

OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL...A STUDY IN EZRA
Ezra, The People And The Second Wave to Jerusalem
Ezra 8:1-36

List of the Returning Families Vs. 1-14

The family names in verses 4-14 are the same as those found in 2:3-15, identifying these as descendants of the pioneer group which had returned eight decades earlier.

These descendants add workers to carry out God's plans for His restored Israel and a promised _____.

Since God's restoration held the promise of a king ruling over Israel (Jeremiah 23:5-6), it is clear God's full plan has yet to be fulfilled.

Israel has a remnant that are _____ through faith and an even smaller group of faithful servants roused by God's Spirit (1:5) to labor and _____ to further His kingdom.

The Journey: Problems and Preparations Vs. 15-20

As Ezra's enlistees gather he realizes a deficit of Levites.

Ezra is intentional in the men he sends to recruit attendants for the house of God: they are "leaders/ _____" and "teachers/ _____".

Ezra chooses gifted speakers to recruit others but attributes the ultimate success to God's divine activity and guidance. Vs. 18

The Journey: Safety and Financial Guardianship Vs. 21-36

As they prepare for the trip to Jerusalem Ezra calls a _____ to _____ themselves and pray, asking God's safety for their trip and possessions. Vs. 21-23

Ezra appointed 12 priests and 12 Levites to handle the financial donations and possessions, declaring the priests and the objects holy/ _____ unto the Lord God. Vs. 24-30

The trip was around 900 miles, the Lord provided them protection, their arrival is barely mentioned, and all was carried out as planned with finances and possessions. Vs. 31-34

In verses 35-36 the exiles _____ their return, _____ God through sacrifices and deliver the commands of King Artaxerxes to all the governors west of the Euphrates River.

Response