

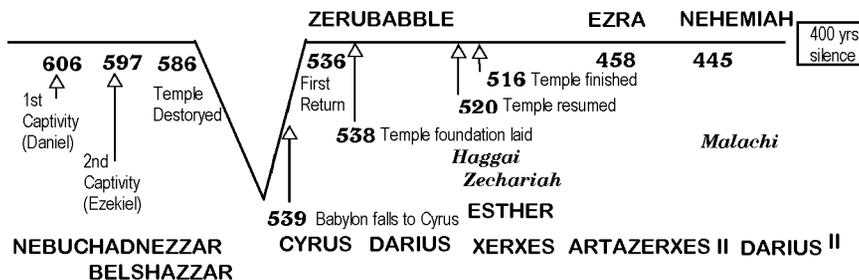
YES OR NO

- Y___1. Were the temple vessels that Nebuchadnezzar had taken returned to Jerusalem? (Ezra 1:6-5)
- N___2. Were the people of the land permitted to help the Jews re-build the temple. (Ezra 4:1-6)
- Y___3. In searching the ancient rolls, did Darius find any record of the Jews being granted permission to build the temple? What chapter___.
- Y___4. Was the letter given Ezra by Artaxerxes a favorable one? (ch.7).
- N___5. Was anyone permitted to levy a toll or tax upon the priest and Levities?
- N___6. Did Nehemiah (ch.2) tell anyone at first why he had come to Jerusalem?
- Y___7. Did you find Neh. 4:13-28 interesting?
- Y___8. Are there many quotes from legal documents in these books?
- Y___9. Did they have Bible Study?

TRUE OR FALSE

- T___1. The Adversaries of Judah and Benjamin wrote letters back to the Persian kings trying to stop the rebuilding of the temple.
- T___2. Ezra was a priest as well as a scribe of the law of Moses.
- T___3. The Israelites began again to keep the feasts of the law of Moses.
- T___4. In general, Ezra caused a great reform to take place among the Jews.
- T___5. Many of the Jews were compelled to put away their foreign wives.

Captivity and Return



Return From Captivity

Text: Ezra, Nehemiah, Ester **ANSWER SHEET** Lesson #11

Text to read: Ezra 1, 4-7, Neh. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 13

1. What do you notice about Ezra 1:1,2 and 2 Chron. 36:22,23?_ it is identical _____What had God charged Cyrus to do? (Ezra 1, Isa.44:26-28)_to build a house for him in Jerusalem _____ What were those who didn't return to Jerusalem to supply their brethren?_ silver, gold, goods, beasts, and precious things _____
2. To what King (Ezra 4) did the enemies appeal to get the rebuilding of the temple stopped?_Artaxerxes _____ Did it work? ___no _____.
3. What prophets encouraged the Jews to start again the rebuilding? (Ezra ch. 5) 1. Haggai __ 2._ Zechariah _____. What did the governor of the west side of the river enquire about in a letter sent to the King? to search and see if Cyrus gave them permission to build _ _____ Who was the king now? _Darius _____.
4. Who was Ezra? (7:6,11) _ He was a scribe of the Law of Moses and a priest __ What had he prepared his heart for? (v.10) 1._ to seek the law of God ___ 2._ to do it _____ 3._ to teach it to Israel _____. Who was to set magistrates and judges over the people beyond the river? (7:25) _ Ezra ___ What was Ezra to do to those that didn't know the law of God? __ teach them _____
5. What news did Hanani have for Nehemiah concerning the Jews in Jerusalem? (Neh.1) _they were in affliction, the walls broken down and the gates burned __ What was Nehemiah's reaction to this news? _ he sat down and wept, fasted ___ What was Nehemiah's job for the king? (1:11 and 2:1)_ cup bearer _____

6. What did the king notice about Nehemiah? (2:2) **_ he was sad, but not sick** _____ What did Nehemiah request of the king? (2:5) **_ to send him to Jerusalem to rebuild the city** _____ (who was probably the queen mentioned in 2:6? **_ Esther** _____ Why did Nehemiah want to send a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest? **_ to give him timber for gates** _____
7. Who did the king send with him? (ch.2) 1 **_ captain of arms** _____ 2 **_ and horsemen** _____. When did he inspect the ruins of Jerusalem? **_ in the night** _____ Who were the enemies who laughed and despised the Jews? 1 **_ Sanballot** _____ the **_ Horonite** _____ 2 **_ Tobiah** _____ the **_ Ammorite servant** _____ 3 **_ Geshem** _____ the **_ Arabian** _____.
8. In face of the enemy, the Jews divided into two groups, what did they do? (4:16) 1 **_ half worked** _____ 2 **_ half watched with weapons** _____. What did each worker on the wall have in his hand? (v.17) **_ working tool in one hand and a weapon in the other** _____ What did every builder have? (v.18) **_ his sword girded at his side** _____.
9. What hours did Ezra read to the people? (ch. 8) **_ morning til mid-day** _____ How did they read? (8:8) **_ distinctly and gave sense and caused them to understand** _____ How many days did they read? (8:18) **_ seven days** _____.
10. What were some Jews doing on the Sabbath day? (Neh.13:15) _____ **_ treading wine, bringing in sheaves, loading asses, brought burdens into Jerusalem, sold goods** _____ What did Nehemiah have done on the evening before the Sabbath? **_ he had the gates shut so no burden could be brought in** _____ What is said of the children of Jews who married Ashdod wives? **_ they spoke half in language of Ashdod, half in Jew's language** _____ How did Nehemiah intend to remedy this? **_ he forbid inter-marriage and had them put away their foreign wives** _____.

SELECT CORRECT ANSWER(S)

- 3____1. 1. Nebuchadnezzar; 2. Daniel; 3. Cyrus; made a decree to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem.
- 2____2. The nation conquering Babylon was: 1. Rome; 2. Medo-Persia; 3. Greece; 4. Egypt; 5. Israel.
- 1____3. The king saw his cup-bearer was: 1. Sad; 2. Happy; 3. Sick.
- 2____4. The enemies of the Jews caused them: 1. To quit; 2. To work harder; 3. To prepare to fight; 4. To destroy what they had build.
- All __5. The enemies tried many plans to interrupt the work. These plans included: 1. Ridicule (4:1-3); 2. Threat of force (7-12); 3. Appeal to negotiate (6:1-5); 4. Attempt to discredit Nehemiah (6:10-14)
- 2____6. The people built because (4:6) 1. They feared Nehemiah; 2. They wanted to (4:6); 3. They feared the Persian King.
- 1____7. They amazingly completed the gigantic task in: 1. Fifty-two days; 2. Three months; 3. One-hundred days.
- 2,4__8. During the reading of the law (ch.8): 1. Only men were present; 2. good attention was given; 3. They make themselves comfortable seats; 4. They explained the meaning as well.

MATCHING

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| 1. Nehemiah | 3_A scribe of the law of Moses |
| 2. Zerubbabel | 9_Persian king God charged to rebuild the temple |
| 3. Ezra | 2_Leader of the 1st group that returned home. |
| 4. Sanballat | 5_Leader of the 2nd group composed of priests and Levites |
| 5. Ezra | 8_Prophet who encouraged the Jews to re-new building. |
| 6. Levites | 10The King who made it a crime to hinder the re-building. |
| 7. Nehemiah | 4_An enemy of the re-building of Jerusalem. |
| 8. Haggai | 1_Made governor and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem |
| 9. Cyrus | 7_Cup bearer to the king Artaxerxes. |
| 10. Darius | 6_Were to keep the gates on the Sabbath. |

Notes:

1. The dedication of the temple foundation is described in Ezra 3:11-13
2. The dedication of the completed temple is described in Ezra 6:16-22