

# Ezra 7 Resources

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## EZRA RESOURCES

### Esther Commentary, Sermon, Illustration, Devotional

#### CHRONOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH-ESTHER

|                                                         |                |                                                             |                |                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 538-515BC                                               | 483-473BC      | 457BC                                                       | 13 Year<br>Gap | 444-425BC                                               |
| Ezra 1-6                                                | Book of Esther | Ezra 7-10                                                   |                | Book of Nehemiah                                        |
| <b>First Return</b><br>of Jews from<br>Babylonian Exile | 58 Year<br>Gap | <b>Second Return</b><br>of Jews from<br>Babylonian<br>Exile |                | <b>Third Return</b><br>of Jews from<br>Babylonian Exile |

#### EZRA: RESTORATION AND REFORM

| Restoration of the Temple<br>Under Zerubbabel      |                                                     | Reform of the People<br>Under Ezra             |                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| First Return<br>To Jerusalem<br>Ezra 1:1-Ezra 2:70 | Construction of<br>The Temple<br>Ezra 3:1-Ezra 6:22 | Second Return<br>to Jerusalem<br>Ezra 7:1-8:36 | Restoration<br>of the People<br>Ezra 9:1-Ezra 10:44 |
| First Return<br>of 49,897                          |                                                     | Second Return<br>of 1754                       |                                                     |
| 22 Years<br>(538-516BC)                            |                                                     | 1 Year<br>(458-457BC)                          |                                                     |

**Key Passages:** Ezra 1:3, Ezra 2:2, Ezra 6:21, 22, Ezra 7:10

**Key Words:** Went up (Ezra 1:11, 7:1, 6, 7, 8:1), Jerusalem (48x), Decree (17x), House of the LORD (Ezra 1:3, 5, 7, 2:68, 3:8, 11, 7:27, 8:29), Law (...of the LORD, ...of Moses, ...of God) (Ezra 3:2, 7:6, 10, 12, 14, 21, 26, 10:3)

#### ON SITE STUDY

- The Power of God's Word

#### WALTER ADENEY

**Cyril J. Barber** - This set, originally published in 1903, contains expositions by both conservative and liberal theologians. The most important works are by Dod (Genesis), Chadwick (Exodus and Mark), Kellogg (Leviticus), Blaikie (Joshua, I and II Samuel), **Adeney (Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther)**, Maclaren (Psalms), Moule (Romans), Findlay (Galatians and Ephesians), Plummer (Pastoral Epistles and the Epistles of James and Jude), and Milligan (Revelation.)

**Warren W. Wiersbe** - If you can locate the six-volume edition of the Expositor's Bible, buy it immediately! It takes up less space than the original fifty-volume set, and not everything in the original set is worth owning. Samuel H. Kellogg on Leviticus is a classic; so is Alexander Maclaren on the Psalms and on Colossians.

- [Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra the Scribe](#)

#### ALBERT BARNES Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible

**James Rosscup** writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial... Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

**C H Spurgeon** "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil... Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [Ezra 7](#)

#### RALPH ANDRUS

- [Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra: The Leader](#)

#### BRIAN BELL

- [Ezra 7 & 8 Sermon Notes](#)

#### J G BELLET

- [Ezra 7-10 Witnesses for God in Dark and Evil Times](#)

#### LARRY BRINCEFIELD

- [Ezra 7:6-10 How to Experience God](#)

#### A PHILLIP BROWN

- [Ezra 7 Continuity With The Past And Hope For The Future](#)

#### C A BRIGGS

- [Ezra 7:10 Commentary](#)

#### CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES COMMENTARY ON EZRA

- [Ezra 7](#)

#### RICH CATHERS

- [Ezra 7:10 Sermon Notes](#)
- [Ezra 7:9-10 Sermon Notes](#)

#### ADAM CLARKE

**James Rosscup** - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## STEVEN COLE

- [Ezra 7:1-28 The Life that God Blesses](#)

## TOM CONSTABLE

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## DELFIN CORONA

- [Ezra 7:1-10 Moving on to Our High Calling](#)

## RON DANIEL

- [Ezra 7-8 Sermon Notes](#)

## RALPH DAVIS

**Rosscup has these comments on Davis' exposition of the Book of Joshua:** Former Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary. Davis furnishes evangelical material to help preachers blend sound exegesis, theological substance, interesting exposition and practical application....The studies are not on every verse but key portions out of each chapter, done in a very readable style...(that) preachers or lay people can enjoy...(with) many ideas to provoke sermons and point to application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

**Keith Mathison** in his review of best commentaries on Judges makes general comments that would apply to his short commentary on Nehemiah - "If you can only have one commentary on the historical books, **get the commentaries by Davis**. There are other commentaries that go into more detail on technical issues (see below), but Davis provides what most Christian readers of these books need — a concise and readable explanation of the text that sets each book within the larger context of biblical redemptive history all without ever becoming boring or trite. This commentary (referring to Davis' commentary on Judges), like the others, is also very practical, but it avoids the kind of moralizing exposition that rips passages out of context in order to make some vague inspirational point." ([Keith Mathison - Ligonier Ministries Blog](#))

**Richard Pratt** - "There is no more gifted expositor of the Old Testament in our day than Ralph Davis." (See Pratt's commentary below)

**Derek Thomas** - "Dale Ralph Davis is among the finest expositors of the Old Testament alive today. His style is unique and his content infectious. A pastor at heart, his insights are always governed by an absolute loyalty to the text, a belief that the Bible was written for today as much as yesterday, and a desire to encourage his readers to fall in love with Scripture and to trust it."

- [Ezra 7-8 Commentary - recommended](#)

## DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE Henry Morris

Note: Words and phrases below based on KJV

- Ezra 7:1 [Artaxerxes king of Persia Ezra Hilkiah](#)
- Ezra 7:6 [the hand of the LORD](#)
- Ezra 7:10 [prepared his heart](#)
- Ezra 7:11 [king Artaxerxes scribe of the words](#)
- Ezra 7:12 [God of heaven](#)
- Ezra 7:18 [that do](#)
- Ezra 7:25 [set magistrates and judges](#)

## BOB DEFFINBAUGH

- [Ezra Commentary](#)

#### EDWARD DENNETT

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### DAVID DEUEL

**From the Intro:** Ezra provides an unusually clear and inspiring pattern of expository preaching in his ministry to the people of Judah at the outset of the postexilic period. He models an expositor's commitment "**studying, practicing godliness, and teaching**" which leads him to perform an expositor's task reading distinctly and explaining the Scriptures. In so doing, he challenges expositors of all generations to handle accurately the Word of truth. ([See related article by Richard Mayhue - Rediscovering Expository Preaching](#))

- [An Old Testament Pattern for Expository Preaching](#)

#### ELLICOTT'S COMMENTARY ON EZRA W B POPE

- [Ezra 7](#)

#### EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- [Ezra 7:8-10; 9:1-2,4; 10:1-5 Following Godly Spiritual Leaders](#)

#### BRUCE FERRIS

- [Ezra 7:10 The Lord's Messenger](#)

#### A C GAEBELEIN

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### JOHN GILL

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### L M GRANT

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### DAVE GUZIK

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### MICHAEL HARDT

- [Ezra 7 Lessons for Believers Today](#)

#### ROBERT HAWKER Commentary on Ezra

- [Ezra 7](#)

#### MATTHEW HENRY

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

#### GREGG HERRICK

- [Ezra - Teaching Outline](#)

## HOMILETICS ON EZRA Pulpit Commentary

- [Ezra 7](#)
- Ezra 7:1-10 The Work Completed
- Ezra 7:1-10 The Exodus Under Ezra
- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra: His Character and Work
- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra: the Type of an Ideal Minister
- Ezra 7:9-10 Ezra and His Mission
- Ezra 7:11-26 The Reformer's Commission
- Ezra 7:11 The Royal and the Religious
- Ezra 7:11-26 Pagan Piety
- Ezra 7:11-26 Ezra's Commission from Artaxerxes
- Ezra 7:21-24 The Decree of Artaxerxes to the Treasurers
- Ezra 7:27-28 The Extension of the Mercy of the Covenant
- Ezra 7:27-28, Ezra 8:1-20 Influence

## JAMIESON, FAUSSETT, BROWN

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## WILLIAM JONES

- [Homiletical Commentary on the book of Ezra](#)

## KEIL AND DELITZSCH

**What the Bible Teaches** – A very full and detailed commentary which is extremely helpful. It is one of the best on Ezra. However, a full understanding of this volume demands a knowledge of Hebrew.

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## WILLIAM KELLY - commentary

- [Ezra 7](#)

## PAUL E. KRETZMANN Commentary

- [Ezra 7](#)

## LANGE'S COMMENTARY F. W. Schultz

- [Ezra 7](#)

## STEVEN LAWSON - Mp3 only

- [The Pattern of Biblical Preaching - Well Done](#) - If you are a preacher of the Word, listen to this one.

## JOHN MACARTHUR

- [Ezra - Author, Date, Background, Setting, Historical, Theological Themes, Interpretative Challenges, Outline - Same Notes found in the MacArthur Study Bible](#)

## RICHARD MAYHUE

- [Rediscovering Expository Preaching](#)

## **J VERNON MCGEE - Mp3's**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **F B MEYER**

- Ezra 7:28
- [Ezra 7-10 Ezra \(In "Daily Bible Illustrations\)](#)

## **MIDDLETOWN BIBLE**

- [Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther - Study](#)

## **TOM NELSON**

- [Ezra 7:1-10 - Distinctive Life in a Decaying Culture Part I -- Mp3](#)
- [From The Return to the Coming of Christ – The Evolution of Error - Ezra/Nehemiah](#)

## **NET BIBLE Ezra Notes**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **NEW CENTURY BIBLE**

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## **PHIL NEWTON**

- [Ezra 7:1-28 Ezra - A Man of the Word](#) Mp3 Only

## **JAMES NISBET'S Church Pulpit Commentary**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **JOSEPH PARKER People's Bible**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **PETER PETT Commentary**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **MATTHEW POOLE Commentary**

- [Ezra 7](#)

## **WIL POUNDS**

- [Ezra - Chart of Period of Restoration](#)

## **PRECEPTAUSTIN - BRUCE HURT**

- Ezra 7:10 Why Was the Good Hand of Jehovah on Ezra - in depth

## **PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY William Jones 1881**

- [Ezra 7 Exposition](#)

- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra the Distinguished
- Ezra 7:10 Studying, Practising, and Teaching the Sacred Scriptures
- Ezra 7:10 The Christian Ministry
- Ezra 7:10 Divine Sequence
- Ezra 7:11-26 The Commission of Artaxerxes to Ezra
- Ezra 7:23 Reasons for Active Devotedness to the Cause of God
- Ezra 7:23 The Decree of Artaxerxes
- Ezra 7:27-28 Exemplary Praise

#### **PULPIT COMMENTARY Ezra**

- [Ezra 7:1-26 Exposition](#) (scroll down to see Homilies)
- Ezra 7:1-10 The Work Completed
- Ezra 7:1-10 The Exodus Under Ezra
- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra: His Character and Work
- Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra: the Type of an Ideal Minister
- Ezra 7:9-10 Ezra and His Mission
- Ezra 7:11-26 The Reformer's Commission
- Ezra 7:11 The Royal and the Religious
- Ezra 7:11-26 Pagan Piety
- Ezra 7:11-26 Ezra's Commission from Artaxerxes
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#### **REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE NOTES EZRA**

- [Ezra 7:1](#)
- [Ezra 7:6](#)
- [Ezra 7:7](#)
- [Ezra 7:9](#)
- [Ezra 7:10](#)
- [Ezra 7:11-26](#)
- [Ezra 7:11](#)
- [Ezra 7:12](#)
- [Ezra 7:13](#)
- [Ezra 7:14](#)
- [Ezra 7:15-17](#)
- [Ezra 7:18](#)
- [Ezra 7:20](#)
- [Ezra 7:23](#)
- [Ezra 7:25](#)
- [Ezra 7:26](#)
- [Ezra 7:27](#)
- [Ezra 7:28](#)

#### **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**

- [Ezra 7:9-10 God's Gracious Hand](#)

#### **DAVID H ROPER**

- [Ezra 7:9 The Time to Pray](#)

#### **HENRI ROSSIER**

- [Ezra 7 Comments](#)

## PHILIP GRAHAM RYKEN

- [Ezra 7:10 Ezra, According to the Gospel](#) - Recommended

## F W SCHULTZ

- [Ezra 7 Lange's Commentary](#)

## CHARLES SIMEON Sermon

- [Ezra 7:23 The Decree of Artaxerxes](#)

## CHUCK SMITH

- [Ezra 7:10 The Good Hand of the LORD](#)
- [Ezra 7:10 The Preparation of the Heart](#)

## JAMES SMITH - Handfuls on Purpose

- Ezra 7:10 Ezra's Life and Character - well done

## SPEAKER'S

- [Ezra 7 Commentary](#)

## C. H. SPURGEON

- Ezra 7:22 - Devotional

## RAY STEDMAN

- [The Way Back: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther](#) or [Mp3](#)

## JOHN STEVENSON Ezra Studies

- [Ezra 7. Enter Ezra - the Leader of the Second Return](#)

## TODAY IN THE WORD Devotionals

- Ezra 7

## JOHN TRAPP Commentary

- [Ezra 7](#)

## BOB UTLEY

- [Ezra Commentary](#)

## OUR DAILY BREAD

- [Ezra 7:10, 9:5-15 Mom's Translation](#)
- [Ezra 7:10 Seeing God's Hand](#)

## SERMONS BY VERSE

|                                                                  |                                           |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">Divine Sequence in Service</a>                       | <a href="#">Sunday School Teacher.</a>    | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra the Distinguished</a>                           | <a href="#">William Jones.</a>            | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra the Scribe</a>                                  | <a href="#">James Menzies.</a>            | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra the Type of as Ideal Minister</a>               | <a href="#">J.S. Exell</a>                | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra: His Character and Work</a>                     | <a href="#">W. Clarkson</a>               | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra's Exemplary Conduct</a>                         | <a href="#">William Jones.</a>            | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">God's Helping Hand</a>                               | <a href="#">J. M. Sherwood, D. D.</a>     | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Man's Duty in Relation to God's Redemptive Truth</a> | Homilist                                  | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">New Year's Day</a>                                   | <a href="#">D. Davies.</a>                | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">New Year's Day</a>                                   | <a href="#">J. Reid Howatt.</a>           | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Scribism</a>                                         | <a href="#">W. F. Adeney, M. A.</a>       | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Study of the Scriptures</a>                          | <a href="#">J. Bawden Allen.</a>          | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Testimonies to the Bible</a>                         | Sunday School Times                       | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">The Christian Ministry</a>                           | <a href="#">The Preacher's Portfolio.</a> | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">The Exodus Under Ezra</a>                            | <a href="#">J.A. Macdonald</a>            | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">The Inestimable Value of the Scriptures</a>          |                                           | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">The Scriptures a Safeguard of a Nation</a>           | <a href="#">W. E. Gladstone.</a>          | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">The Scriptures a Winding Splendour</a>               | Christian Age                             | Ezra 7:1-10   |
| <a href="#">Ezra and His Mission</a>                             | <a href="#">A. Mackennal</a>              | Ezra 7:9, 10  |
| <a href="#">The Royal and the Religious</a>                      | <a href="#">J.S. Exell</a>                | Ezra 7:11     |
| <a href="#">Ezra's Commission from Artaxerxes</a>                | <a href="#">J.A. Macdonald</a>            | Ezra 7:11-26  |
| <a href="#">Pagan Piety</a>                                      | <a href="#">W. Clarkson</a>               | Ezra 7:11-26  |
| <a href="#">The Commission of Artaxerxes</a>                     | <a href="#">William Jones.</a>            | Ezra 7:11-27  |
| <a href="#">The Office and Duty of the Civil Magistrate</a>      | <a href="#">Philoclesius.</a>             | Ezra 7:11-27  |
| <a href="#">Jevoah's Habitation</a>                              | <a href="#">J. Irons.</a>                 | Ezra 7:15     |
| <a href="#">The Decree of Artaxerxes to the Treasurers</a>       | <a href="#">J.A. Macdonald</a>            | Ezra 7:21-24  |
| <a href="#">Christian Missions</a>                               | <a href="#">Samuel Thodey.</a>            | Ezra 7:23     |
| <a href="#">The Decree of Artaxerzes</a>                         | <a href="#">C. Simeon, M. A.</a>          | Ezra 7:23     |
| <a href="#">Aspects of the Divine and Human</a>                  | <a href="#">J.S. Exell</a>                | Ezra 7:27, 28 |
| <a href="#">Beauty in God's House</a>                            | <a href="#">J. Ruskin.</a>                | Ezra 7:27-28  |
| <a href="#">Exemplary Praise</a>                                 | <a href="#">William Jones.</a>            | Ezra 7:27-28  |
| <a href="#">God's Love of the Beautiful</a>                      | <a href="#">W. Proudfoot, M. A.</a>       | Ezra 7:27-28  |
| <a href="#">Kings of Persia -- Nursing Fathers of the Church</a> | <a href="#">W. Mackenzie.</a>             | Ezra 7:27-28  |
| <a href="#">The Extension of the Mercy of the Covenant</a>       | <a href="#">J.A. Macdonald</a>            | Ezra 7:27, 28 |