

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Sunday, September 6, 2020
Ezra 6:13-22
Suggested Additional Study Reading: Daniel 6

1. What happened on Wednesday in Ezra 5:2-6:12?
 - a. Israel continued with the building of the temple.
 - b. The governor and some other officials came to question what they were doing and who gave them authority to do it.
 - c. King Darius reaffirmed the ruling of King Cyrus and commanded support and protection for Israel as they rebuilt the temple.

2. What is happening now in Ezra 6:13? _____

3. What does verse 14 say about the elders of the Jews?
 - a. They continued to build.
 - b. They prospered.
 - c. They did all this under the preaching of Haggai and Zechariah.

4. Why do you think that they prospered under the preaching of these prophets?
 - a. Because the prophets preached prosperity.
 - b. Because the prophets brought correction, even when it hurt.
 - c. Because the leaders of the people did what the prophets said instead of trying to kill them or imprison them like the leaders had done under the prophet Jeremiah.

5. How do you respond to the preaching you are under? _____

If you are not seeing God's hand at work, is the problem the preacher or how you respond?

6. What happened in Ezra 6:15? _____

7. What did they do in verse Ezra 6:16-18? _____

8. Do you celebrate the accomplishment of God's will in your life? _____

9. What did the Israelites celebrate in verse Ezra 6:19-22? _____

10. What did the Passover Feast and the Festival of Unleavened Bread commemorate?
 - a. The Exodus.
 - b. God's response to the cries of His people.
 - c. God's deliverance from the Egyptians and from the plagues he sent on Egypt.
 - d. "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt."

11. Why is this celebration so significant? _____
Do we celebrate the faithfulness and deliverance of God still today? _____