

“THROUGH THE BOOK OF BOOKS”

Lesson 12 Worksheet

The Books of History-Ezra & Nehemiah

1. The children of Israel had been taken captive into Babylon. They were there because of their sin of rebellion and idolatry. About how many years were they held in captivity? (Daniel 9:2)

- a. 50 b. 100 c. 70**

2. Cyrus, King of Persia decreed that anyone who wanted to return to Jerusalem could go back to his homeland. There was much opposition to letting the Jews return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Who led the first group of Jews back into Jerusalem to rebuild the temple?

- a. John the Baptist b. Zerubbabel c. The Apostle Paul**

3. Ezra was a priest and a scribe. He restored to Israel the law of the Lord.

True or False

4. Ezra was very displeased when he heard that the children of Israel had not separated themselves from the people of the lands. They had married the non-Jews. (Ezra 9:1,2,3). What did Ezra do when he heard this report?

- a. He ran out of town screaming.**
- b. He tore off his garments, plucked out his hair and his beard, and sat down astonished. He then prayed and asked the Lord to forgive the people.**

5. Fourteen years after Ezra came back to Jerusalem, another man returned with another group of Jews who had been in captivity. Who was this man?

- a. Peter b. Simon c. Nehemiah**

6. Nehemiah was sad to see the condition of the city of Jerusalem. What was his main project when he returned to the city?

7. Did Nehemiah make one or two trips to Jerusalem? _____

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Ezra’s Scrambled Message

Ezra realized that the people around him were disobeying God. Ezra took a bold stand by telling the people what they were doing was wrong, and how they needed to change. Sometimes it’s not easy to stand up for the things that we know are right. We can count on God through His Word to give us the courage that it takes to stand strong.

Start at the first letter and unwind the verse to find the advice the Bible gives us about having courage. Write the words of the verse on the blank lines below.



119. CYRUS HELPS THE EXILES

(EZRA 1:1-11)

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BABYLON

GOLD

LIVESTOCK

BASINS

HOUSE OF THE LORD

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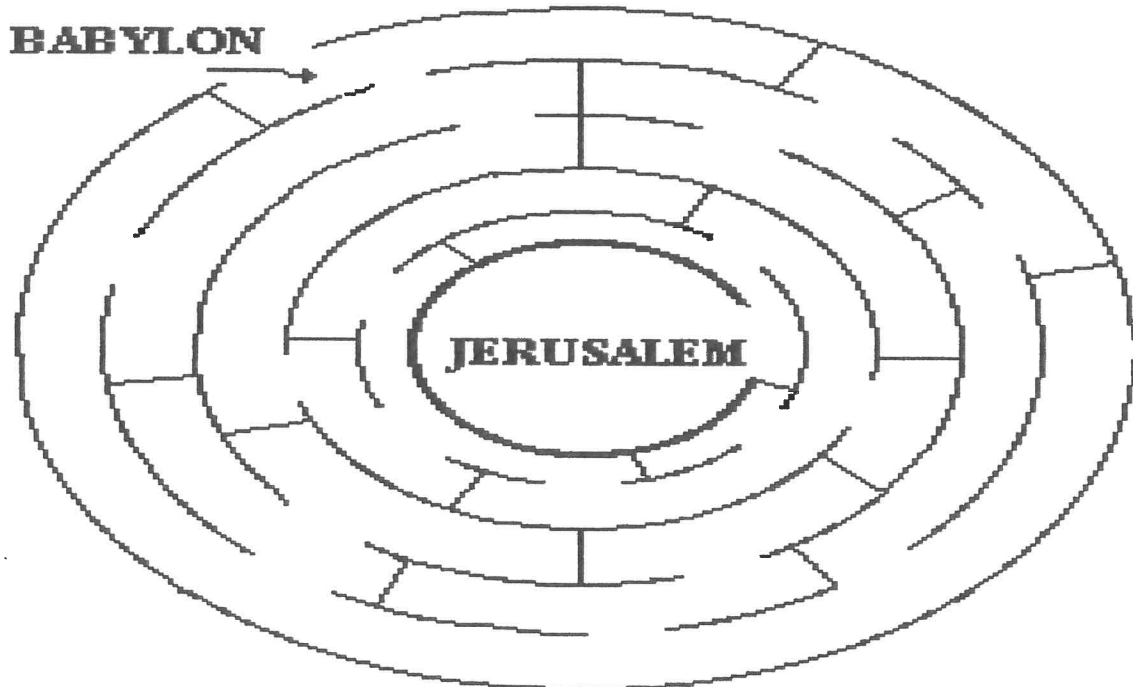
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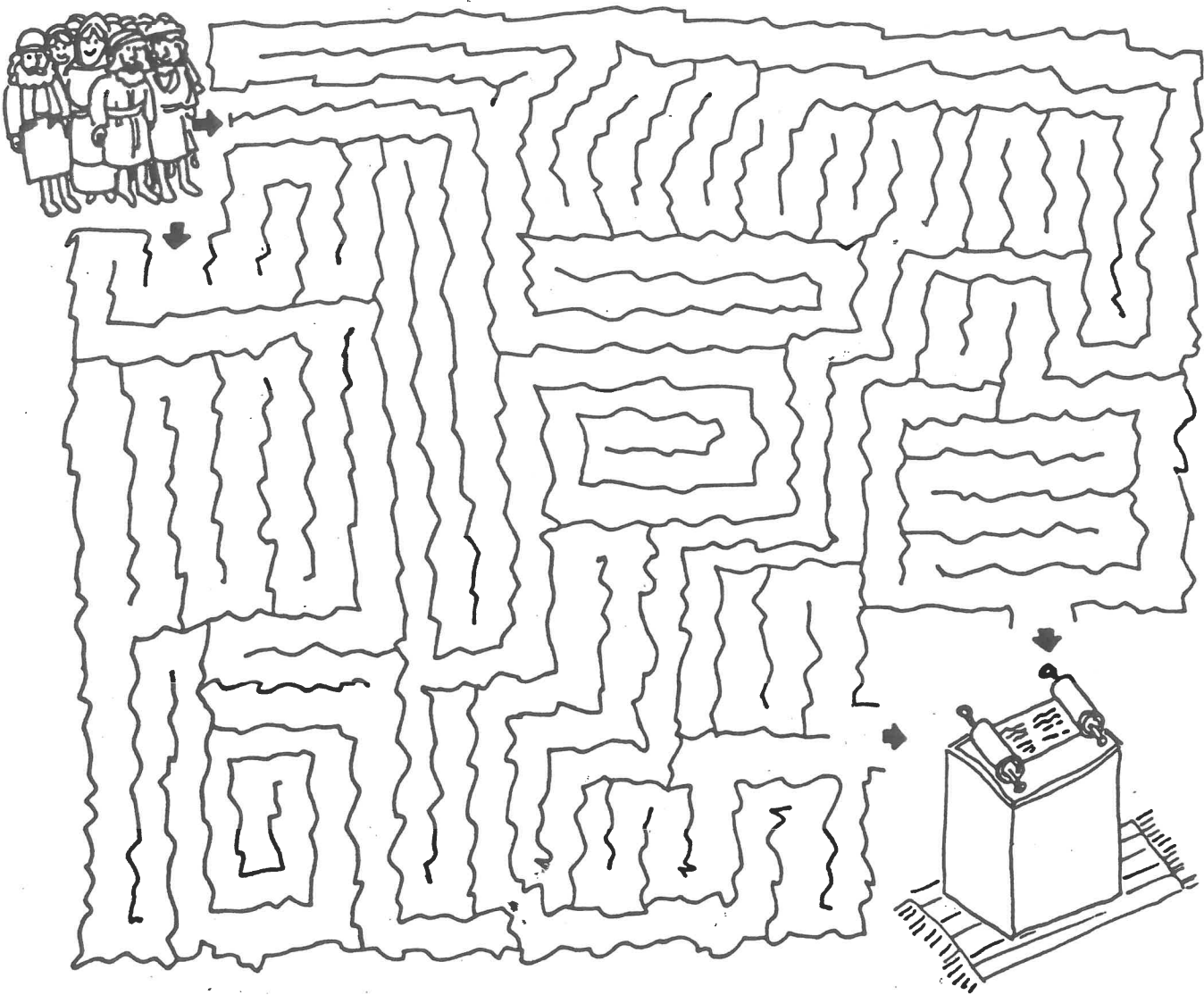
CYRUS

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..... The Reading of the Law

After Nehemiah led the people in rebuilding the broken-down walls of Jerusalem, the children of Israel gathered together for a time of fasting and repentance. They stood for six hours to hear the Levite leaders read the Book of the Law to them. Help the group of Israelites below get to the place where the Law is being read. (You can read about this in Nehemiah 9.)



EZRA and Nehemiah returned
to Jerusalem to rebuild the
city and the temple

