

# Ezra

## Chapter 1

After the Jewish people had been in Babylon about 70 years, the Lord moved the heart of the king of Persia to free the Jews.

The king also told the Jews to re-build their temple in Jerusalem.

Dear Lord, please give freedom to  
all the peoples of the world

## Chapters 2, 3

About 50,000 Jews returned to Israel after 70 years of exile in Babylon.

The returnees gathered in Jerusalem for worship. They were overcome with joy.

Dear God, please help all exiles return to their homeland

## Chapter 4

Having returned from exile, the Jews started to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem.

But some enemies of Israel tried to frighten and dishearten the Jews from rebuilding the temple.

Dear God, when anyone tries to stop us from doing good,  
please give us courage to keep going