

CHAPTER 10

ISRAEL REBUILT THE TEMPLE

Israel and Judah were taken into captivity by Assyria and Babylon. The Babylonian Empire was conquered by Medo-Persia under the leadership of Cyrus. Cyrus was impressed to learn that his name was mentioned in Jeremiah's prophecy as being the ruler that would permit the Jews to return to Jerusalem.

What did Cyrus decide to do? Ezra 6:3

Who was to go to Jerusalem? Ezra 1:5

How did Judah get money to rebuild the temple? Ezra 1:4

Judah returned to Jerusalem in three separate expeditions to accomplish this task.

What man led the first company of Jews? Ezra 2:1-2

What was the first thing to be rebuilt? Ezra 3:2-3

What did Israel do? Ezra 3:3

What did Israel celebrate? Ezra 3:4

What was built the second year? Ezra 6:15

What man led the second company of Jews back to Jerusalem? Ezra 7:6

The book of Esther fits into this time period.

What did Ezra do in Jerusalem? Ezra 7:10

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

What caused a revival? Ezra 10:1-3

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Ezra assembled and arranged the Old Testament canon.

Who led the third company of Jews back to Jerusalem? Nehemiah 1:1; 2:5

What did the third company accomplish? Nehemiah 2:17; 7:1

LIFE APPLICATION

Read: Daniel 2:21. It says that God lifts up kings and puts kings down which shows that God is all powerful and sovereign. While Israel and Judah were in captivity, God used a foreign king,

Cyrus, to accomplish His plan. Through Cyrus, the Jews were repatriated to their homeland of Palestine. Did you ever have to move to another city where you didn't want to go? What good did God accomplish in your life through that move?

What does the last book of the Old Testament prophesy? Malachi 3:1

a. _____ b. _____

When Messiah came, what was to happen to Israel? Malachi 3:2-3

How were these prophecies fulfilled? Mark 1:2-4

How was Israel purified of their sin? Mark 1:4-5

NOTE:

We have seen how God the Father has worked in the Old Testament with His chosen, covenant people, Israel. In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) God the Son came to Israel as their long-awaited Messiah to proclaim that the prophesied Kingdom was "at hand." In the Pauline Epistles (Romans through Philemon) God the Holy Spirit is working in the Church the Body of Christ.