



Ezra & Nehemiah's Arrival

Ezra 7-10, Nehemiah 1-4

Lesson 92 Visuals

- **Ezra was the name of the priest who led the second wave of Israelites to return to Jerusalem.**
- **King Artaxerxes of Persia allowed Ezra to go to Jerusalem and gave him everything he asked for including tons of gold and silver.**
- **The hand of the LORD was on Ezra causing the king to give him favor.**
- **Ezra devoted himself to study and obey the Law of the Lord and to teach the Law of the LORD in Israel.**
- **Ezra, the Israelites and all the gold and silver arrived safely in Jerusalem.**
- **The Jews who had returned 80 years earlier and their children had disobeyed God's commands by intermarrying with forbidden nations.**



- **Ezra and all those who feared God were so upset because they knew they were under a curse for disobedience.**
- **While Ezra was praying, confessing, weeping, and throwing himself down before the LORD God, a large crowd of Israelites gathered and began weeping with Ezra.**
- **One man said, “We have been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women.” Then the man said that in spite of this, there is still hope for Israel. This man said they should send away these foreign women and their children.**
- **Everyone except two men agreed to send away their foreign wives and children.**
- **Our sin often makes things very complicated and messy.**
- **Nehemiah was the cupbearer for King Artaxerxes of Persia.**



- **Nehemiah learned about Jerusalem. He became very upset when he learned that the wall and gates around Jerusalem were broken down.**
- **Nehemiah felt God was calling him to lead the work to repair the walls and gates.**
- **Nehemiah prayed for God to give him favor with King Artaxerxes so that the king would let him go to Jerusalem.**
- **Nehemiah asked for three things: 1) to go to Jerusalem, 2) for letters authorizing him to travel, and 3) for wood to be used to make the beams for the city walls.**
- **The LORD God gave Nehemiah favor with the king.**
- **The Bible says, “God’s gracious hand was on Nehemiah, so the king granted his requests.”**
- **Nehemiah inspected the walls at nighttime so that he wouldn’t be seen.**



- **When all the Jews in Jerusalem heard what Nehemiah wanted to rebuild, they all said, “Let’s start rebuilding.”**
- **Sanballat, Tobiah and Gesham tried to stop the work on the wall.**
- **Enemies from different nations plotted together to stir up trouble and fight the Jews. Nehemiah then prayed to God and posted a guard day and night.**