

OUTLINE OF EZRA

Central text: Ezra 3:11

Golden text: Ezra 5:2

I. Sheshbazzar

- A. Cyrus' decree- 1:1-5
- B. Supplies for restoration- 1:6-11

II. Zerubbabel

- A. Register of the return- 2:1-67
- B. Rebuilding the temple- 2:68-6:22
 - 1. The altar- 3:1-7
 - 2. The foundation- 3:8-13
 - 3. Opposition- 4:1-24
 - 4. Resumption- 5:1-6:14
 - 5. Completion- 6:15-22

III. Ezra

- A. Introduction- 7:1-10
- B. Artaxerxes' decree- 7:11-28
- C. Register of Ezra's journey- 8:1-14
- D. Preparation
 - 1. Request for Levites- 8:15-20
 - 2. Fasting and prayer- 8:21-23
 - 3. Apportionment of funds- 8:24-30
- E. Arrival in Jerusalem- 8:31-36
- F. The people's sin
 - 1. Exposure- 9:1-4
 - 2. Prayer- 9:5-15
 - 3. Confession- 10:1-4
 - 4. Solution- 10:5-17
 - 5. Register of offenders- 10:18-44

Highlights of Ezra

I. Christ foreshadowed

- A. In Jeshua, the high priest
- B. In the joy of restoration (Luke 15:7)

II. New Testament references

- A. Matthew 1:12, 13
- B. Luke 3:27

III. Practical application

- A. God wants restoration of His religion.
- B. We should mourn over sin.
- C. We should prepare for God's service (7:9, 10; II Tim. 2:15).