

Ezra

Ezra 7:1-5, 6, 10 – Ezra's ID

I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah – one unbroken historical account

Prophets Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Jeremiah 29:10,14 (10-14) God's promise of restoration after 70 years

Ezra's traditional accomplishments

- Wrote Ezra, Nehemiah (ed), I & II Chronicles
- Translated at least the Pentateuch into Aramaic
- Led back 1,700 men (+women & children & possibly unlisted)
- Large contribution to Old Testament Canon
- Instituted weekly synagogue worship
- **Side note:** A contemporary of Gautama Buddha, Confucius, and Socrates

Four people of Note

- **Zerubbabel** – Prince of the tribe of Judah, Sheshbazzar, Governor of Judea
- **Ezra** – Aaronic priest, great-grandson of High Priest Hilkiyah (King Josiah – discovered Scriptures)
- **Jeshua** – High priest
- **Nehemiah** – Appointed as Governor of Judea by Artaxerxes

Ezra 1:1-4, 5-7, 2:1-2 (Ch 1-2) Decree of Cyrus (2:64-65 total = 50,000)

Ezra 3:1-6, 10-11 Renewing worship, rebuilding temple

Ezra 4:1, 8, 21 Rebuilding stopped

Ezra 5:1-5, 6:1, 7-8 16-19 (Ch 5-6) Victory!

Ezra 7:9-10++ Ezra returns to Jerusalem, Spiritual restoration

Chrono Note: Esther – Occurs in Babylon roughly between Ezra (overlap) and Nehemiah