



A mile in the shoes
of... Ezra & Nehemiah

Revival and the Heart

Ezra 1:1-3

1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: 2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven,

Ezra 1:1-3

has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem.

Ezra 7:12-13

12“Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest,
the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven.
Peace. And now 13I make a decree that anyone
of the people of Israel or their priests or Levites
in my kingdom, who freely offers to go to
Jerusalem, may go with you.

Ezra 7:27-28

27' Blessed be the Lord , the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem, 28and who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the Lord my God was on me, and I gathered leading men from Israel to go up with me.

Nehemiah 2:8

and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

Ezra 10:1

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly.

Nehemiah 8:9

9And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

Nehemiah 10:29

29 join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes.

Nehemiah 13:11/17/23

(11) So I confronted the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?”

(17) Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day?”

(23) In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.

Nehemiah 13:25

25 And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves."

Titus 3:4-5

4But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,



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1. The Gospel is the beginning and end of revival and reformation.

Ezra 7:9-10

9...the good hand of his God was on him. 11 For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord , and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.