

EZRA 3 vs 1

Ezra the priest returned to Jerusalem in 500 bc; his work as a scribe is well known, while many forget he is from the priestly family of Zadok; and it is their later generations, obviously those elitists luxuriating in the history of these two great men of faith; at the time Jesus the Messiah stepped on the stage of history, they were the faithless Sadducees, a bunch of atheists who paraded around in their fake superiority seeking to ensnare and destroy the Messiah who came exactly as the beloved Daniel had prophesied. [The prophetic books of Esdras – especially Esdras 2, are clearly filled with much truth from the LORD.](#)



The foundation of the temple was set,

¹ Now when the seventh month arrived / the time after the summer work, when they blew trumpets and gathered the harvest, the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one to Jerusalem.

Ezra is a priest who returned to Jerusalem from Babylon captivity with Zerubbabel His name means: **Help**. Presumably it is an abbreviation for **YHWH helps**. From his eye-witness account, we can reconstruct much about the life of Ezra, his royal commission to assemble exiles who wanted to return to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes; only about 10% of the Jewish people took the challenge. Ezra was given authority in terms of money and goods for the temple and exemptions from taxation for temple officials. He was charged to evaluate the civil and religious conditions of the Judean community.

² Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers arose, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as prescribed in the law / in the instructions... of Moses the man of God.

³ So they put the altar on its foundation; because the surrounding peoples were a terror to them: and offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

⁴ And they kept the Festival of Tents / of temporary shelters, as prescribed and offered the regular number of daily sacrifices required each day of the festival, according to the custom;

⁵ followed by the daily continual sacrifice, the sacrifice at the new moon, at every fixed time of the sacred feasts belonging to the LORD that were consecrated, and at every freewill offering made to the LORD.

⁶ From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

⁷ Then they hired the masons and carpenters; and those of Sidon and those of Tyre were supplied food and drink and oil, to bring cedars from Lebanon to the seaport of Joppa, according to the terms of the permit granted by Cyrus king of Persia.

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⁸ Now in the second year of their coming to the House of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brothers the priests and the Levites / the teachers, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began appointing the Levites, from twenty years and older, to oversee the work of the House of the LORD.

⁹ Then Jeshua with his sons and his brothers with Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, stood united, to oversee the workmen in the House of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites.

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they stationed the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, those of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the order of King David of Israel.

¹¹ And together they each sang their responses of praise and giving thanks to the LORD; with the refrain: Because He is good, for His mercy continues toward Israel. And all the people raised a loud shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the House of the LORD was laid.

¹² But many of the priests and Levites and chief of their clans, old men who saw the former House standing on its foundation, wept aloud at the sight of this House; as many shouted aloud for joy:

¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of those weeping: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard far off.

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