



– King of kings–

**“The LORD sits enthroned over the flood:
the LORD is enthroned as King for ever.
The LORD gives strength to His people;
the LORD blesses His people with peace”**

[Psalm 29.10-11]

Ezra 1.¹⁻⁵

King of Kings



- parallels -

".. I know the plans I have for you .."

**Decree of the
king of Persia**

**Leader of the
people of God**

**Task of
renewal**

Ezra 1-6

Cyrus
(Ezra 1.1-4)

Zerubbabel

the temple

Ezra 7-10

Artaxerxes
(Ezra 7.11-26)

Ezra

the law

Nehemiah 1-13

Artaxerxes
(Neh.2.1-9)

Nehemiah

the city

Ezra 1.¹⁻⁵



- King of kings -

His servants the prophets (Amos 3.7)

- **predictive**
 - the 70 years
 - the reference to Cyrus
- **creative**

His servants the rulers (Rom.13.4)

- **their actions**
- **their decrees**

Ezra 1.¹⁻⁵