

FRESH or Frozen?

Ezra 7:1-10

¹Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, there went up Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,

²son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,

³son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,

⁴son of Zerariah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,

⁵son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest.

⁶This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all he requested because the hand of the LORD his God was upon him.

⁷Some of the sons of Israel and some of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

⁸He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

⁹For on the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, because the good hand of his God was upon him.

¹⁰For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

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Be That Breath of Fresh Air !

Fresh or Frozen?

How would you describe the difference between 'fresh' and 'frozen'? For something to be fresh it means it is current and ready for use. To be 'frozen' means for something to be surrounded in ice and needing thawed out to render it useful. You can use these two words to describe a lot of things but which of these two words would best describe the word of God and it's place in your life?

Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself.

1. Read Ezra 7:1-10 and put a box over every reference to **the law of God** including synonyms and pronouns then make a list below of what you learn

Skilled - means to be quick, prompt, skilled, ready'
2. According to V10 how did Ezra acquire his skill?
3. Re-Read Ezra 7:1-10 and underline each phrase regarding to **the hand of the Lord being upon Ezra** and make a list of what you learn
4. Why was the 'good hand of the Lord his God upon him'?
- "Set his heart" means 'to be firm, established, fixed
"Study" means 'to seek with care, enquire, require, to tread a place'**
5. According to this passage are the scriptures just for gaining knowledge? Give a reason for your answer.

Reflect:

How skilled are you in the scriptures?
What impact does the scriptures have on your life?
Ezra was 'fresh' in God's Word how about you, 'fresh' or 'frozen'?

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