



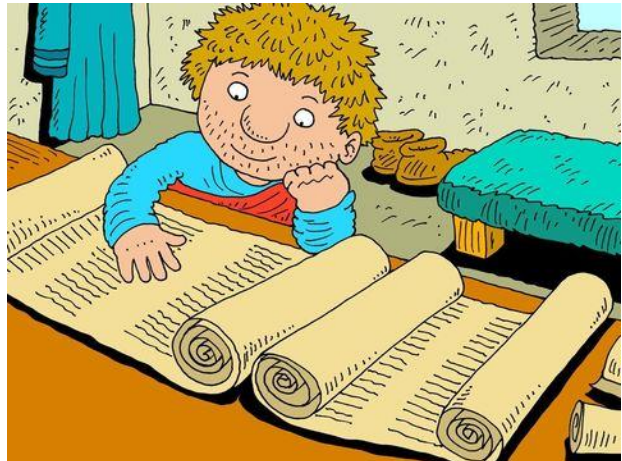
L3L52: Ezra

Ezra 7-8

A group of Jews had returned from exile to rebuild Jerusalem and to restore the temple. They had met with some adversity, but ultimately they completed what they had set out to accomplish. Another group of Jews was planning to come back to Jerusalem to help with the job and to help restore true worship of God in Jerusalem. Among this group was a scribe named Ezra. He was very skilled in knowing the scriptures and teaching the law, but more than that he possessed a heart prepared to seek God's Law and to do it with all his might. As it turned out, he is just what the people in Jerusalem needed.

Discuss:

- Who was the king of Persia who gave support to Ezra and the others with him returning to Jerusalem? What did he do to show his support?
- When the King of Persia promised Ezra his help and support, to whom did Ezra give the credit?
- When Ezra returned with the group of people to Jerusalem, he wrote that he was ashamed of something. What was it? What does this say about the kind of person Ezra was?
- How did God protect the people on their return to Jerusalem? (Ezra 8:31)
- When the Bible says that Ezra "had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord" what does that mean? How can we follow this example?



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Memory Challenge:

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.