

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: February 6, 2016**  
**Intro and Ezra 1-2**

1. What type of book is Ezra?
  - a. History
  - b. Poetic and Wisdom writings
  - c. Prophecy
  
2. When did the stories of Ezra take place?
  - a. The story begins with the decree of Cyrus, about 50 years after the destruction of Jerusalem.
  - b. The temple was finished about 70 years (hmm...) after its destruction.
  
3. What function does Ezra serve in the Bible context?
  - a. It proclaims the fulfillment of the prophecies of Jeremiah.
  - b. It provides the setting for the restored kingdom to which Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi prophesied.
  - c. It provides a backdrop for the restored Israel that we find in the New Testament (Although a new oppressor has come in at that point).
  
4. Why, according to 1:1 did Cyrus make the proclamation to rebuild the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem?
  - a. He was king and he can do what he want.
  - b. The Lord moved the heart of Cyrus the king.
  - c. In order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah.
  
5. What happened to the previous temple (See 2 Chronicles 36:15-23)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What did Cyrus decree to the people in his kingdoms, according to verse 1:2-4
  - a. Any of 'his' people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judan and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem.
  - b. May their God be with them.
  - c. Anyone in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.
  
7. What else did King Cyrus do to help the Israelites, according to 1:7-8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How can we apply this scripture to our lives? \_\_\_\_\_  
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