

### **Ezra Chapter 3**

In chapters 1 and 2 we are told that the king of Persia issued a decree and sent Zerubbabel to lead a group of Israeli exiles back to Judah to resettle the land and rebuild the cities and temple. What was the first thing these people did after settling their new towns? [1-6]

Who was involved in this work party? What did they contribute? Describe the process of laying the foundation of the temple (who did what?).

Why were the people shouting? What else were they doing?

### **Ezra Chapter 6**

“Darius the king issued orders” in verses 1, 3, 8, and 11, much like an American president issuing executive orders. What was Darius concerned about?

What were the results of his decree? [13-15] What did the neighboring governors do? What did the Israelites do?

In verses 16-22 the Israelites threw a week-long party. What were they celebrating?

### **Ezra Chapter 9**

Describe Ezra’s reaction when he arrived in Jerusalem to re-establish worship in the temple. [3-5] What caused this reaction?

Verses 6-15 record Ezra’s prayer to God. What does he ask Him for?

Was Ezra alone? [4] Is he the only one who cares?

Did the people of Israel learn their lesson? God, in Leviticus 26:40-45, promised that even in their exile He would not abandon them, **if** they were repentant. Were they (see 10:1)?