RETURNING TO THE GOD WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME

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- **MESSAGE OF EZRA**: *It's time to return to The Lord*

- **TURN BACK** = *Be Returned, Revived, Restored*

- Ezra = YAWEH [God] has helped

- The Return Is Enabled & Empowered By God

- When It Seems Impossible God Makes A Way Of Return
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• Ezra 2 = The Middle Can Be Real Good
• Ezra 2 Is A List Of Names Of People And Cities
• The Names Of The Returning Exiles
• The Cities They Returned To

• Nothing That God Does Is Insignificant
• Nothing In His Word Is Insignificant
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• Why Is This List Of Names Is Preserved For All These Generations?
  • = God Knows *Their* Names
  • = He Knows *Their* Location
  • = God Knows *Your* Name
  • = God Knows *Your* Location
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• God Knows Your Name:

• Ezra 2:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Now these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken captive to Babylon (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town, ² in company with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum and Baanah): The list of the men of the people of Israel:
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God Knows Your Name:

• HeKnows: Names, Positions, Place of Residence
• Your Name Is Who You Are
• It’sAn Individual Mark That Identifies You

• God Knows Who You Are
• You Are Not Alone
• You Are Not Unnoticed
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God Knows You

• He Has A Purpose For You

• He Cares About You

• He Wants You To Return To The Place Of His Promise And Blessing
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• John 15:15 (NIV) I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

• He Is The Friend That Knows Your Name
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God Knows What You Are Doing:

• God Knows About Your Ministry
• God Cares About What You Are Doing
• That is Why We Must Do It The Right Way
  • The Right Heart
  • The Right Mind
  • The Right Soul
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• God Knows What He Is Doing
  • He Has It All Together

• He Has Called Each Person & Each Family

• God Was In This!
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• God Knows Who Belongs To Him

• Ezra 2:59-63 (NIV) 59 The following came up from the towns of Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub, Addon and Immer, but they could not show that their families were descended from Israel: 60 The descendants of Delaiah, Tobiah and Nekoda, 652 61 And from among the priests: The descendants of Hobaiah, Hakkoz and Barzillai (a man who had married a daughter of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by that name). 62 These searched for their family records, but they could not find them and so were excluded from the priesthood as unclean. 63 The governor ordered them not to eat any of the most sacred food until there was a priest ministering with the Urim and Thummim.
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• God Knows Who Belongs To Him
• God Is Keeping Records
• He Knows Who Belongs To Him!
• Being Close -- Is Not Close Enough
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• God Blesses His People With The Ability To Give

• Ezra 2:64-69 (NIV)  

64 The whole company numbered 42,360, 65 besides their 7,337 menservants and maidservants; and they also had 200 men and women singers. 66 They had 736 horses, 245 mules, 67 435 camels and 6,720 donkeys. 68 When they arrived at the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God on its site. 69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work 61,000 drachmas of gold, 5,000 minas of silver and 100 priestly garments.
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God Blesses His People With The Ability To Give

• The Situation Was Not Perfect

• The Economy Was Not In Their Favor

• Yet They Gave

• God Always Has On Hand Exactly What Is Needed To Accomplish His Will For His People
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• God Has A Place For You

• Ezra 2:70 (NIV) The priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers and the temple servants settled in their own towns, along with some of the other people, and the rest of the Israelites settled in their towns.
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God Has A Place For You

• He Says To His People: “Come Home!”

• God Brought His People Back

• He Set Them Free

• He Restored What Had Been Taken From Them
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• God wants to bring us back home to Him

• To Settle Us In Our “Faith Place” Once Again

• God Is Willing And Able To Bring You Back
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• What Is Keeping Us From A Smooth Return?

• Times Of: Deception, Deceivers, False Teachers, False Prophets, False Information, Delusion, & Opposition

• To Return To Him We Must Overcome The Spirits Of Deception, Falsehood And The Outright Opposition That Is Prevalent In Our Day

• Truth Is Of The Utmost Importance & Value For Us
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God Wants His People To Come Home

• Come Home To Him
• Come Home To Freedom
• Come Home To His Land Of Promise
• Come Home To A Great Future
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• *It's Time For God’s People To Return*

• To Return To All That They Left When They Turned Away From Him

• Return to repentance
• Return to restoration
• Return to revival

• *To Return To The Place Of His Blessing –*
  • The Repository Of His Blessing
  • To The Land He’s Given You
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- God Does Not Want To Hurt You
  He Wants To Help You!

- He Knows Your Name
- His Heart Is For A Return

- THE TIME IS NOW!

- NO BETTER TIME TO RETURN THAN TODAY
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• Forgiveness Is An Act Of The Will --

God Is Willing Forgive!

• God Brought His People Out Of Bondage Back To Jerusalem And The Land Of Promise

• He Wants To Do The Same For Every Person