mean)

5. Cyrus \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ezra \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jeshua \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jozadak \_\_\_\_\_
9. Zerubbabel \_\_\_\_\_
10. Shealtiel \_\_\_\_\_
11. Haggai \_\_\_\_\_
12. Zechariah \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer/Essay**

13. Explain Cyrus' proposition to the Jews. (1v1-4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Why was Cyrus so kind to the Jews? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Where in Jeremiah did he prophecy this would occur? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Did all Jews "have to" go back to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Who went? (1v5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Why did these Jews go back and the others didn't? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. What can we learn from this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What did Cyrus give? (1v7-8) \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. Who did Cyrus entrust these things to? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Who was Zerubbabel's grandfather? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How many Jews left Persia to go back to Jerusalem? (2v64) \_\_\_\_\_
24. Consult a bible atlas. How many miles is it from Sushan to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What are the first things Jeshua and Zerubbabel did when they returned to Jerusalem? (3v1-6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. What part of the temple structure did the people build first? (3v10-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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27. Why were some Jews weeping and some shouting for joy when the foundation of the temple was laid? (3v12-13) \_\_\_\_\_  
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28. Who were the adversaries? (4v1-3) \_\_\_\_\_
29. Why wouldn't Jeshua and Zerubbabel let them help the Jews build the house of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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30. Describe what happened? (4v24) \_\_\_\_\_  
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31. For how long did the work on rebuilding God's house stop? \_\_\_\_\_
32. What did Haggai and Zechariah do? (5v1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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33. How do we know what their prophecies were about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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34. What can we learn from this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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35. Who began to rebuild again? (5v2) \_\_\_\_\_
36. Who was Tattenai and what did he do? (5v3-17) \_\_\_\_\_  
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37. Who was now ruling in Medo Persia? (6v1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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38. What did they search for and what did they find? (6v1-5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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39. What did Darius tell Tattenai? (6v6-7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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40. What did Darius now decree? (6v8-12) \_\_\_\_\_  
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41. On what day was the Temple finished? (6v15) \_\_\_\_\_
42. How long did it take from the time when they started laying the foundation until God's house was finally completed? \_\_\_\_\_
43. Once the temple was dedicated what did the people do that year? (6v19-22) \_\_\_\_\_  
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44. When was the last time the people celebrated this feast as a nation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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