Ezra Bible Quiz

19 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. How long did it take to investigate all the cases of mixed marriages?

Ⓐ One month
Ⓑ From the first day of the tenth month until the first day of the first month
Ⓒ Six months
Ⓓ One year

2. What offering did those who had married pagan wives make?

Ⓐ A burnt offering
Ⓑ A ram of the flock for their trespass
Ⓒ A grain offering
Ⓓ A peace offering

3. How did Ezra react when he heard about the mixed marriages?

Ⓐ He celebrated
Ⓑ He was happy
Ⓒ He ignored it
Ⓓ He tore his garment and robe and plucked out some of his hair

4. Who was the leader of the first group of exiles to return to Jerusalem?

Ⓐ Zerubbabel
Ⓑ Joshua
Ⓒ Ezra
Ⓓ Nehemiah

5. Who came and suggested a solution to the mixed marriage problem?

Ⓐ Joshua
Ⓑ Zerubbabel
Ⓒ Shechaniah the son of Jehiel
Ⓓ Nehemiah

6. What emotion did Ezra express about the situation?

Ⓐ Joy
Ⓑ Indifference
Ⓒ I am too ashamed and humiliated
Ⓓ Anger

7. Which geographical location serves as the final destination of Ezra's journey as recorded in the book?

Ⓐ Babylon
Ⓑ Jerusalem
Ⓒ Susa
Ⓓ Ezron Valley

8. Where did Ezra travel from to reach Jerusalem during his return?

Ⓐ Susa
Ⓑ Canaan
Ⓒ Babylon
Ⓓ Persia

9. How many singers were found to have married pagan wives?

Ⓐ 5
Ⓑ None
Ⓒ 3
Ⓓ 1

10. How many male goats were offered as sin offerings at the dedication?

Ⓐ 10
Ⓑ 24
Ⓒ 18
Ⓓ 12

11. How many people returned in the first group of exiles under Zerubbabel?

Ⓐ 60,000
Ⓑ 50,000
Ⓒ 42,360
Ⓓ 25,000

12. How many gold bowls did Cyrus return from Nebuchadnezzar's plunder?

Ⓐ 410
Ⓑ 30
Ⓒ 1,000
Ⓓ 29

13. Who was the governor of the region beyond the River who questioned the temple building?

Ⓐ Shimshai
Ⓑ Bishlam
Ⓒ Tattenai
Ⓓ Rehum

14. In which month and year was the temple completed?

Ⓐ Sixth month, sixth year of Darius
Ⓑ Twelfth month, sixth year of Darius
Ⓒ First month, seventh year of Darius
Ⓓ Third month, sixth year of Darius

15. What did Ezra recognize about God's character in his prayer?

Ⓐ You, Lord God of Israel, are righteous

Ⓑ Only mercy

Ⓒ Only justice

Ⓓ Inconsistency

16. What was the people's response to Ezra's command about separation?

Ⓐ They complained

Ⓑ They were silent

Ⓒ They refused

Ⓓ The whole assembly said with a loud voice, Yes! As you have said, so we must do

17. What does Ezra's prayer theology in 9:6-15 reveal about the relationship between divine justice and mercy?

Ⓐ Divine mercy operates within justice, preserving a remnant while acknowledging deserved judgment

Ⓑ Justice and mercy are opposed

Ⓒ Justice cancels mercy

Ⓓ Only mercy matters

18. What does Ezra's preparation in 7:10 establish about effective spiritual leadership and teaching ministry?

Ⓐ Effective ministry requires personal pursuit of God's truth, practical obedience, and then teaching others

Ⓑ Experience alone is sufficient

Ⓒ Teaching requires no preparation

Ⓓ Only academic knowledge matters

19. What does Ezra do when he finds Israelites practicing marriage with foreign women?

Ⓐ He ignores it

Ⓑ He leads a reform to divorce foreign wives

Ⓒ He reports it to the king

Ⓓ He encourages it

Answer key: Ezra Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **B. From the first day of the tenth month until the first day of the first month**

Ezra 10:16-17 records: 'they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. By the first day of the first month they finished questioning all the men who had taken pagan wives.'

2. **B. A ram of the flock for their trespass**

Ezra 10:19 states: 'And they gave their promise that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they presented a ram of the flock as their trespass offering.'

3. **D. He tore his garment and robe and plucked out some of his hair**

Ezra 9:3 records: 'So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished.'

4. **A. Zerubbabel**

Ezra 2:2 lists: 'Those who came with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah.'

5. **C. Shechaniah the son of Jehiel**

Ezra 10:2 records: 'And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land.'

6. **C. I am too ashamed and humiliated**

Ezra 9:6 begins his prayer: 'O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads.'

7. **B. Jerusalem**

Ezra traveled from Persia to Jerusalem with the exiles to reinforce the observance of God's Law (Ezra 7:8-9).

8. **C. Babylon**

Ezra traveled from Babylon, where he had been in exile, to Jerusalem to lead a spiritual revival (Ezra 7:6).

9. **D. 1**

Ezra 10:24 mentions: 'Also of the singers: Eliashib,' indicating one singer had taken a pagan wife.

10. **D. 12**

Ezra 6:17 concludes: 'and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.'

11. **C. 42,360**
Ezra 2:64 records: 'The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty.'

12. **B. 30**
Ezra 1:9-10 lists the vessels: 'gold dishes thirty, silver dishes of a similar kind four hundred and ten, and other articles one thousand.'

13. **C. Tattenai**
Ezra 5:3 states: 'At the same time Tattenai the governor of the region beyond the River and Shethar-Boznai and their companions came to them.'

14. **B. Twelfth month, sixth year of Darius**
Ezra 6:15 records: 'Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.'

15. **A. You, Lord God of Israel, are righteous**
Ezra 9:15 begins: 'O Lord God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!'

16. **D. The whole assembly said with a loud voice, Yes! As you have said, so we must do**
Ezra 10:12 records: 'Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, Yes! As you have said, so we must do.'

17. **A. Divine mercy operates within justice, preserving a remnant while acknowledging deserved judgment**
Ezra 9:13-15 acknowledges God has 'punished us less than our iniquities deserve' while preserving 'a remnant,' showing how divine mercy operates within, not contrary to, perfect justice.

18. **A. Effective ministry requires personal pursuit of God's truth, practical obedience, and then teaching others**
Ezra 7:10's sequence—'seek the Law,' 'do it,' then 'teach'—establishes that authentic spiritual leadership flows from personal study, obedient application, and then qualified instruction of others.

19. **B. He leads a reform to divorce foreign wives**
Ezra calls for repentance and reforms, including the separation from foreign spouses (Ezra 9-10).

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