## Ezra & Nehemiah Lesson #7 Ezra Comes to Jerusalem

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	There are about years between chapter 6 and chapter 7 in the book of Ezra.
2.	Ezra came to Jerusalem during the reign of King
3.	It took Ezra months to make the journey from Persia to Jerusalem.
4.	Ezra stopped near the city of in Babylon while he assembled to go with him
	to the temple in Jerusalem.
5.	Ezra had good reason to be concerned about the safety of the people on the journey to Jerusalem because he
	was carrying a in and
6.	Ezra and the priests offered burnt offerings to the Lord and even offered male goats for each
	of
7.	Ezra his clothes and out his when he learned that some of the exiles had
8.	Why was Ezra concerned about the conduct of the people?
9.	Ezra sat in grief over the sin of the people until the at which time he began to and
10.	As Ezra a large group of people gathered around him and
	They encouraged Ezra to be courageous and they would with him in this matter.
	Ezra called for all of the men to assemble in Jerusalem in days or else forfeit their possessions and be
	excluded from the assembly of exiles.
13.	All of the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled in Jerusalem on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of the 9 <sup>th</sup> month. As they sat in the
	city square they trembled because of the and the
	Ezra confronted them with their sin of disobeying the law by taking
	The men asked Ezra to handle the matter by assembling the of each community and having
	those who had to come at appointed times
	before the council and allow them to decide what should be done on an individual basis so that God's anger
	would be turned away from them.
16.	There were who are listed as having taken
	These men agreed to their and
	The New Testament gives the following instructions on marriage to unbelievers:
	Matthew 19:5
	2 Corinthians 6:14-16

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 1 Peter 3:1-2