

~ZERUBBABEL (361)

(Ze-rub´ba-bel) [From Akkadian, meaning, Seed or Offspring of Babel].

- **First governor of the repatriated Jews.**
- **Say to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, I am rocking the heavens and the earth. (Haggai 2:21)**
- **A descendant of King David and an ancestor of Jesus Christ, likely the actual son of Pedaiah but legally reckoned as the son of Shealtiel.**
- **And the sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei, and the sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister. (1 Chronicles 3:19)**
- **After the deportation to Babylon Jeconiah became father to Shealtiel; Shealtiel became father to Zerubbabel. (Matthew 1:12)**
- **Zerubbabel became father to Abiud. Abiud became father to Eliakim. Eliakim became father to Azor. (Matthew 1:13)**
- **Son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri. (Luke 3:27)**

See Also GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST (Problems in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus)

- **The genealogical listing of;**
- **And the sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei, and the sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister. (1 Chronicles 3:19)**
- **And Hashubah and Ohel and Berechiah and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. (1 Chronicles 3:20)**
- **Names seven sons of Zerubbabel, Meshullam, Hananiah, Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, and one daughter, Shelomith. Zerubbabel's official or Babylonian name appears to have been Sheshbazzar.**

- **And Cyrus the king of Persia proceeded to bring them forth under the control of Mithredath the treasurer and to number them out to Sheshbazzar the chieftain of Judah. (Ezra 1:8)**
- **All the utensils of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred. Everything Sheshbazzar brought up, along with the bringing up of the exiled people out of Babylon to Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:11)**
- **And also the gold and silver vessels of the house of God that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple, which was in Jerusalem, and brought to the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were given to Sheshbazzar, the name of the one whom he made governor. (Ezra 5:14)**
- **When that Sheshbazzar came he laid the foundations of the house of God, which is in Jerusalem, and from then until now it is being rebuilt but it has not been completed. (Ezra 5:16)**
- **And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (Ezra 3:8)**
- **After the liberation from Babylonian exile, Zerubbabel, in 537 B.C.E, led a Jewish remnant back to Jerusalem and Judah.**
- **And these were the sons of the jurisdictional district that went up out of the captivity of the exiled people whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had taken into exile at Babylon and who later returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his own city. (Ezra 2:1)**
- **Those who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel. (Ezra 2:2)**
- **These are the sons of the jurisdictional district who came up out of the captivity of the exiled people whom Nebuchadnezzar the**

- king of Babylon had taken into exile and who later returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, each to his own city. (**Nehemiah 7:6**)
- Those who came in with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: (**Nehemiah 7:7**)
 - As the governor appointed by King Cyrus, Zerubbabel had been entrusted with sacred gold and silver vessels that had years earlier been taken from the temple by Nebuchadnezzar.
 - And also the gold and silver vessels of the house of God that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple, which was in Jerusalem, and brought to the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were given to Sheshbazzar, the name of the one whom he made governor. (**Ezra 5:14**)
 - And he said to him; Take these vessels. Go, deposit them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt upon its place. (**Ezra 5:15**)
 - At Jerusalem, the temple altar was erected in the seventh month, Ethanim, or Tishri, September-October, under the direction of Zerubbabel and High Priest Jeshua.
 - When the seventh month arrived the sons of Israel were in their cities. And the people began to gather themselves as one man to Jerusalem. (**Ezra 3:1**)
 - And Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and his brothers the priests and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers proceeded to rise up and build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer up burnt sacrifices upon it, according to what is written in the Law of Moses the man of the true God. (**Ezra 3:2**)
 - And in the second year in the second month Ziv, or Iyyar, April-May, of **536 B.C.E**, the actual construction of the temple began.
 - And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come

out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (**Ezra 3:8**)

- **Recognizing the bad motive of the non-Jews who asked to have a share in the rebuilding work, Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the heads of the paternal houses stated.**
- **When the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the Exile were building a temple to Yehowah the God of Israel. (**Ezra 4:1**)**
- **They immediately approached Zerubbabel and the heads of the paternal houses and said to them; Let us build along with you, for, just like you, we search for your God and to him we are sacrificing since the days of Esar-haddon the king of Assyria, who brought us up here. (**Ezra 4:2**)**
- **However, Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the paternal houses of Israel said to them, you have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God, for we ourselves shall together build to Yehowah the God of Israel, just as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us. (**Ezra 4:3**)**
- **These non-Jews, however, continued to dishearten the temple rebuilders and finally in **522 B.C.E.** succeeded in having an official ban placed on the work. Two years later, stirred up by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, Zerubbabel and Jeshua, or Joshua, courageously resumed the construction of the temple despite the ban.**
- **Now after the copy of the official document of Artaxerxes the king had been read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in a hurry to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms. (**Ezra 4:23**)**
- **It was then that the work on the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, stopped, and it continued stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius the king of Persia. (**Ezra 4:24**)**
- **And Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo the prophet prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. (**Ezra 5:1**)**

- **It was then that Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak got up and started to rebuild the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, and with them there were God's prophets giving them aid. ([Ezra 5:2](#))**
- **In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yehowah occurred by means of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, saying; ([Haggai 1:1](#))**
- **And Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and all the remaining ones of the people began to listen to the voice of Yehowah their God, and to the words of Haggai the prophet, as Yehowah their God had sent him, and the people began to fear because of Yehowah. ([Haggai 1:12](#))**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to rouse up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and the spirit of all the remaining ones of the people, and they began to enter in and to do the work in the house of Yehowah of armies their God. ([Haggai 1:14](#))**
- **In the eighth month in the second year of Darius the word of Yehowah occurred to Zechariah the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying; ([Zechariah 1:1](#))**
- **Thereafter an investigation of the Persian archives vindicated the legality of their work.**
- **It was then that Darius the king put an order through, and they made an investigation in the house of the records of the treasures deposited there in Babylon. ([Ezra 6:1](#))**
- **And at Ecbatana, in the fortified place that was in the jurisdictional district of Media, there was found a scroll, and the memorandum to this effect was written within it. ([Ezra 6:2](#))**
- **In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king put an order through concerning the house of God in Jerusalem. Let the house be rebuilt as the place where they are to offer sacrifices, and its foundations are to be fixed, its height being sixty cubits,**

its width sixty cubits. ([Ezra 6:3](#))

- With three layers of stones rolled into place and one layer of timbers, and let the expense be given from the king's house. ([Ezra 6:4](#))
- And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God that Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon be returned, that they may reach the temple that is in Jerusalem at its place and be deposited in the house of God. ([Ezra 6:5](#))
- Now Tattenai the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues, the lesser governor's that are beyond the River, keep your distance from there. ([Ezra 6:6](#))
- Let the work on that house of God alone. The governor of the Jews and the older men of the Jews will rebuild that house of God upon its place. ([Ezra 6:7](#))
- And by me an order has been put through as to what you will do with these older men of the Jews, for rebuilding that house of God, and from the royal treasury of the tax beyond the River the expense will promptly be given to these able-bodied men without cessation. ([Ezra 6:8](#))
- And what is needed, young bulls as well as rams and lambs for the burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine and oil, just as the priests that are in Jerusalem say, let there be given them continually day by day without fail. ([Ezra 6:9](#))
- That they may continually be presenting soothing offerings to the God of the heavens and praying for the life of the king and his sons. ([Ezra 6:10](#))
- And by me an order has been put through that, as for anybody that violates this decree, a timber will be pulled out of his house and he will be impaled upon it, and his house will be turned into a public privy on this account. ([Ezra 6:11](#))
- And may the God who has caused his name to reside there overthrow any king and people that thrusts his hand out to commit a violation and destroy that house of God, which is in Jerusalem. I, Darius, do put through an order. Let it be done

promptly. (Ezra 6:12)

- **Throughout, the prophets Haggai and Zechariah continued to encourage Zerubbabel, strengthening him for the work and assuring him of divine favor.**
- **Say, please, to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and to the remaining ones of the people, saying; (Haggai 2:2)**
- **Who is there among you that is remaining over who saw this house in its former glory? And how are you people seeing it now? Is it not, in comparison with that, as nothing in your eyes? (Haggai 2:3)**
- **But now be strong, O Zerubbabel, is the utterance of Yehowah, and be strong, O Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest. And be strong, all you people of the land, is the utterance of Yehowah, and work. For I am with you people, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies (Haggai 2:4)**
- **Say to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, I am rocking the heavens and the earth. (Haggai 2:21)**
- **And I shall certainly overthrow the throne of kingdoms and annihilate the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and I will overthrow the chariot and its riders, and the horses and their riders will certainly come down, each one by the sword of his brother. (Haggai 2:22)**
- **In that day, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, I shall take you, O Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, my servant, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I shall certainly set you as a seal ring, because you are the one whom I have chosen, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. (Haggai 2:23)**
- **Accordingly he answered and said to me; This is the word of Yehowah to Zerubbabel, saying; Not by a military force, nor by power, but by my spirit, Yehowah of armies has said. (Zechariah 4:6)**
- **Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a level land. And he will certainly bring forth the headstone. There will be shoutings to it; How charming! How**

charming! (**Zechariah 4:7**)

- **And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Zechariah 4:8**)**
- **The very hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his own hands will finish it. And you will have to know that Yehowah of armies himself has sent me to you people. (**Zechariah 4:9**)**
- **For who has despised the day of small things? And they will certainly rejoice and see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of Yehowah. They are roving about in all the earth. (**Zechariah 4:10**)**
- **Finally in **515 B.C.E.** the temple was completed.**
- **Then Tattenai the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues, just as Darius the king had sent word, so they did promptly. (**Ezra 6:13**)**
- **And the older men of the Jews were building and making progress under the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo, and they built and finished it due to the order of the God of Israel and due to the order of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes the king of Persia. (**Ezra 6:14**)**
- **And they completed this house by the third day of the lunar month Adar, that is, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. (**Ezra 6:15**)**
- **Also during Zerubbabel's governorship the needs of the Levites were cared for, the singers and gatekeepers receiving their portion according to the daily need.**
- **And all Israel during the days of Zerubbabel and during the days of Nehemiah were giving the portions of the singers and of the gatekeepers according to the daily need and were sanctifying them to the Levites, and the Levites were sanctifying them to the sons of Aaron. (**Nehemiah 12:47**)**