

# Ezra

## RESTORATION

### Ezra Arrives

Ezra 7

June 11, 2023

A common question for many of us is “how can I know if I’m making the right decision?”. It might be a decision about a job, relationships, or a major purchase. One way to look at it is to look at the internal and external call. Internally, do you believe God is calling you to move in a certain direction? Externally, have you discussed this with others, and what is their response? In our passage today we’ll see Ezra will have one of these moments where it is clear there is both the internal and external call to go to Jerusalem. What we’ll see is what leads Ezra to Jerusalem and what God calls him to do.



**WAYPOINT**  
**CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

# Order Of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 100*

## Songs of Praise

*Great Are You Lord  
Belong to You*

## Confession of Faith

### **Heidelberg Catechism #34**

Q. *Why do you call him our Lord?*

A. *Because not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul to be his very own.*

## Offering and Prayer

## Song of Declaration

*What a Beautiful Name*

## Confession of Sin

*All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; grant through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.*

## Assurance of Pardon

*John 3:16*

## Children's Message

## Sermon

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*Pastor James Brignac*

## Song of Response

*Just To Be With You*

## Benediction

# Sermon Notes

## Called

***Why is it significant to note the time jump between chapter 6 and 7?***

***Why didn't Ezra's family return with the rest of the exiles?***

***Why does Ezra decide to go to Jerusalem at this point?***

*Ezra 7:6*

## Credentials

***Why is the ancestry of Ezra noted?***

*Ezra 7:1-5*

***What does it mean for Ezra to be a scribe?***

***What does Ezra plan to do?***

*Ezra 7:10*

*James 1:22-23*

## Ordained

***What does it mean for Ezra to set his heart towards God's purposes?***

***What does Ezra 7:25-26 tell us about God's plans?***

***What does Ezra acknowledge in Ezra 7:27-28?***

# Announcements



Summer Bible Study  
Wednesdays in June, 10-11:30 AM



Waypoint Beach Day  
July 1 at 4:00 PM  
Details to come



Multiple groups are available.  
Contact Pastor James to get  
connected



August 18-19, 2023  
Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church  
Volunteer Today!  
<https://waypointchurchfl.com/fmsc>



Save the dates!  
August 18-19, 2023



Men's Outing  
Jumbo Shrimp Game  
July 29, 2023 at 6:35 PM  
Contact John Homon



Every Friday at 8:00 AM  
via Zoom meeting

## Discussion Questions

1. When have you sensed an inward call by God to do something? What was it? How did you respond?
2. Why is it essential to train up the next generation of leaders in the church? How can you help in training them?
3. What would be the scariest thing for God to call you to do? Why?
4. Why is it important to be doers of the Word and not just hearers?
5. Where have you seen God working in your life recently?
6. How can we acknowledge God's sovereign hand in our lives?