

Unit 7, Lesson 30, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah

<p>Daily Readings: Day 1: Ezra 1-3 Day 2: Ezra 4-7 Day 3: Ezra 8-10, Day 4: Haggai 1-2, Zechariah 1-2 Day 5: Zechariah 3-6 Day 6: Zechariah 7-10 Day 7: Zechariah 11-14</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">INTRO , EZRA</p> <p>This book is a continuation of II Chronicles. Tells the story of the “second exodus.” Two returns are recorded, one led by Zerubbabel, one by Ezra. 60 years between the two accounts, during which time Esther lives and rules in Persia.</p> <p>Ezra (“help”) a direct priestly descendant of Aaron. A scribe and teacher. Contemporary of Nehemiah. Also living in the time of this book (538-425 BC) is Gautama Buddha of India, Confucius of China , and Socrates in Greece. Chronology of the era: Zerubbabel, 538-515, first return (Ezra 1-6); Esther, 483-473 (Book of Esther); Ezra. 457, second return (Ezra 7-10); Nehemiah, 444-425, third return (Book of Nehemiah).</p> <p>Background Persian kings: Cyrus, Cambyses, Smerdis, Darius I, Ahasuerus (Xerxes), Artaxerxes, Darius II.</p> <p>CHRIST: The fulfillment of “return” passages shows that Messiah is indeed coming to BETHLEHEM of JUDAH, not BABYLON.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, EZRA</p> <p>1. Whose prophecy was fulfilled after all? (1:1) _____</p> <p>2. What has the Lord commanded the king of Persia? (1:2-4) _____</p> <p>3. What did Cyrus have that belonged to the Lord? (1:5-11) _____</p> <p>4. Chapter 2 is a list of what people? (2:1) _____ How many? (2:64) _____</p> <p>5. How did the House of God get built? (2:68) _____</p>	<p>6. What was built first? (3:1-2) _____</p> <p>7. What got the people so excited in 3:10-11? _____</p> <p>8. But some old folks got depressed. Why? (3:12-13) _____</p> <p>9. II Kings 17:24 explains who the enemies of verses 4:1-5 actually were: _____</p> <p>10. Under what 3(4?) consecutive Persian Kings did persecution arise? (see intro and 4:5,6,7,24) _____</p> <p>11. What reasoning do the enemies use in their letter to persuade the king? (4:9-16) _____</p> <p>12. Summarize Artaxerxes’ response: (4:17-22) _____</p> <p><i>note: 4:1-5 and 24-25 describe the rebuilding of the TEMPLE, and the 14-year interruption of same caused by adversaries. 7:23 describes a later persecution during the building of the WALLS, and is used only as an example of the grief of the Jews during their re-entry years.</i></p> <p>13. Who carries on the persecution after the Temple construction is resumed? (5:3-6) _____</p> <p>14. His letter to King Darius refers to what historical incident? (5:13, 17) _____</p> <p>15. The decree of Cyrus is found. His response to Tattenai? (6:6-10) _____</p> <p>16. What will happen to the one coming against the Jews? (6:11-12) _____</p> <p>17. What 2 prophets had given God’s seal of approval on this project? (5:1, 6:14) _____</p> <p>18. What joyful celebration occurs after the temple is finished? (6:19-22) _____</p> <p><i>note: after this chapter there is a 58-year gap during which the story of QUEEN ESTHER takes place (under Ahasuerus/Xerxes)</i></p> <p>19. Who is Ezra descended from? (7:1-5) _____</p> <p>20. What was his calling? (7:6) _____</p> <p>21. What did he intend to do? (7:10) _____</p> <p>22. Where did the money come from for Ezra’s project? (7:15, 16, 20) _____</p> <p>23. What was Artaxerxes’ motivation? (7:23) _____</p>
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24. When he looked over the group assembled to make the return trip, Ezra saw that *who* was missing?(8:15)

25. Explain how Ezra trusted God:(8:21-23,31)

26. What sin was being practiced in the land?(9:1-2)

27. Ezra's response when he hears about it?(9:3-15)

28. How does Ezra's response affect the people?(10:1-5)

INTRO, HAGGAI

Hag, festival. *Haggiah*, festival of the Lord.(as in Ezra 6?)

As recorded in Ezra 5, Haggai is one of the prophets who encourages the rebuilding of the temple after 16 discouraging years of work. The people are threatened by the Samaritans, and become spiritually lazy. They decide their own "building projects" are more important.

The book contains 3 messages, all of them in 520 B.C. (Between the 2nd and 3rd is the beginning of Zechariah's prophecy) during the reign of Darius I in Persia.

CHRIST:2:6-9, the Desire of All Nations fills the temple with the Glory of God and Peace.

QUESTIONS, HAGGAI

1. To whom do these prophecies come?(1:1,2:1,4,20-21,23)_____
2. What is the prophet's complaint?(1:4-6)_____
3. What was God doing to remind them of their duties?(1:9,10,11)_____
4. What promises are made about a temple?(2:6-9)

5. Now that the word of the Lord has come, what can they expect from this day forward?(2:15-19)

6. Do 2:6-9 and 21-23 seem to be "local" prophecies? How explain "Zerubbabel"?_____

note: Solomon's temple stood for 400 years, Zerubbabel's for 500, then Herod's, built from 20 BC to 64 AD, destroyed in 70 AD. Only the "wailing wall" of that temple remains.

INTRO, ZECHARIAH

Zechar-Yah, "God Remembers", is the theme of this book! God remembers His covenant with Israel, and will keep it.

Zechariah in the priestly line, born in Babylon,

came back to Israel with Zerubbabel. Called to prophesy as a young man (2:4) in 520 B.C. Works with Haggai in inspiring Jews to complete temple. Matthew 23:35 says he was murdered in the temple (as was another "Zechariah" in II Chronicles 24:20,21) **Much** of CHRIST in the book: the BRANCH, 3:8, 6:12-13 ; the royal PRIEST, 6:13; the humble KING , 9:9-10 ; the rejected SHEPHERD, 11:1-13 ; the pierced SON, 12:10 ; cleansing FOUNTAIN, 13:1; stricken SHEPHERD, 13:7; coming JUDGE, 14:1-4 ; righteous KING, 14:9-11.

QUESTIONS, ZECHARIAH

1. What are the "horses" said to represent?(1:7-10)

2. What do they find, and what is God's response?(1:11-15)_____
3. What are the "horns" and "craftsmen"? (1:18-21)

4. Ezekiel, John, and now Zechariah all see a man with a _____(2:1)
5. Chapter 2:10-13 refers to _____
6. The taking away of the filthy clothes of "Joshua"(Hebrew *Yeshua*, Greek *Jesus*) foretells what: (3:1-10)_____
7. Read 4:5 and answer the question given Zechariah. _____(See also Rev. 11:1-14)
8. What assurances are given Zerubbabel?(4:6-10)

9. What 2 sins are addressed by the "scroll"? (5:1-4)

10. Where is the "woman" headed?(5:5-11)_____
11. How do the colors in 6:2-3 compare to John's in Revelation 6:1-8? _____ What are they said to be?

12. Once more, "Joshua" is linked to Whom?(6:9-15)

13. What was wrong with Israel's fasts?(7:1-5)_____
14. List some elements of restored Jerusalem:(8:3,4,8,20-22) _____
15. Chapters 9-10 tell of _____ on surrounding nations, the coming of _____ and the _____ of Israel.
16. The drama Zechariah acts out in 11:4-13 is a preview of the actions of whom? _____
17. How is 12:3 true in our day? _____
18. What fraction of Judah will be tested?(13:8-9)_____
19. Who will come with the Lord?(14:5)_____
20. What time is here predicted?(14:6,8,9)_____
21. What does 14:12 remind you of? _____
22. In the Millennial Kingdom, what happens to nations that don't worship properly?(14:16-19)
