



## **New Direction & Dedication**

## **New Obedience & Foundation**

## **New Priority in Praising the Lord**

1. Yield your memories and your dreams to the Lord.
2. Accept your present situation as from the Lord.
3. Resolve to obey God right where you are.
4. Praise God for his goodness in spite of your circumstances.

# EZRA

**AUTHOR:** UNKNOWN WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF EZRA SINCE CHAPTERS 1-6 RECOUNT EVENTS BEFORE EZRA'S TIME. HOWEVER, CHAPTER 7-10 CLEARLY SEEM TO BE WRITTEN BY EZRA HIMSELF.

## KEY THEMES

Faithfulness to the Lord, both in worship and in keeping the Torah, the Mosaic law.

## EZRA 6:22

"And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel."

## KEY VERSE

## SYNOPSIS:

This book documents the return of the Jews from their captivity in Babylon, the rebuilding of the temple, and the inauguration of social and religious reforms.