



EZRA: RETURN FROM EXILE

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Outline	1-6	7-10
Focus	First Return: Zerubbabel	Second Return: Ezra
	Cyrus decree	Artaxerxes decree
	The Way Back	The Way Up
Timeline	536 BC	456 BC
Key Verse	1:3	7:10

“Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem.” EZRA 1:3 ESV

Zerubbabel: The Way Back

1. _____ and _____ 1-2

2. _____ and _____ 3:1-7

3. _____ and _____ 3:8-13

4. _____ and _____ 4-5

Ezra: The Way Up

1. _____

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel. EZRA 7:10 ESV

2. _____

“Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our goods.” EZRA 8:21 ESV

3. _____

“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.” EZRA 9:6 ESV

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly. EZRA 10:1 ESV