

Lesson 5

Ezra 1-5 and Haggai

Zerubbabel Begins Rebuilding the Temple

Read Ezra 1-5 and Haggai to answer the following:

1. Who is now king of Persia, and what did he say? (Ezra 1:1-3) _____

2. How long did Daniel live? (Daniel 6:28) _____
3. Who led the first group of captives back? (Ezra 2:1-2) _____ What did the people do once they returned? (Ezra 3:10-11) _____
_____ What were the mixed feelings, and why did they have them? (Ezra 3:12-13) _____

4. When the people obeyed God, who showed up? (Ezra 4:1) _____ Because they were not a part of God's people, what were they told? (Ezra 4:3) _____
_____ Then what did the adversaries do? (Ezra 4:4-5) _____

5. After the king received a letter of lies, what did he do? (Ezra 4:23-24) _____
_____ What two prophets did God send? (Ezra 5:1) _____
6. What was Haggai's message? (Haggai 1:4-8) _____
_____ What did the people do? (Haggai 1:12) _____
and in Haggai 1:14? _____
7. What did the governor (and his companions) write to the king? (Ezra 5:5 & 17) _____

Answers:

1. Cyrus is king of Persia and said that the LORD God of heaven gave him all the kingdoms of the earth, God charged him to build God a house at Jerusalem, Cyrus told the people to go to Jerusalem, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel;

2. Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian;

3. Zerubbabel; laid the foundation of the temple, they sang together praising and giving thanks unto the LORD, all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid; when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, the ancient men that had seen the first house wept with a loud voice, and many shouted aloud for joy

4. the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin; You have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, troubled them in building, and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus;

5. made the people to cease building by force and power; Haggai and Zechariah;

6. Is it time for you to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Consider your ways, go up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the house of the Lord; obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and feared the Lord; they went and did work in the house of the LORD;

7. they wrote a letter saying, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house at Babylon, whether it be so that Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter;