



How to reform our people

Text: Ezra

- In 536, Cyrus sent the exiles back to Jerusalem
- In 458, Ezra returned with a second group
 - Ezra was a scribe (expert of the Law)
 - He observed that the Jews had fallen away from God again.
- Let's look at how Ezra was able to help reform his nation. What can we do to reform ours.



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MY KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL HAS TO BE ADEQUATE

- Ezra 7:6,10,12
- II Tim. 2:15
- II Tim. 3:16
- Heb. 5:11-13



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MY DESIRE TO TEACH GOD'S WILL HAS TO BE REAL

- Ezra 7:6-10
- Col. 3:16
- I Tim. 4:11
- II Tim. 2:4



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MY SINCERITY ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN HAS TO BE KNOWN

- Ezra 9:1-6
- Ezra 10:1-6
- People need to see how passionately we feel about righteousness.



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MY DOING GOD'S WILL HAS TO TAKE PRIORITY

- Ezra 10:3
- Deut. 26:16
- Josh 1:8
- Acts 5:29
- Matt. 10:37