

11. God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham all the way back in what chapter of the Old Testament?
12. The book of Jeremiah was written almost how long before the events of the book of Ezra?
13. The book of Ezra is a marvelous illustration of God's what?
14. Who does the Lord chasten?
15. The Babylonian empire fell to what other empire?
16. We know from history that Cyrus had a policy to conciliate captive peoples and what?
17. Why did Cyrus do the things that he did for the people of Israel?
18. God had predicted through what prophet, 200 years earlier, that this would happen?
19. Out of a total Jewish population of perhaps two to three million, only how many chose to take advantage of Cyrus' offer?
20. How many miles would the trip be from Persia to Israel?
21. What was the Jewish name of Sheshbazzar?
22. How long did the journey take the first group of people to return?
23. The first thing Zerubbabel did upon returning to the land was reinstating what?
24. The sacrificial system gave the people what?
25. Some older members of the group realized the temple was going to be much smaller and less glorious than what?
26. Two groups are described: Which one are you in?
27. The opposition to the people's plan did get frustrated. How many years was it stopped?
28. In Ezra 5, the governors did not believe what?
29. The governors wrote a letter to Darius to see if he had any record of what?
30. When was the Temple finished?
31. What year is it when we come to Ezra 7?
32. The events of what book of the Bible took place between chapters 6 and 7?
33. The second return to Jerusalem was led by whom and it was to do what with the people of God?
34. What did Ezra know and want to follow with all of his heart?
35. What king helped Ezra out in a very generous way?
36. Ezra's group numbered less than what?
37. After Ezra had been in Jerusalem for a while, he found out what about the people?
38. What was Ezra so upset about?
39. Ezra was devastated so he turned where?
40. What does it reveal when a believer is willing to compromise and marry an unbeliever?
41. What did some of the people do when seeing Ezra's concern?

42. Does God want a believer who is married to an unbeliever today to do what the people did in response to Ezra's concern?

43. Where in Scripture do we find an answer to the previous question?

44. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to do the will of God once you learn it?

45. Are we broken over our own sin?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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WE'RE GOING HOME

Ezra

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"We're Going Home."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. How would you feel if some foreign nation invaded our land to conquer us?
2. How would you feel if, while conquering our land, the enemy destroyed everything, held us captive for 10-20 years, then we were allowed to return?
3. How many years were the people of Israel held captive by Babylon and Medo-Persia?
4. The nation of Israel divided in what year?
5. The northern kingdom was called the kingdom of what?
6. The southern kingdom was called the kingdom of what?
7. How many righteous kings did the northern kingdom have?
8. Assyria conquered the northern kingdom in what year?
9. How many phases did the deportation to Babylon have to it?
10. What year did the final deportation take place?

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