

# Ezra

## Theme: Restoration and the House of the Lord

### Weekly Reading Schedule

- ☐ Sunday - Ezra 1-6
- ☐ Monday - Ezra 7-10
- ☐ Tuesday - Neh. 1-6
- ☐ Wednesday - Neh. 7-9
- ☐ Thursday - Neh. 10-13
- ☐ Friday - Esther 1-5
- ☐ Saturday - Esther 6-10

### Memory Verses:

- ★ Ezra 1:1-3
- ★ Ezra 4:4
- ★ Ezra 5:1
- ★ Ezra 7:10
- ★ Ezra 10:1
- ★ Ezra 10:5
- ★ Your Choice:

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### Interesting Facts

- ❖ Authorship is by Ezra the chief person of the book about 450 BC.
- ❖ The same words that close Chronicles opens Ezra.
- ❖ The name "Ezra" means "help" as in "Ebenezer" (I Samuel 7:12) meaning "stone of help."
- ❖ Key phrases "The word of the Lord" (1:1; 9:4) and "good hand of ...God" (7:6, 9, 28; 8:18, 22, 31)
- ❖ Ezra has 10 chapters, 280 verses, 7440 words and can be read in about 40 minutes to read.

### Memorable Outline of Ezra

- I. Zerubbabel's return and work (1-6)
  - A. The first return of exiles (1-2)
  - B. The revival of temple worship (3)
  - C. Opposition to the rebuilding (4)
  - D. Resumption and completion of the work (5-6)
- II. Ezra's (7-10) return (7-8) and reforms (9-10)

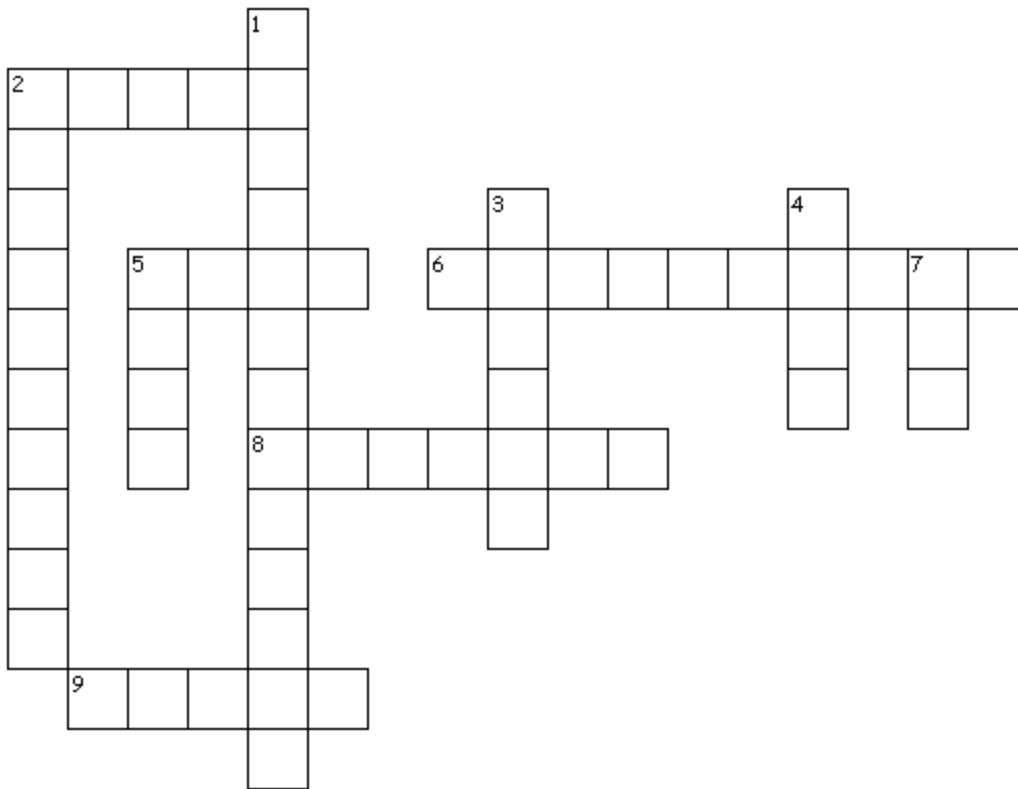
### Scheme of Redemption The Redeemed Remnant Returns

- Ezra 1:1-4 God stirs the heart of Cyrus King of Persia to do His will and return a remnant to Jerusalem.
- Ezra 7:9 The return was by "the good hand of God upon him."
- Ezra 7:10 There was an inner key to Ezra's success.

### What to look for as you read:

1. God is above and over all kings.
2. When God predicts the future it will be as predicted.
3. No matter what what God does by punishment or mercy man on earth struggles with sin.

### Notes



Ezra Puzzle

Across

- 2. The first thing built by the returning Jews
- 5. The Jews who did not return gave \_\_\_\_\_ to provide for the building
- 6. Leader of the first Jews to return from captivity
- 8. What the Jews had done between holy seed and foreign marriages
- 9. As a priest Ezra's lineage goes back to this first High Priest

Down

- 1. Made by Cyrus and put in writing
- 2. The king who commissioned Ezra's return
- 3. What Zerubbabel returned to build
- 4. Ezra pulled out what showing his extreme upset over the Jews spiritual decline
- 5. The kind of "hand" the Lord God put upon Ezra
- 7. An \_\_\_\_\_ was made with all the men that had taken strange wives.