

PEOPLE in the book of Ezra

Ezra – descendant from Aaron, a scholar of the Torah / law who led spiritually

Cyrus – King of Persia who endorsed the return and rebuilding

Jerimiah – prophet during the exile, preached repentance during the captivity

Nebuchadnezzar – king of Babylon who seized Jerusalem twice and destroyed the temple. He built a 90 foot statue in his honor to be worshipped. Daniel was a prophet of his time with 3 friends (shadrach, meshach, abednego)

Mithredath – the Persian treasurer in charge of inventory

Sheshbazzar – the prince of Judah

Zerubbabel – head of the tribe of Judah, who rebuilt for 20 years

10 people in company of Zerubbabel –

18 Israelites and number of family members –

Singers, security guard families, support staff, Solomons servants, priestly families, and several who couldn't prove ancestry a total of 42,00 people

Jeshua – son of Jozadak helped in the rebuilding

Masons, carpentors, lumber mill workers, Levites,

Henadad – helped direct the building

Sons of Asaph – (Zildian people) had cymbals

Esarhaddon – king of Assyria

Old enemies of Judah and Benjamin – The Samaritans were rejected from helping build because of intermarriage and became antagonists for 17 years.

Xerxes – Xerxes apparently is the Greek name for Ahasuerus, who was king of Persia during the time of Esther

Artaxerxes – Artaxerxes was the King of Persia during the time of Nehemiah and Ezra. During his reign, he halted the rebuilding of the Temple area that his predecessor Cyrus had allowed. Later, he allowed it to continue

Nehemiah – Nehemiah, son of Hacaliah, was a cupbearer of the Persian King Artaxerxes. In 444 BC the king appointed Nehemiah to be the governor of Judah. He also instituted a series of social reforms including the cancellation of debts owed by the poor and the payment of tithes.

Zachariah – the son of Iddo, was instrumental in inspiring his fellow Jews to rebuild the Temple

Malachi – focuses largely on the corruption of the priests, the neglect of God's Temple, and the personal sins of the people

Haggai - messages were addressed to Zerubbabel the governor, and to Joshua the high priest. He began to preach in 520 BC after the work to rebuild the Temple had ceased.