

# Review Questions

1. Who led the first group of Jewish exiles back to Judah: Cyrus, Ezra, or Zerubbabel? *Zerubbabel.*
2. How many years did God tell the Jews they would be captives in Babylon? *70 years.*
3. Who led the second group of Jewish exiles back to Judah? *Ezra.*
4. What was Ezra's job? *He was a priest and a scribe.*
5. What did Ezra want to do with the Law of God? *Study it, do it, and teach others about it.*
6. Which king of Persia gave Ezra permission to return to Judah: Artaxerxes, Cyrus, or Darius? *Artaxerxes.*
7. What did God protect Ezra and the Jews from on the journey to Jerusalem: enemies, sore feet, or sickness? *Enemies.*
8. What attribute means that God will always keep his promises? *Faithful.*
9. When Ezra got to Judah, what sin had the Jews in the land committed? *They had married foreign people who worshipped false gods.*
10. Why was marrying foreign people a sin for the Jews? *God had commanded them not to. They were breaking God's laws. They were committing idolatry.*
11. How did Ezra show his distress over the Jews' sin? What did he do? *He tore his clothes and pulled out his hair and sat appalled.*
12. In Ezra's first prayer to God when he discovered the Jews' sin, did he give praise to God, confess the sin and guilt of the people, or bless the people? *He confessed the sin and guilt of the people.*
13. What did God warn his people would happen if they married foreign people? *Their hearts would be turned away from following God to false gods.*
14. When the Jews saw Ezra weeping and praying because of their sin, what did they do? *They wept bitterly because of their sin.*
15. Why were the people weeping? *They recognized their great sin before God and were sorry for it.*
16. When the people gathered outside by the temple several days later, why were they trembling? *Because of their sin and the heavy rain.*
17. What did Ezra tell the people they must do to make things right? *Confess their sin, do the Lord's will, and separate themselves from the people of the land.*
18. How did the Jews separate themselves from the foreign people? *They sent away their foreign spouses and children.*
19. What did the Jews do that was right when they learned they'd sinned and broken God's laws? *They were repentant (sorrowful) over their sin. They did what was hard to make things right and separated themselves from those who were leading them to sin.*
20. Which group of Jewish exiles had set a bad example by marrying foreigners? *Priests and leaders.*