

**Lesson 8**

**Ezra 7-10**

**Ezra Restores the Relationship**

**Read Ezra 7-10 to answer the following questions:**

1. Who is king? (Ezra 7:1a) \_\_\_\_\_ Ezra is a priest and what else? (Ezra 7:6a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What did Ezra do and why? (Ezra 7:10) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who did Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? (Ezra 7:7) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did Ezra lead the people to do before they left, and why? (Ezra 8:21-23) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who was with them and what did He do? (Ezra 8:31b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Did they make it? (Ezra 8:32) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Ezra find when he reached Jerusalem? (Ezra 9:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How did Ezra react? (Ezra 9:3) \_\_\_\_\_ Then he prayed. What did the people understand? (Ezra 10:2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What did they plan to do? (Ezra 10:3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was Ezra's challenge? (Ezra 10:10-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ What did the people say? (Ezra 10:12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did they need to do this? (Ezra 10:14b) \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

1. Artaxerxes king of Persia; a ready scribe in the law of Moses; he had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments;

2. some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem;

3. Ezra proclaimed a fast that they might afflict themselves before God, to seek of him a right way for them, for their children, and for all their substance; For Ezra was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help them against the enemy on the way, because they told the king, saying, “The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him” and they fasted;

4. the hand of God was upon them, and He delivered them from the hand of the enemy, and those who lay in wait by the way; yes.

5. the people had not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites; the people had taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons, mixing the holy seed of them with the people of those lands especially the princes and rulers had been chief in this trespass

6. Ezra rent his garment, his mantle, plucked the hair off of his head and beard, and sat down astonished; they had trespassed against God, and had taken strange wives of the people of the land; to make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them;

7. to make confession unto the LORD God, do His pleasure, and separate themselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives; “As thou hast said, so must we do”; so that the fierce wrath of God be turned from them for this matter.