

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

May 18, 2025

Lesson Title: Worship is Restored

Text: Ezra 3: 1-13 NIV

Devotional Reading: (Colossians 3:12-17)

2nd Chronicles Chapters: 1-7

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

1. History

Ezra Ch: 1- 2:1

2. Lesson Context

(Ezra Ch: 1-3)

3. Rebuilding the Altar

(Ezra 3:1-6)

4. Laying a Foundation

A. Musical Praise

(Ezra vv. 10-11)

B. Mixed Reactions

(Ezra vv. 12-13)

History and Background

The book of Ezra tells how Jews from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin returned to their home-land from exile in Babylon.

Shortly after the fall of the Babylonian Empire to the Persian in 538BC , The Persian king, Cyrus, issued a decree that allowed their return (Ezra 1:1-4;).

History and Background

1. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah chronicle the return in three phases.
2. Ezra 2:64-65 reveals about 50,000 people in the first with Zerubbabel.
3. A later wave of approximately 5000, coming under the leadership of Ezra.
4. Nehemiah Led the last Phase of Israelites.

PERSONS PLACES AND EVENTS

Cyrus – A Persian King God uses to free Israelites.

Ezra - A descendant of Aaron the chief priest, also a priest and scribe.

Nehemiah – Public Servant– Led Israelites to Temple

Zerubbabel - Governor of the province of Judah.

The People – Israelite nation Multi-generational

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Ezra 3:1 NIV 

1 When the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem.

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Ezra 3:2 NIV 

² Then arose Joshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

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Ezra 3:3 NIV 

³ They set the altar in its place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Many people came together as ONE man.
2. The Altar was rebuilt with anticipation.
3. The Altar is a designated place of worship.
4. There was worship morning and evening.
5. Everyone came focused on GOD.

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Ezra 3:4 NIV 

⁴ Then in accordance with what is written, they celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles with the required number of burnt offerings prescribed for each day.

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Ezra 3:5 NIV 

⁵ After that, they presented the regular burnt offerings, the New Moon sacrifices and the sacrifices for all the appointed sacred festivals of the LORD, as well as those brought as freewill offerings to the LORD.

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Ezra 3:6 NIV 

⁶ On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, though the foundation of the LORD's **temple had not yet been laid.**

QUESTIONS :?????

ANSWERS??

TAKEAWAYS?

- 1). What is the mighty action displayed in Vs.1?
- 2). What do we learn about their purpose in vs. 2 ??
- 3). Describe the mindset of actions shown in vs. 3.
- 4.) Why is it so significant?

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Ezra 3:7 NIV 

⁷ Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia

Key Things to Remember!

1. Worship is Sacred, obedience and sacrifice.
2. We Praise God for His existence.
3. Celebrate & thank God for His goodness;
4. Exalt God for He is worthy of all glory.
5. Worship is a lifestyle, not a performance.

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Ezra 3:10 NIV 

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD

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Ezra 3:10 NIV 

11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: **“He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.”**

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

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Ezra 3:12 NIV 

12 But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy.

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Ezra 3:13 NIV 

¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

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1. NASB | NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE
2. EXPOSITORS BIBLE COMMENTARY (O.T.)
3. GOTQUESTIONS.ORG
4. BIBLE PROJECT Ezra- Nehemiah.
5. Good Cause for Great Zeal. **(Spurgeon)**

Liberating Lesson

Unbroken fellowship with God is vital to our **existence and peace of mind in today's perilous world. Our praise and worship bring us into God's** presence and protection. Our continual disobedience only stirs the wrath of God and places us in a position to lose our greatest possession: our relationship with God—the source of our praise.

WORSHIP is not a performance it is a lifestyle.



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