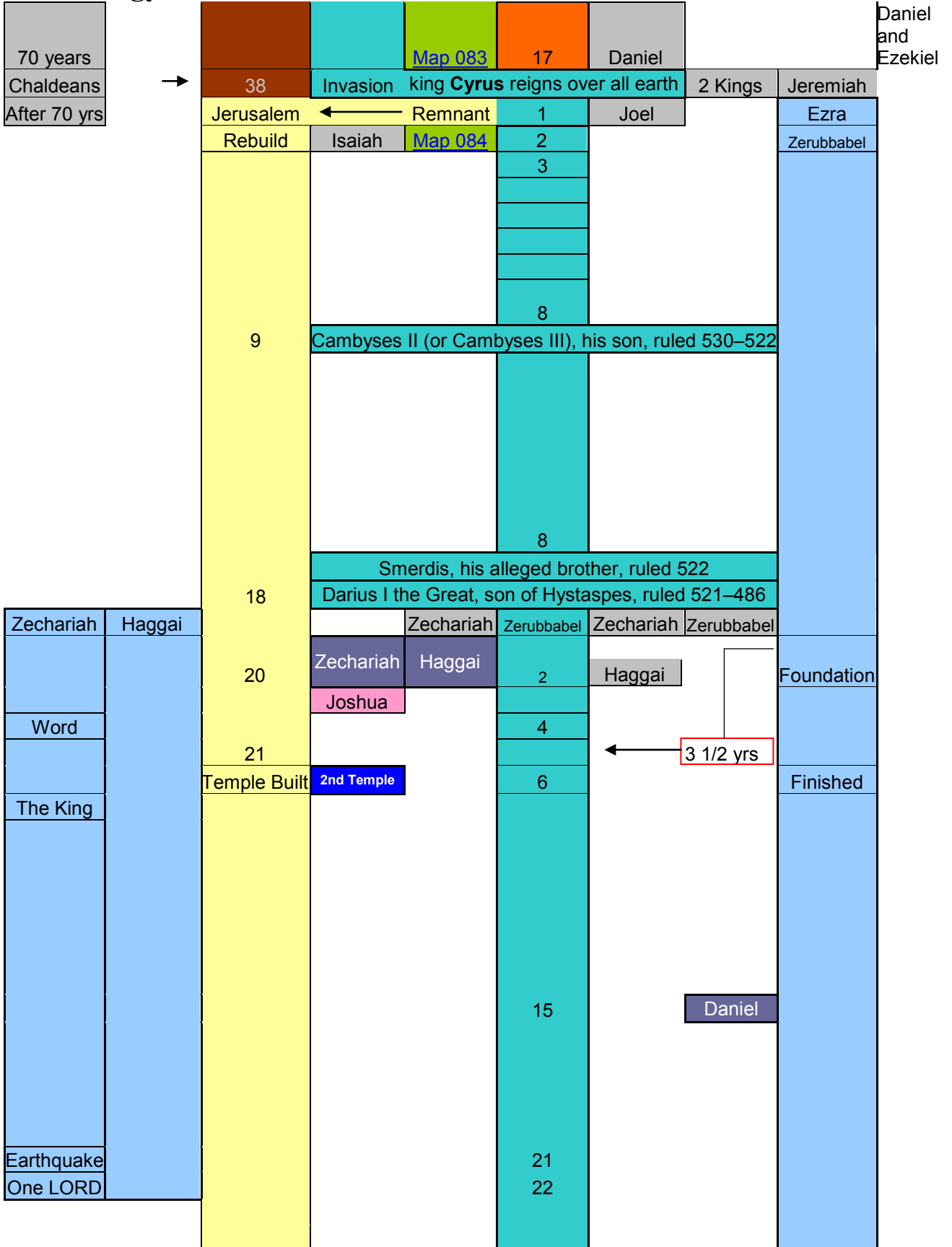


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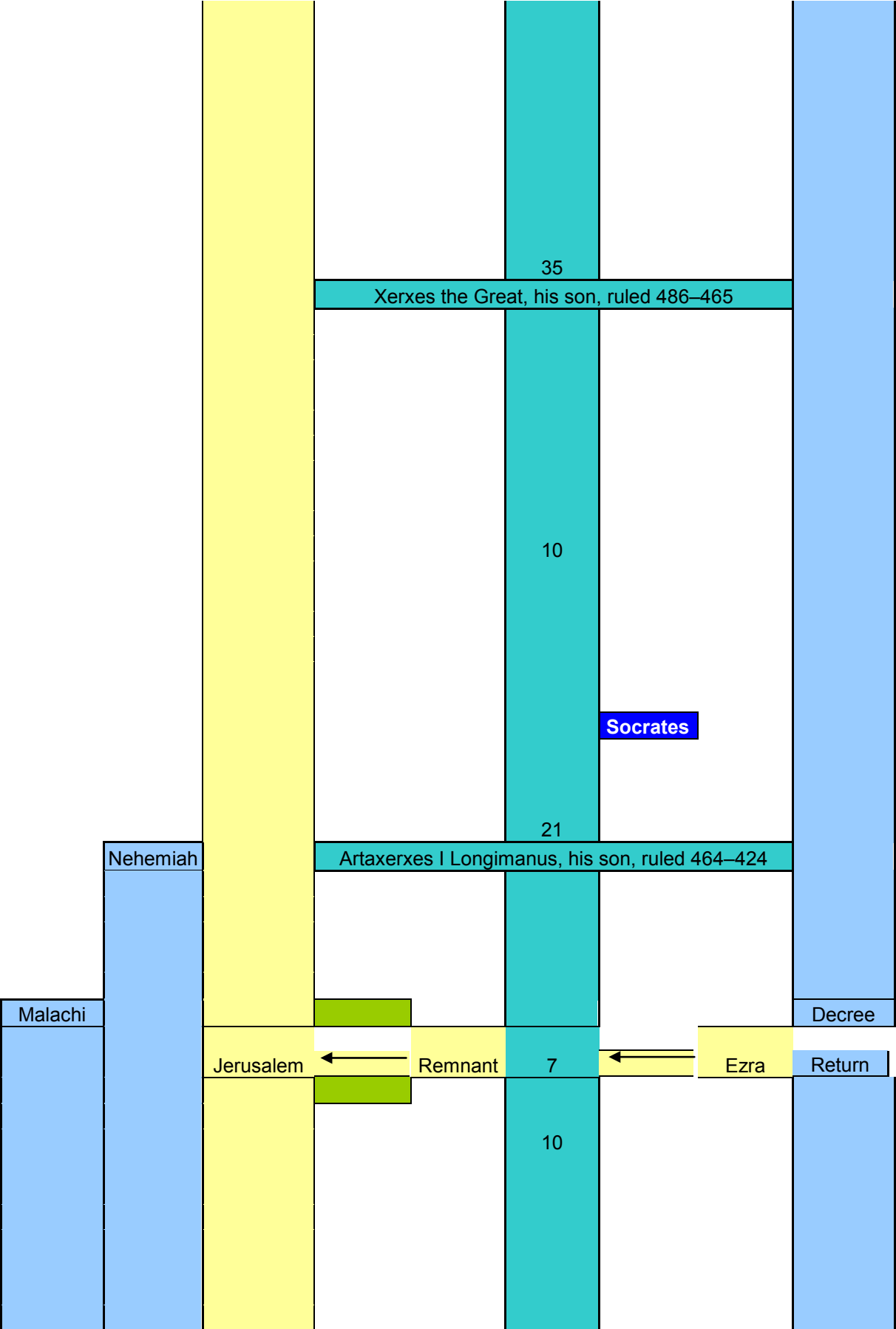
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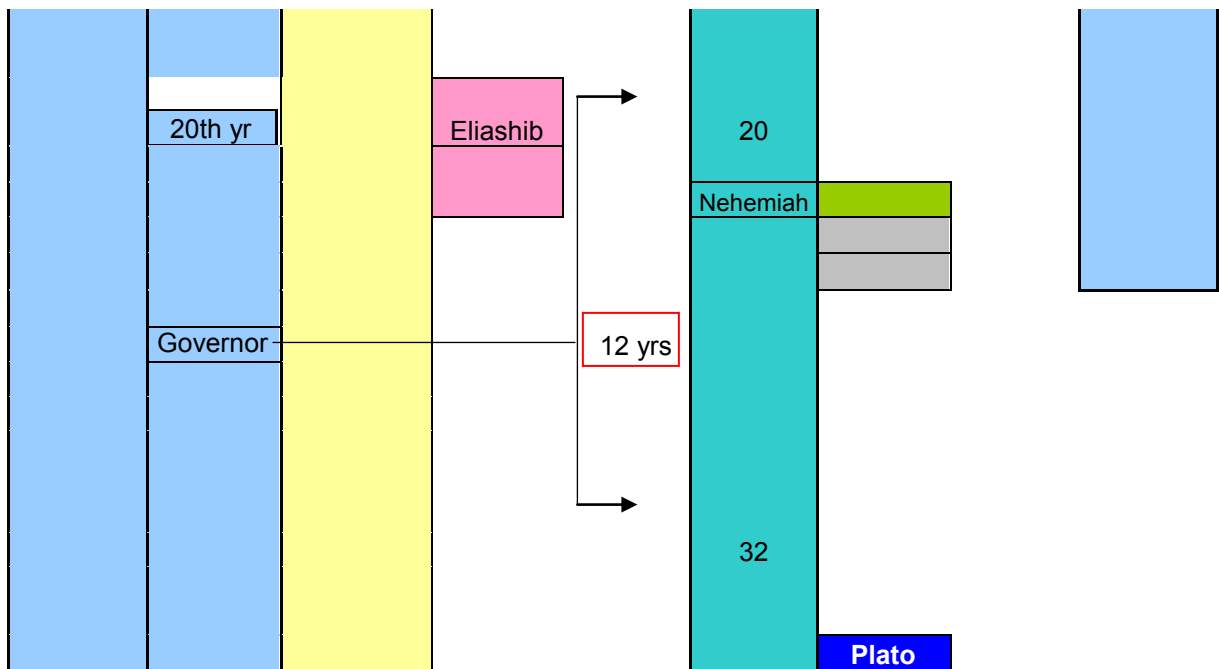
Chronology of Ezra



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Approximately 160 years before Cyrus was king over the entire world:

Isaiah 44

²⁸ That saith of Cyrus, **He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure:** even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah 45

¹ Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

² I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

³ And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Daniel 1

²¹ And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus [the year 539BC]. 539BC was the 70th year of the captivity that was to be completed by God's people in Babylon. It was the 490th year from the laying of the foundation in the 4th year of Solomon.

Then the first year of the reign of Cyrus, after 70 years in captivity in Babylon....Ezra begins to write in 538BCit is the year of Jubilee for Israel!

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Return of Zerubbabel (*actually born in captivity*)

God's Word fulfilled

Mandate of Cyrus

Ezra 1

¹ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the Word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a **proclamation** throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

Proclamation – [OT:6963](#) קוּל qow1 (kole); or qol (kole); from an unused root meaning to call aloud; a voice or sound:

KJV - + aloud, bleating, crackling, cry (+out), fame, lightness, lowing, noise, + hold peace, [pro-] claim, proclamation, + sing, sound, + spark, thunder (-ing), voice, + yell.

Ezra 1

² Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, **The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.**

Charged – [OT:6485](#) פָּקַד paqad (paw-kad'); a primitive root; to visit (with friendly or hostile intent); by analogy, to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit, etc.:

KJV - appoint, ^xat all, avenge, bestow, (appoint to have the, give a) charge, commit, count, deliver to keep, be empty, enjoin, go see, hurt, do judgment, lack, lay up, look, make, ^xby any means, miss, number, officer, (make) overseer, have (the) oversight, punish, reckon, (call to) remember (-brance), set (over), sum, ^xsurely, visit, want.

Cyrus proclaims the LORD has directed him to allow God's people to return to their homeland after being in captivity for 70 years.

Ezra 1

³ Who is there among you of all **His people?** his **God be with him**, and let him **go up to Jerusalem**, which is in Judah, and **build the house of the LORD God of Israel**, (He is the God,) which is **in Jerusalem**.

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Israel Released (*cont*)

Ezra 1

⁴ And **whosoever** remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, **let the men of his place help him** with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside [with, in addition to] the **freewill offering** for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

Remaineth – [OT:7604](#) שָׁאַר **sha'ar** (shaw-ar'); a primitive root; properly, to swell up, i.e. be (causatively, make) redundant:

KJV - leave, (be) left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest.

Sojourneth – [OT:1481](#) גִּוַר **guwr** (goor); a primitive root; properly, to turn aside from the road (for a lodging or any other purpose), i.e. sojourn (as a guest); also to shrink, fear (as in a strange place); also to gather for hostility (as afraid):

KJV - abide, assemble, be afraid, dwell, fear, gather (together), inhabitant, remain, sojourn, stand in awe, (be) stranger, ^xsurely.

Freewill offering – [OT:5071](#) נְדָבָה **nedabah** (ned-aw-baw'); from [OT:5068](#); properly (abstractly) spontaneity, or (adjectively) spontaneous; also (concretely) a spontaneous or (by inference, in plural) abundant gift:

KJV - free (-will) offering, freely, plentiful, voluntary (-ily, offering), willing (-ly), offering).

Israel Raised up

Ezra 1

⁵ Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all **them whose spirit God had raised**, to go up to **build the house of the LORD** which is **in Jerusalem**.

Spirit - [OT:7307](#) רוּחַ **ruwach** (roo'-akh); from [OT:7306](#); wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions):

KJV - air, anger, blast, breath, ^xcool, courage, mind, ^xquarter, ^xside, spirit ([-ual]), tempest, ^xvain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

Raised – [OT:5782](#) עָוַר **uwr** (oor); a primitive root [rather identical with [OT:5783](#) through the idea of opening the eyes]; to wake (literally or figuratively):

KJV - (awake (-n, up), lift up (self), ^xmaster, raise (up), stir up (self).

Only God will fulfill His will and Only God can fulfill His will!

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Israel and Possessions Restored

Ezra 1

⁶ And all they that were about them **strengthened their hands** [seized] with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

Ezra 1

⁷ Also **Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD**, which **Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem**, and had put them in the house of his gods;

Ezra 1 ...identified, valued, numbered, returned to Zerubbabel

⁸ Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of **Mithredath the treasurer**, and **numbered them** unto **Sheshbazzar [Zerubbabel], the prince of Judah**.

Ezra 1

⁹ And this is the number of them: thirty [30] chargers [basins] of gold, a thousand [1000] chargers of silver, nine and twenty [29] knives,

Ezra 1

¹⁰ Thirty [30] basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten [410], and other vessels a thousand [1000].

Ezra 1

¹¹ All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred [5400]. All **these did Sheshbazzar [Zerubbabel] bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem**.

God will never release His claim for what is HIS!

Ezra 1-6 - The Vision of Ezra - As One Man

Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption

Children of the Captivity

Ezra 2

¹ Now these are the **children of the province** that **went up out of the captivity**, of those which had been **carried away**, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had **carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city**;

Province – [OT:4082](#) מְדִינָה **mediynah** (med-ee-naw'); from [OT:1777](#); properly, a judgeship, i.e. jurisdiction; by implication, a district (as ruled by a judge); generally, a region: **KJV** - (X every) province.

Captivity – [OT:7628](#) שְׁבִי' **shebiy** (sheb-ee'); from [OT:7618](#); exiled; captured; as noun, exile (abstractly or concretely and collectively); by extension, booty: **KJV** - captive (-ity), prisoners, *take away, that was taken.

Carried away – [OT:1473](#) גּוֹלָה **gowlah** (go-law'); or (shortened) **golah** (go-law'); active participle feminine of [OT:1540](#); exile; concretely and collectively exiles: -carried away), captive (-ity), removing.

Ezra 2

² Which **came with Zerubbabel**: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

Ezra 2

³ **The children** of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two [2172].

Ezra 2

⁴ The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two [372].

Ezra 2

⁵ The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five [775].

Ezra 2

⁶ The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve [2812].

Ezra 2

⁷ The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four [2254].

Ezra 2

⁸ The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five [945].

Ezra 2

⁹ The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore [760].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

Children of the Captivity (*cont*)

Ezra 2

¹⁰ The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two [642].

Ezra 2

¹¹ The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three [623].

Ezra 2

¹² The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two [1222].

Ezra 2

¹³ The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six [666].

Ezra 2

¹⁴ The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six [2056].

Ezra 2

¹⁵ The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four [454].

Ezra 2

¹⁶ The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight [98].

Ezra 2

¹⁷ The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three [323].

Ezra 2

¹⁸ The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve [112].

Ezra 2

¹⁹ The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three [223].

Ezra 2

²⁰ The children of Gibbar, ninety and five [95].

Ezra 2

²¹ The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three [123].

Ezra 2

²² **The men** of Netophah, fifty and six [56].

Ezra 2

²³ The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight [128].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

Children of the Captivity (*cont*)

Ezra 2

²⁴ The children of Azmaveth, forty and two [42].

Ezra 2

²⁵ The children of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three [743].

Ezra 2

²⁶ The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one [621].

Ezra 2

²⁷ The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two [122].

Ezra 2

²⁸ The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three [123].

Ezra 2

²⁹ The children of Nebo, fifty and two [52].

Ezra 2

³⁰ The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six [156].

Ezra 2

³¹ The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four [1254].

Ezra 2

³² The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty [320].

Ezra 2

³³ The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five [725].

Ezra 2

³⁴ The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five [345].

Ezra 2

³⁵ The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty [3630].

Ezra 2

³⁶ **The priests:** the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three [973].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

Children of the Captivity (*cont*)

Ezra 2

³⁷ The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two [1052].

Ezra 2

³⁸ The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven [247].

Ezra 2

³⁹ The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen [1017].

Ezra 2

⁴⁰ **The Levites**: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four [74].

Ezra 2

⁴¹ **The singers**: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight [128].

Ezra 2

⁴² The **children of the porters [janitor]**: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine [139].

Ezra 2

⁴³ **The Nethinims**: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

Ezra 2

⁴⁴ The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,

Ezra 2

⁴⁵ The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

Ezra 2

⁴⁶ The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan,

Ezra 2

⁴⁷ The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

Ezra 2

⁴⁸ The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

Ezra 2

⁴⁹ The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

Children of the Captivity (*cont*)

Ezra 2

⁵⁰ The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,

Ezra 2

⁵¹ The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

Ezra 2

⁵² The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

Ezra 2

⁵³ The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

Ezra 2

⁵⁴ The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

Ezra 2

⁵⁵ The **children of Solomon's servants**: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,

Ezra 2

⁵⁶ The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

Ezra 2

⁵⁷ The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.

Ezra 2

⁵⁸ All the **Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants**, were three hundred ninety and two [392].

Ezra 2

⁵⁹ And these were they which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:

Ezra 2

⁶⁰ The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two [652].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

Children of the Captivity (*cont*)

Ezra 2

⁶¹ And of the **children of the priests**: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

Ezra 2

⁶² **These sought their register** among those that were **reckoned by genealogy**, but they were **not found**: therefore were they, as polluted, **put from the priesthood**.

Reckoned by genealogy – [OT:3187](#) **יָחָשׁ** **yachas** (yaw-khas'); a primitive root; to sprout; used only as denominative from [OT:3188](#); to enroll by pedigree: **KJV** - (number after, number throughout the) genealogy (to be reckoned), be reckoned by genealogies.

Polluted – [OT:1351](#) **גָּאֵל** **ga'al** (gaw-al'); a primitive root, [rather identified with [OT:1350](#), through the idea of freeing, i.e. repudiating]; to soil or (figuratively) desecrate: **KJV** - defile, pollute, stain.

Ezra 2

⁶³ And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they **should not eat of the most holy things**, till there stood up a **priest with Urim and with Thummim**.

Urim - [OT:224](#) **אֲרִימִים** **'Uwriym** (oo-reem'); plur of [OT:217](#); lights; Urim, the oracular brilliancy of the figures in the high-priest's breastplate: **KJV** - Urim.

Thummim - [OT:8550](#) **תֻּמִּימִים** **Tummiym** (toom-meem'); plural of [OT:8537](#); perfections, i.e. (techn.) one of the epithets of the objects in the high-priest's breastplate as an emblem of complete Truth: **KJV** - Thummim.

The Whole Congregation

Ezra 2

⁶⁴ The **whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore [42360]**,

Congregation – [OT:6951](#) **קָהָל** **qahal** (kaw-hawl'); from [OT:6950](#); assemblage (usually concretely): **KJV** - assembly, company, congregation, multitude.

The Servants

Ezra 2

⁶⁵ Beside their **servants and their maids**, of whom there were **seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven [7337]**: and there were among them **two hundred [200] singing men and singing women**.

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Redemption (*cont*)

The Animals

Ezra 2

⁶⁶ Their **horses** were seven hundred thirty and six [736]; their **mules**, two hundred forty and five [245];

Ezra 2

⁶⁷ Their **camels**, four hundred thirty and five [435]; their **asses**, six thousand seven hundred and twenty [6720].

The Chiefs

Ezra 2

⁶⁸ And some of the **chief of the fathers**, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, **offered freely** for the house of God to set it up in his place:

The Treasures

Ezra 2

⁶⁹ They **gave after their ability** unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand [61000] drams of gold, and five thousand [5000] pound of silver, and one hundred [100] priests' garments.

61000 drams = 3812.5 ounces @\$1600/ounce \$6.1mil

Ezra 2 ...summary

⁷⁰ So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding

Ezra 3

¹ And when the **seventh month** was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the **people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.**

Romans 12

¹⁶ **Be of the same mind one toward another.** Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Philippians 2

² Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the **same love**, being **of one accord**, of **one mind.**

Build the Altar

Ezra 3

² Then stood up **Jeshua** the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and **Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and **builded the altar of the God of Israel**, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of **Moses the man of God.**

Burnt offerings

Ezra 3

³ And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

Feast of tabernacles

Ezra 3

⁴ They **kept also the feast of tabernacles**, as it is written, and **offered the daily burnt offerings** by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

Freewill offerings

Ezra 3

⁵ And afterward offered the **continual burnt offering**, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that **willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.**

Postponed foundation

Ezra 3

⁶ From the first day of the seventh month began they to **offer burnt offerings** unto the LORD. But the **foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.**

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

Provisions for the work

Ezra 3

⁷They gave money also unto the **masons**, and to the **carpenters**; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, **according to the grant [rishyown - permission to take leave] that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.**

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple

Preparation

Labourers

Ezra 3

⁸ Now in the **second year** of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began **Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the **remnant** of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the **Levites, from twenty [20] years old and upward**, to **set forward the work of the house of the LORD**.

Direction

Ezra 3

⁹ Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to **set forward the workmen in the house of God**: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

Priests minister

Ezra 3

¹⁰ And when the **builders laid the foundation** of the temple of the LORD, they set **the priests in their apparel with trumpets**, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with **cymbals**, to **praise the LORD**, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

Worship

Ezra 3

¹¹ And they **sang together by course in praising and giving thanks** unto the LORD; because **He is good**, for **His mercy endureth for ever** toward Israel. And all the **people shouted** with a great shout, when they **praised the LORD**, because **the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid**.

Joyful

Ezra 3 elders had see the 1st temple

¹² But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were **ancient men**, that had **seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid** before their eyes, **wept** with a loud voice; and many **shouted aloud for joy**:

From the destruction of Jerusalem (burned and leveled) until the completion of the 2nd temple of Ezra was 70 years

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Preparation (*cont*)

Joyful (*cont*)

Ezra 3

¹³ So that **the people** could not discern the noise of the **shout of joy** from the **noise of the weeping** of the people: for the people **shouted with a loud shout**, and the **noise was heard afar off**.

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Protection

Adversaries

Ezra 4

¹ Now when the **adversaries of Judah and Benjamin** heard that the children of the **captivity** build the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

Adversaries – [OT:6862](#) **צָר** **tsar** (tsar); or **tsar** (tsawr); from [OT:6887](#); narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in [OT:6864](#)); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):

KJV - adversary, afflicted (-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

Captivity – [OT:1473](#) **גֹּלָהּ** **golah** (go-law'); or (shortened) **golah** (go-law'); active participle feminine of [OT:1540](#); exile; concretely and collectively exiles: -carried away), captive (-ity), removing.

Ezra 4

² Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, **Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.**

Ezra 4

³ But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, **Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.**

Ezra 4

⁴ Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled [agitated or cause concern] them in building,

Ezra 4

⁵ And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia [18 years].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Protection

Adversaries

Ezra 4

⁶ And in the reign of **Ahasuerus** [see Esther], in the beginning of his reign, **wrote they** unto him an **accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.**

Note:

Probably the Ahasuerus [Hystaspes] of Ezra and Esther and Daniel

Daniel 9

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; they were resentful

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Protection (*cont*)

Letter against Jerusalem

Syrians

Ezra 4

⁷ And in the **days of Artaxerxes** [Darius] wrote **Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel**, and the rest of their companions, unto **Artaxerxes king of Persia**; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

Ezra 4

⁸ **Rehum** the chancellor and **Shimshai** [meaning sunny] the scribe wrote a **letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes** [Title rather than name] **the king in this sort**:

Royalty

Ezra 4 Rehum wrote...

⁹ Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

Great and noble

Ezra 4

¹⁰ And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time.

Its contents in the letter

Ezra 4

¹¹ This is the **copy of the letter** that they sent unto him, even **unto Artaxerxes the king**; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

Ezra 4

¹² Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, **building the rebellious and the bad [wicked] city**, and have **set up the walls** thereof, and **joined [repair, put back together] the foundations**.

Ezra 4

¹³ Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then **will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom**, and so thou shalt **endamage [hurt, cause to suffer loss] the revenue** of the kings.

Endamage - [OT:5142](#) qz^n= **nezaq** (Aramaic) (nez-ak'); corresponding to the root of [OT:5143](#); to suffer (causatively, inflict) loss: **KJV** - have (en-) damage, hurt

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Protection (*cont*)

Letter against Jerusalem (*cont*)

Its contents

Ezra 4

¹⁴ Now because we have maintenance [subsistence] from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the **king's dishonour**, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

Ezra 4

¹⁵ **That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers:** so shalt thou **find in the book of the records**, and **know that this city is a rebellious city**, and **hurtful [endamage - vs 13] unto kings and provinces**, and that they have **moved sedition [rebellion] within the same of old time:** for which cause was this city destroyed.

There are those who are moved judiciously... and there are those who are moved seditiously!

Ezra 4

¹⁶ We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

The king's answer

Ezra 4

¹⁷ **Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum** the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

Ezra 4

¹⁸ The letter which ye sent unto us hath been **plainly read** before me.

Ezra 4 shallow search...or just agreed with the accusers!

¹⁹ And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is **found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings**, and that **rebellion and sedition have been made therein**.

Ezra 4

²⁰ There have been **mighty kings also over Jerusalem**, which have **ruled over all countries beyond the river;** and **toll, tribute, and custom**, was paid unto them.

Ezra 4

²¹ **Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease**, and that this city be **not builded**, until another commandment shall be given from me [to build].

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Protection (*cont*)

Letter against Jerusalem (*cont*)

Its contents (*cont*)

The king's response (*cont*)

Ezra 4

²² Take heed now that ye **fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?**

Ezra 4

²³ Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before [the opposition:] Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they **went up in haste to Jerusalem** unto the Jews, and **made them to cease by force and power.**

Postponement

Ezra 4

²⁴ Then **ceased the work** of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So **it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.**

Prophets speak

Ezra 5

¹ Then the prophets, **Haggai the prophet**, and **Zechariah** the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them.

Zerubbabel raised up

Ezra 5

² **Then rose up Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and **began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem:** and with them were the **prophets of God helping them.**

There are enough talkers... we need walkers

Provoke the opposition

Ezra 5

³ At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai and their companions, and said thus unto them, **Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?**

Ezra 5

⁴ Then said we unto them after this manner, **What are the names of the men that make this building?**

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

God encourages the building

Ezra 5

⁵ But the **eye of their God was upon the elders** of the Jews, that **they could not cause them to cease**, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

Ezra 5

⁶ The **copy of the letter** that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and **Shetharboznai** and his companions the **Apharsachites**, which were on this side the river, sent unto **Darius the king**:

Ezra 5

⁷ They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; **Unto Darius the king, all peace.**

Ezra 5

⁸ Be it known unto the king, that **we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God**, which is **buildded with great stones**, and timber is **laid in the walls**, and this work **goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.**

Ezra 5

⁹ Then **asked we** those elders, and said unto them thus, **Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?**

Ezra 5

¹⁰ We **asked their names** also, to certify thee, that we might **write the names** of the men that were the **chief of them.**

Ezra 5

¹¹ And thus **they returned us answer**, saying, **We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was buildded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel buildded and set up.**

Ezra 5

¹² But after that our fathers had **provoked the God of heaven unto wrath**, he gave them into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean**, who **destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.**

Ezra 5

¹³ But in the **first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon** the same king **Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.**

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

God encourages the building (*cont*)

Ezra 5

¹⁴ And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was **Sheshbazzar [Zerubbabel]**, whom he had **made governor**;

Ezra 5

¹⁵ And said unto him, **Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem**, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

Ezra 5

¹⁶ Then came the same **Sheshbazzar [Zerubbabel]**, and **laid the foundation [planned or perhaps staked-out] of the house of God** which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now **hath it been in building**, and yet it is **not finished**.

Ezra 5 ...now more specific

¹⁷ Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, **let there be search made in the king's treasure house**, which is there **at Babylon**, whether it be so, that **a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem**, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Evidence of God's Authority Over the world

Ezra 6

¹ **Then Darius the king made a decree**, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

Ezra 6

² And **there was found** at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a **record thus written**:

Ezra 6

³ In the **first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree** concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, **Let the house be builded**, the place where they offered sacrifices, and **let the foundations thereof be strongly laid**; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Evidence of God's Authority (*cont*)

Over the world (*cont*)

Ezra 6

⁴ With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the **expenses be given out of the king's house:**

Ezra 6

⁵ And also **let the golden and silver vessels** of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, **be restored**, and **brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem**, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

Over the opposition

Ezra 6

⁶ Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

Ezra 6

⁷ **Let the work of this house of God alone;** let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews **build this house** of God in his place.

Ezra 6

⁸ Moreover I make **a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God:** that of the **king's goods**, even of the **tribute beyond the river**, forthwith **expenses be given unto these men**, that **they be not hindered.**

Ezra 6

⁹ And **that which they have need** of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be **given them day by day without fail:**

Over the authority of man

Ezra 6

¹⁰ That they may **offer sacrifices** of sweet savours unto the **God of heaven**, and pray **for the life of the king, and of his sons.**

Ezra 6

¹¹ Also **I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.**

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Evidence of God's Authority (*cont*)

Over the authority of man (*cont*)

Ezra 6

¹² And the **God that hath caused His name to dwell there** destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to **alter and to destroy** this house of God which is at Jerusalem. **I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.**

Ezra 6

¹³ Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so **they did speedily.**

Endurance unto completion

By the Word of the prophets

Ezra 6

¹⁴ And the elders of the **Jews builded**, and they **prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo.** And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

With Haste

Ezra 6

¹⁵ And **this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar**, which was in the **sixth [6th] year of the reign of Darius the king.**

With Joy

Ezra 6

¹⁶ And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, **kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.**

With Thanksgiving

Ezra 6

¹⁷ And **offered at the dedication of this house of God** an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

According to the LAW

Ezra 6

¹⁸ And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Endurance unto completion (*cont*)

As God had promised

People made free

Ezra 6

¹⁹ And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Passover – [OT:6453](#) פֶּסַח **Pecach** (peh'-sakh); from [OT:6452](#); a pretermission, i.e. exemption; used only technically of the Jewish Passover (the festival or the victim): **KJV** - passover (offering).

People purified

Ezra 6

²⁰ For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

Purified – [OT:2891](#) טָהַר **taher** (tah-hare'); a primitive root; properly, to be bright; i.e. (by implication) to be pure (physical sound, clear, unadulterated; Levitically, uncontaminated; morally, innocent or holy): **KJV** - be (make, makeself, pronounce) clean, cleanse (self), purge, purify (-ierself,).

People separated

Ezra 6

²¹ And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

Captivity – [OT:1473](#) גֹּלוּל **gowlah** (go-law'); or (shortened) **golah** (go-law'); active participle feminine of [OT:1540](#); exile; concretely and collectively exiles: -carried away), captive (-ity), removing.

Separated – [OT:914](#) בָּדַל **badal** (bah-dal'); a primitive root; to divide (in various senses literally or figuratively, separate, distinguish, differ, select, etc.): **KJV** - (make, put) difference, divide (asunder), (make) separate (self, -ation), sever (out), ^xutterly.

Filthiness – [OT:2932](#) טִמְאָה **tum'ah** (toom-aw'); from [OT:2930](#); religious impurity: **KJV** - filthiness, unclean (-ness).

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Return of Zerubbabel (*cont*)

God's Word fulfilled (*cont*)

Rebuilding (*cont*)

The Temple (*cont*)

Endurance unto completion (*cont*)

As God had promised (*cont*)

People perfected

Ezra 6

²² And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven [7] days with joy: for the LORD had made them **joyful**, and **turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them**, to **strengthen their hands** in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Unleavened bread – [OT:4682](#) מַצֹּת **matstsah** (mats-tsaw'); from [OT:4711](#) in the sense of greedily devouring for sweetness; properly, sweetness; concretely, sweet (i.e. not soured or bittered with yeast); specifically, an unfermented cake or loaf, or (elliptically) the festival of Passover (because no leaven was then used):

KJV - unleavened (bread, cake), without leaven.

1 Peter 5

¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you **perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 John 4

¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is **perfected** in us.

2 Corinthians 13

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. **Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

Ephesians 4

¹¹ And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**;

¹² **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

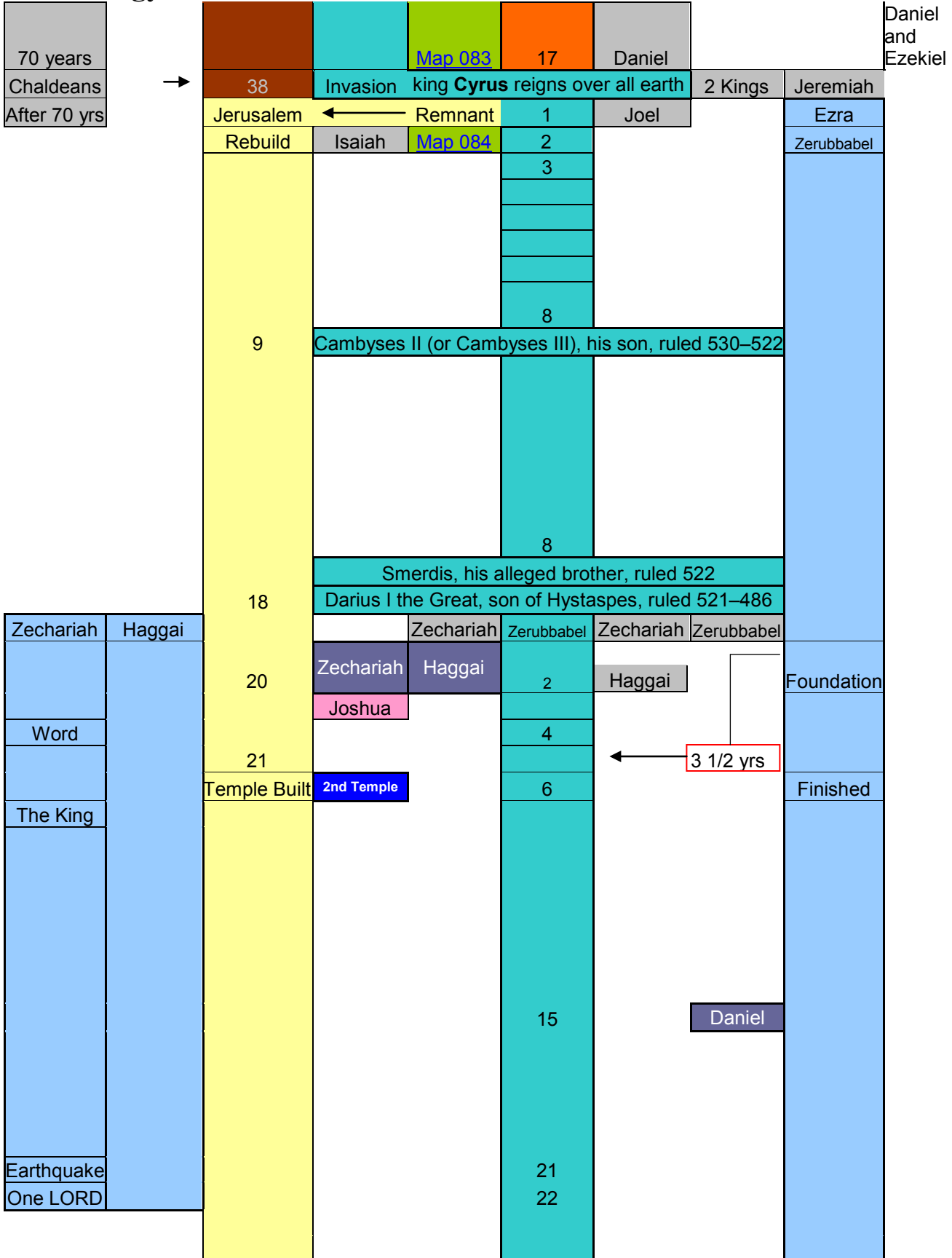
¹³ Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the **measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

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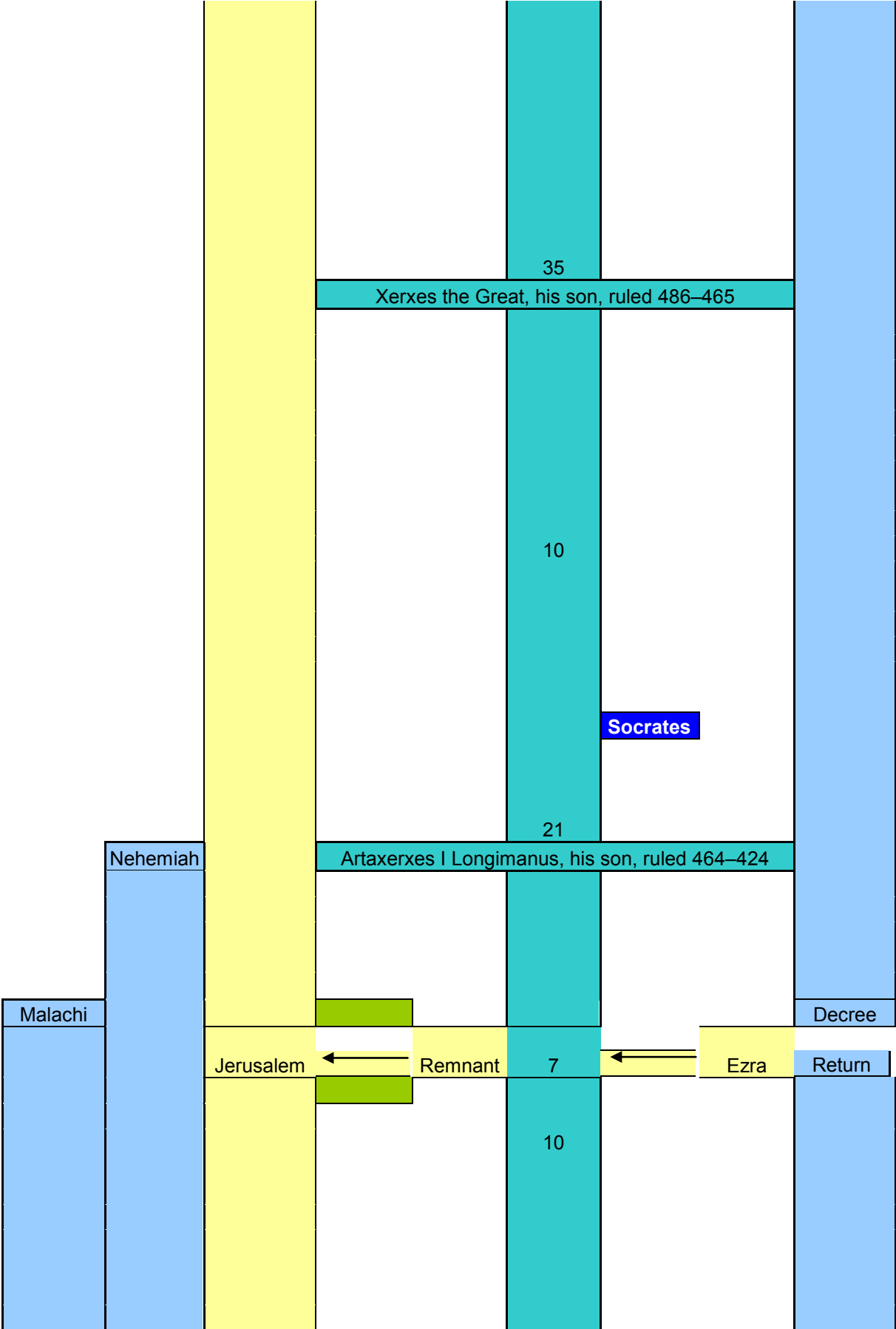
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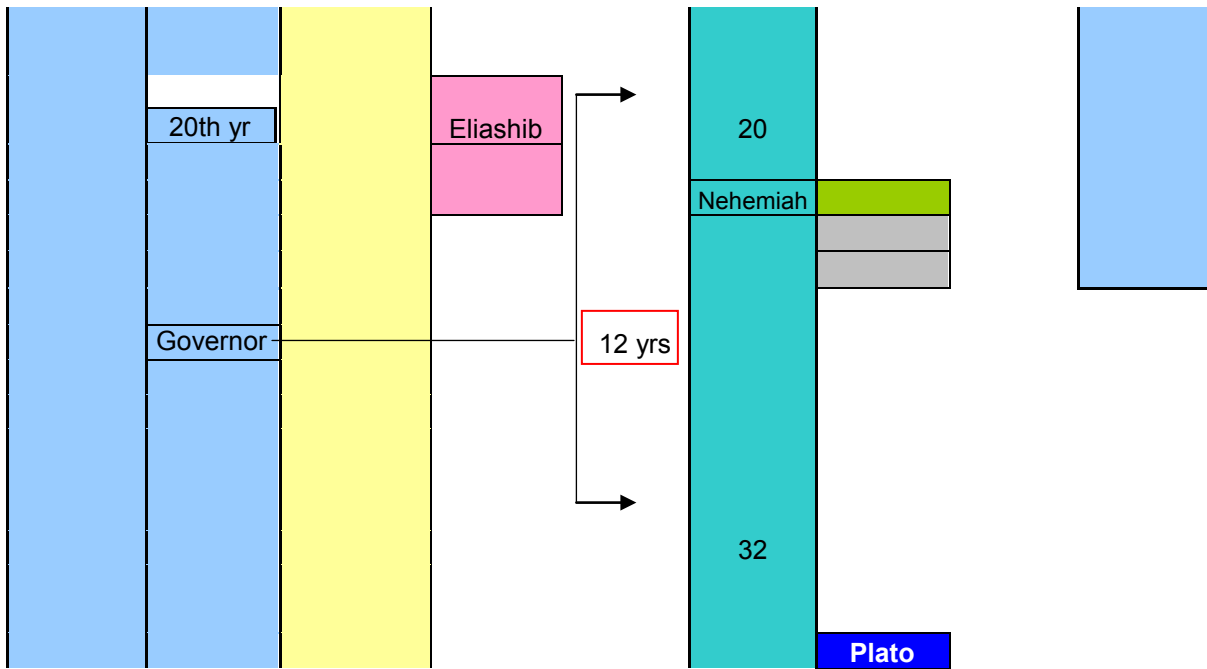
Chronology of Ezra



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Approximately 160 years before Cyrus was king over the entire world:

Isaiah 44

²⁸ That saith of Cyrus, **He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure:** even saying to Jerusalem, **Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.**

Isaiah 45

¹ Thus saith the **LORD** to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose **right hand I have holden**, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

² **I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:**

³ **And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.**

Daniel 1

²¹ **And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus** [the year 539BC].

539BC was the 70th year of the captivity that was to be completed by God's people in Babylon. It was the 490th year from the laying of the foundation in the 4th year of Solomon.

Then the first year of the reign of Cyrus, after 70 years in captivity in Babylon....Ezra begins to write in 538BCit is the year of Jubilee for Israel!

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Return of Ezra

Ezra 7

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

Ezra 7

² The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

Ezra 7

³ The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

Ezra 7

⁴ The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

Ezra 7

⁵ The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

Prepared

Ezra 7

⁶ This **Ezra went up from Babylon**; and he was a **ready scribe** in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and **the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.**

Ready – [OT:4106](#) מְהֵירָה **mahiyr** (maw-here'); or **mahir** (maw-here'); from [OT:4116](#); quick; hence, skilful: **KJV** - diligent, hasty, ready.

Scribe – [OT:5608](#) סָפַר **caphar** (saw-far'); a primitive root; properly, to score with a mark as a tally or record, i.e. (by implication) to inscribe, and also to enumerate; intensively, to recount, i.e. celebrate:

KJV - commune, (ac-) count; declare, number, * penknife, reckon, scribe, shew forth, speak, talk, tell (out), writer.

Ezra 7

⁷ And there went up **some of the children of Israel**, and of the **priests**, and the **Levites**, and the **singers**, and the **porters**, and the **Nethinims**, unto **Jerusalem**, in the **seventh [7th]** year of **Artaxerxes the king**.

80 years after the LORD had released Israel to return home to Jerusalem.

Ezra 7

⁸ And he [Ezra] came to Jerusalem in the fifth [5th] month, which was in the seventh [7th] year of the king.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Prepared (*cont*)

Ezra 7

⁹ For upon the first [1st] day of the first month began he to go up [to Jerusalem] from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth [5th] month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

Ezra 7

¹⁰ For Ezra had **prepared** his heart to seek the law of the **LORD**, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Prepared – [OT:3559](#) כוּן **kuwn** (koon); a primitive root; properly, to be erect (i.e. stand perpendicular); hence (causatively) to set up, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (establish, fix, prepare, apply), or figurative (appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous):

KJV - certain (-ty), confirm, direct, faithfulness, fashion, fasten, firm, be fitted, be fixed, frame, be meet, ordain, order, perfect, (make) preparation, prepare (self), provide, make provision, (be, make) ready, right, set (aright, fast, forth), be stable, (e-) stablish, stand, tarry, ^xvery deed.

LORD – [OT:3069](#) יהוה **Yehovih** (yeh-ho-vee'); a variation of [OT:3068](#) [used after [OT:136](#), and pronounced by Jews as [OT:430](#), in order to prevent the repetition of the same sound, since they elsewhere pronounce [OT:3068](#) as [OT:136](#)]:

KJV - God.

Prospered

Ezra 7

¹¹ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the **scribe**, even a **scribe of the Words of the commandments of the LORD**, and of **His statutes** to Israel.

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Ezra 7 ...in Aramaic

¹² Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the **priest**, a **scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace**, and at such a time.

Ezra 7

¹³ I make a decree, that **all they of the people of Israel**, and of **his priests and Levites**, in my realm, which are **minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem**, go with thee.

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Ezra 7

¹⁴Forasmuch as thou art **sent of the king**, and of his **seven counsellors**, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Prospered (*cont*)

Ezra 7

¹⁵ And to carry the **silver and gold**, which the king and his counsellors have **freely offered** unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,

Ezra 7

¹⁶ And **all the silver and gold that thou canst find** in all the province of Babylon, **with [in addition to] the freewill [liberal] offering of the people**, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

Ezra 7

¹⁷ That thou mayest **buy speedily** with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and **offer them upon the altar** of the house of your God **which is in Jerusalem.**

Ezra 7

¹⁸ And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that **do after the will of your God.**

Mark 3:35

For **whosoever shall do the will of God**, the **same is my brother**, and my sister, and mother.

Acts 13:36

For David, after he had **served his own generation** by the **will of God**, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

Romans 1:10

Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a **prosperous journey** by the **will of God** to come unto you.

Romans 8:27

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh **intercession for the saints** according to the **will of God.**

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Romans 15:32

That I may come unto you with **joy** by the **will of God**, and may with you be **refreshed.**

1 Corinthians 1:1

Paul **called** to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the **will of God**, and Sosthenes our brother,

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Prospered (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the **will of God**, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

2 Corinthians 8:5

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first **gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us** by the **will of God**.

Galatians 1:4

Who **gave himself for our sins**, that he might **deliver us** from this present evil world, **according to the will of God and our Father**:

Ephesians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the **will of God**, to the **saints** which are at Ephesus, and to the **faithful** in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 6:6

Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God** from the **heart**;

Colossians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the **will of God**, and Timotheus our brother,

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always **labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may **stand perfect and complete** in all the **will of God**.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the **will of God**, even your **sanctification**, that ye should **abstain from fornication**:

2 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the **will of God**, according to the **promise of life which is in Christ Jesus**,

Hebrews 10:36

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the **will of God**, ye might **receive the promise**.

1 Peter 2:15

For so is the **will of God**, that with well doing ye may **put to silence the ignorance of foolish men**:

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Prospered (*cont*)

1 Peter 3:17

For it is better, if the **will of God** be so, that ye **suffer for well doing**, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 4:2

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the **will of God**.

1 Peter 4:19

Wherefore let them that **suffer according to the will of God** commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 John 2:17

And the **world passeth away, and the lust** thereof: but he that doeth the **will of God abideth for ever**.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Ezra 7

¹⁹ The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

Ezra 7

²⁰ And **whatsoever more shall be needful** for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, **bestow it out of the king's treasure** house.

Ezra 7

²¹ And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a **decree to all the treasurers** which are beyond the river, that **whatsoever** Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the **God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily [diligently, forthwith. thoroughly],**

Ezra 7

²² Unto an **hundred talents of silver**, and to an **hundred measures of wheat**, and to an **hundred baths of wine**, and to an **hundred baths of oil**, and **salt** without prescribing how much.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Predestinated

Ezra 7

²³ **Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?**

Ezra 7

²⁴ Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall **not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.**

Ezra 7

²⁵ And thou, **Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God**, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as **know the laws of thy God**; and **teach ye them that know them not.**

Provisioned

Ezra 7

²⁶ And **whosoever will not do the law of thy God**, and the law of the king, **let judgment be executed speedily upon him**, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Ezra 7

²⁷ **Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers**, which hath **put such a thing as this in the king's heart**, to **beautify the house of the LORD** which is in Jerusalem:

Promised

Ezra 7

²⁸ And hath **extended mercy** unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And **I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.**

Genealogy of the Captives Freed

Ezra 8

¹ These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of **them that went up with me from Babylon**, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Promised (*cont*)

Genealogy of the Captives Freed (*cont*)

Remnant

Ezra 8

² Of **the sons** of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.

Ezra 8

³ Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

Ezra 8

⁴ Of the sons of Pahathmoab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

Ezra 8

⁵ Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

Ezra 8

⁶ Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

Ezra 8

⁷ And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

Ezra 8

⁸ And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

Ezra 8

⁹ Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

Ezra 8

¹⁰ And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

Ezra 8

¹¹ And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

Ezra 8

¹² And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

Ezra 8

¹³ And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

Ezra 8

¹⁴ Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Promised (*cont*)

Genealogy of the Captives Freed (*cont*)

Levites to join the remnant

Ezra 8

¹⁵ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the **sons of Levi**.

Ezra 8

¹⁶ Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, **men of understanding**.

Ezra 8

¹⁷ And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should **bring unto us ministers** for the house of our God.

Ezra 8

¹⁸ And **by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding**, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;

Ezra 8

¹⁹ And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;

Ezra 8

²⁰ Also of **the Nethinims**, whom **David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites**, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

Ezra 8

²¹ Then **I proclaimed a fast** there, at the river of Ahava, that we might **afflict ourselves before our God**, to **seek of Him** a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Power

Ezra 8

²² For I was **ashamed to require of the king** a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, **The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him**; but **His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake him.**

Sought the LORD

Ezra 8

²³ **So we fasted and besought our God for this**: and He was intreated of us.

Separated themselves

Ezra 8

²⁴ Then I **separated** twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

Supplied themselves

Ezra 8

²⁵ And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered:

Ezra 8

²⁶ I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents;

Ezra 8

²⁷ Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

Ezra 8

²⁸ And I said unto them, **Ye are holy unto the LORD**; the **vessels are holy** also; and the silver and the gold are a **freewill offering** unto the LORD God of your fathers.

Salvation of God

Ezra 8

²⁹ **Watch** ye, and **keep** them, until ye **weigh them** [being accountable] before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

Ezra 8

³⁰ So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Power

Salvation of God

Ezra 8

³¹ Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and **the hand of our God was upon us**, and **He delivered us from the hand of the enemy**, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

Successfulness measured

Ezra 8

³² And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

Ezra 8

³³ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of **Meremoth** the son of Uriah the priest; and **with him** was **Eleazar** the son of Phinehas; and **with them** was **Jozabad** the son of Jeshua, and **Noadiah** the son of Binnui, Levites;

Ezra 8

³⁴ By number and by weight of every one: and all the **weight was written** at that time.

Ezra 8

³⁵ Also the **children of those that had been carried away**, which **were come out of the captivity**, **offered burnt offerings** unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a **burnt offering unto the LORD**.

Ezra 8

³⁶ And they **delivered the king's commissions** unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they **furthered the people**, and the **house of God**.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Condition of the people

Separated

Ezra 9

¹ Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have **not separated** themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

Ezra 9

² For they have **taken of their daughters** for themselves, and for their sons: so that **the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands**: yea, the hand of **the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass**.

Mingled themselves – [OT:6148](#) אָרַב **`arab** (aw-rab'); a primitive root; to braid, i.e. intermix; technically, to traffic (as if by barter); also or give to be security (as a kind of exchange): **KJV** - engage, (inter-) meddle (with), mingle (self), mortgage, occupy, give pledges, be (-come, put in) surety, undertake.

Trespass – [OT:4604](#) מַעַל **ma`al** (mah'-al); from [OT:4603](#); treachery, i.e. sin: **KJV** - falsehood, grievously, sore, transgression, trespass, ^xvery.

Sorrowful

Ezra 9 so terribly grieved

³ And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down **astonied**.

Astonied – [OT:8074](#) שָׁמַם **shamem** (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense):

KJV - make amazed, be astonied, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Condition of the people (*cont*)

Reverential

Ezra 9

⁴ Then were assembled unto me **every one that trembled** at the Words of the God of Israel, because of the **transgression** of those that had been carried away; and **I sat astonied** until the evening sacrifice.

Transgression – [OT:4604](#) מַעַל **ma`al** (mah'-al); from [OT:4603](#); treachery, i.e. sin:

KJV - falsehood, grievously, sore, transgression, trespass, ^xvery.

Astonied – [OT:8074](#) שָׁמַם **shamem** (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense):

KJV - make amazed, be astonied, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

Confession of Ezra

Worshipful

Ezra 9

⁵ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, **I fell upon my knees**, and **spread out my hands** unto the LORD my God,

Humble

Ezra 9

⁶ And said, O my God, **I am ashamed and blush** to lift up my face to thee, my God: for **our iniquities are increased** over our head, and **our trespass is grown up** unto the heavens.

Ashamed – [OT:954](#) בֹּשָׁם **buwsh** (boosh); a primitive root; properly, to pale, i.e. by implication to be ashamed; also (by implication) to be disappointed or delayed:

KJV - (be, make, bring to, cause, put to, with, a-) shamed (-d), be (put to) confounded (-fusion), become dry, delay, be long.

Blush – [OT:3637](#) כָּלַם **kalam** (kaw-lawm'); a primitive root; properly, to wound; but only figuratively, to taunt or insult:

KJV - be (make) ashamed, blush, be confounded, be put to confusion, hurt, reproach, (do, put to) shame.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Confession of Ezra (*cont*)

Humble (*cont*)

Ezra 9

⁷ Since the days of our fathers have we **been in a great trespass unto this day**; and for our **iniquities** have we, our kings, and our priests, been **delivered into the hand of the kings** of the lands, to the sword, to **captivity**, and to a **spoil**, and to **confusion** of face, as it is this day.

Trespass – [OT:819](#) אַשְׁמַח 'ashmah (ash-maw'); feminine of [OT:817](#); guiltiness, a fault, the presentation of a sin-offering:

KJV - offend, sin, (cause of) trespass (-ing, offering).

Iniquities – [OT:5771](#) עָוֹן 'avon (aw-vone'); or 'avown ([2 Kings 7:9](#); [Ps 51:5](#) [[OT:7](#)]) (aw-vone'); from [OT:5753](#); perversity, i.e. (moral) evil:

KJV - fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin.

Captivity – [OT:7628](#) שְׁבִי shebiy (sheb-ee'); from [OT:7618](#); exiled; captured; as noun, exile (abstractly or concretely and collectively); by extension, booty:

KJV - captive (-ity), prisoners, *take away, that was taken.

Spoil – [OT:961](#) בִּזְזָה bizzah (biz-zaw'); feminine of [OT:957](#); booty:

KJV - prey, spoil.

Confusion – [OT:1322](#) בֹּשֶׁת bosheth (bo'-sheth); from [OT:954](#); shame (the feeling and the condition, as well as its cause); by implication (specifically) an idol: -ashamed, confusion, *greatly, (put to) shame (-ful thing).

Space to flee

Ezra 9

⁸ And now **for a little space grace hath been shewed** from the LORD our God, to **leave us a remnant to escape**, and to give us **a nail in his holy place**, that our God may **lighten our eyes**, and give us **a little reviving** in our bondage.

Leave a remnant – [OT:7604](#) שָׁאַר sha'ar (shaw-ar'); a primitive root; properly, to swell up, i.e. be (causatively, make) redundant:

KJV - leave, (be) left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest.

Nail – [OT:3489](#) יָתֵד yathed (yaw-thade'); from an unused root meaning to pin through or fast; a peg: **KJV** - nail, paddle, pin, stake.

Escape – [OT:6413](#) פָּלְיָה peleytah (pel-ay-taw'); or **peletah** (pel-ay-taw'); feminine of [OT:6412](#); deliverance; concretely, an escaped portion:

KJV - deliverance, (that is) escape (-d), remnant.

Reviving – [OT:4241](#) מִחְיָה michyah (mikh-yaw'); from [OT:2421](#); preservation of life; hence, sustenance; also the live flesh, i.e. the quick:

KJV - preserve life, quick, recover selves, reviving, sustenance, victuals.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Confession of Ezra (*cont*)

Abandoned God

Ezra 9

⁹ For we were bondmen [servants]; yet our **God hath not forsaken us** in our bondage [servitude], but hath **extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia**, to give us a **reviving**, to **set up the house of our God**, and to **repair the desolations** thereof, and to **give us a wall** in Judah and in Jerusalem.

Forsaken – [OT:5800](#) עָזַב **`azab** (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.:

KJV - committself, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, ^x surely.

Reviving – [OT:4241](#) מִיָּחַיָּה **michyah** (mikh-yaw'); from [OT:2421](#); preservation of life; hence, sustenance; also the live flesh, i.e. the quick:

KJV - preserve life, quick, recover selves, reviving, sustenance, victuals.

Abandoned His Word

Ezra 9

¹⁰ And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for **we have forsaken thy commandments**,

Forsaken – [OT:5800](#) עָזַב **`azab** (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.:

KJV - committself, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, ^x surely.

Abandoned His Purity

Ezra 9

¹¹ Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to **possess it**, is an **unclean** land with the **filthiness** of the people of the lands, with their **abominations**, which have **filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness**.

Possess – [OT:3423](#) שָׂרַשׁ **yarash** (yaw-rash'); or **yaresh** (yaw-raysh'); a primitive root; to occupy (by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place); by implication, to seize, to rob, to inherit; also to expel, to impoverish, to ruin:

KJV - cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive (-ing) out, enjoy, expel, ^x without fail, (give to, leave for) inherit (-ance, -or) ⁺ magistrate, be (make) poor, come to poverty, (give to, make to) possess, get (have) in (take) possession, seize upon, succeed, ^x utterly.

Unclean/Filthiness – [OT:5079](#) נִדְדָה **niddah** (nid-daw'); from [OT:5074](#); properly, rejection; by implication, impurity, especially personal (menstruation) or moral (idolatry, incest):

KJV - ^x far, filthiness, ^x flowers, menstruous (woman), put apart, ^x removed (woman), separation, set apart, unclean (-ness, thing, with filthiness).

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Confession of Ezra (*cont*)

Abandoned His Purity

Abominations – [OT:8441](#) תוֹעֲבָה **tow`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); or **to`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); feminine active participle of [OT:8581](#); properly, something disgusting (morally), i.e. (as noun) an abhorrence; especially idolatry or (concretely) an idol:

KJV - abominable (custom, thing), abomination.

Uncleanness – [OT:2932](#) טִמְאָה **tum'ah** (toom-aw'); from [OT:2930](#); religious impurity:

KJV - filthiness, unclean (-ness).

Abandoned His Inheritance

Ezra 9

¹² Now therefore **give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth** for ever: that ye may **be strong**, and **eat the good of the land**, and **leave it for an inheritance** to your children for ever.

Leave it for an inheritance – [OT:3423](#) יָרַשׁ **yarash** (yaw-rash'); or **yaresh** (yaw-raysh'); a primitive root; to occupy (by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place); by implication, to seize, to rob, to inherit; also to expel, to impoverish, to ruin:

KJV - cast out, consume, destroy, disinherit, dispossess, drive (-ing) out, enjoy, expel, ^x without fail, (give to, leave for) inherit (-ance, -or) ^{*} magistrate, be (make) poor, come to poverty, (give to, make to) possess, get (have) in (take) possession, seize upon, succeed, ^x utterly.

Abandoned His Mercy

Ezra 9

¹³ And after all that is come upon us for our **evil deeds**, and for our **great trespass**, seeing that thou our God hast **punished us less than our iniquities deserve**, and hast **given us such deliverance as this**;

Trespass – [OT:819](#) אֲשָׁמָה **'ashmah** (ash-maw'); feminine of [OT:817](#); guiltiness, a fault, the presentation of a sin-offering:

KJV - offend, sin, (cause of) trespass (-ing, offering).

Iniquities – [OT:5771](#) עֲוֹן **`avon** (aw-vone'); or `avown ([2 Kings 7:9](#); [Ps 51:5](#) [[OT:7](#)]) (aw-vone'); from [OT:5753](#); perversity, i.e. (moral) evil:

KJV - fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin.

Deliverance – [OT:6413](#) פְּלִיטָה **peleytah** (pel-ay-taw'); or **peletah** (pel-ay-taw'); feminine of [OT:6412](#); deliverance; concretely, an escaped portion:

KJV - deliverance, (that is) escape (-d), remnant.

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Confession of Ezra (*cont*)

Abandoned the LORD's way

Ezra 9

¹⁴ Should we **again break thy commandments**, and **join in affinity** with the people of these **abominations**? wouldest not thou be **angry** with us till thou hadst **consumed us**, so that there should be **no remnant nor escaping**?

Join in affinity – [OT:2859](#) **חָתַן** **chathan** (khaw-than'); a primitive root; to give (a daughter) away in marriage; hence (generally) to contract affinity [kinship] by marriage:

KJV - join in affinity, father in law, make marriages, mother in law, son in law.

Abominations – [OT:8441](#) **תּוֹעֵבָה** **tow`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); or **to`ebah** (to-ay-baw'); feminine active participle of [OT:8581](#); properly, something disgusting (morally), i.e. (as noun) an abhorrence; especially idolatry or (concretely) an idol:

KJV - abominable (custom, thing), abomination.

Ignored their condition

Ezra 9

¹⁵ O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for **we remain yet escaped**, as it is this day: behold, **we are before thee in our trespasses**: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Remain – [OT:7604](#) **שָׁאַר** **sha'ar** (shaw-ar'); a primitive root; properly, to swell up, i.e. be (causatively, make) redundant:

KJV - leave, (be) left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest.

Escaped – [OT:6413](#) **פְּלִיטָה** **peleytah** (pel-ay-taw'); or **peletah** (pel-ay-taw'); feminine of [OT:6412](#); deliverance; concretely, an escaped portion:

KJV - deliverance, (that is) escape (-d), remnant.

Trespasses – [OT:819](#) **אַשְׁמָה** **'ashmah** (ash-maw'); feminine of [OT:817](#); guiltiness, a fault, the presentation of a sin-offering:

KJV - offend, sin, (cause of) trespass (-ing, offering).

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Return of Ezra (*cont*)

Confession of the People

Ezra 10

¹ Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

Prayed – [OT:6419](#) פָּלַל **palal** (paw-lal'); a primitive root; to judge (officially or mentally); by extension, to intercede, pray:

KJV - intreat, judge (-ment), (make) pray (-er, -ing), make supplication.

Confessed – [OT:3034](#) יָדָה **yadah** (yaw-daw'); a primitive root; used only as denominative from [OT:3027](#); literally, to use (i.e. hold out) the hand; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands):

KJV - cast (out), (make) confess (-ion), praise, shoot, (give) thank (-ful, -s, -s giving).

Weeping – [OT:1058](#) בָּכָה **bakah** (baw-kaw'); a primitive root; to weep; generally to bemoan:

KJV - ^x at all, bewail, complain, make lamentation, ^x more, mourn, ^x sore, ^x with tears, weep.

Congregation – [OT:6951](#) קָהָל **qahal** (kaw-hawl'); from [OT:6950](#); assemblage (usually concretely): **KJV** - assembly, company, congregation, multitude.

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² And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now **there is hope** in Israel concerning this thing.

Trespassed – [OT:4603](#) מָעַל **ma`al** (maw-al'); a primitive root; properly, to cover up; used only figuratively, to act covertly, i.e. treacherously:

KJV - transgress, (commit, do a) trespass (-ing).

Strange – [OT:5237](#) נֹכְרִי **nokriy** (nok-ree'); from [OT:5235](#) (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): **KJV** - alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

Ezra 10

³ Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to **put away all the wives, and** such as are **born of them [children]**, according to the counsel of my Lord, and of those that **tremble at the commandment** of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

Covenant – [OT:1285](#) בְּרִית **beriyth** (ber-eeth'); from [OT:1262](#) (in the sense of cutting [like [OT:1254](#)]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

Counsel – [OT:6098](#) עֵצָה **etsah** (ay-tsaw'); from [OT:3289](#); advice; by implication, plan; also prudence: **KJV** - advice, advisement, counsel (l- [or]), purpose.

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⁴ Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee [this is for you to do willing and voluntarily]: we also will be with thee: **be of good courage, and do it.**

Matter – [OT:1697](#) דָּבָר **dabar** (daw-baw'); from [OT:1696](#); a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause:

KJV - act, advice, affair, answer, ^x any such (thing), because of, book, business, care, case, cause, certain rate, ⁺ chronicles, commandment, ^x commune (-ication), ⁺ concern [-ing], ⁺ confer, counsel, ⁺ dearth, decree, deed, ^x disease, due, duty, effect, ⁺ eloquent, errand, [evil favouredness-], ⁺ glory, ⁺ harm, hurt, ⁺ iniquity, ⁺ judgment, language, ⁺ lying, manner, matter, message, [no] thing, oracle, ^x ought, ^x parts, ⁺ pertaining, ⁺ please, portion, ⁺ power, promise, provision, purpose, question, rate, reason, report, request, ^x (as hast) said, sake, saying, sentence, ⁺ sign, ⁺ so, some [uncleanness], somewhat to say, ⁺ song, speech, ^x spoken, talk, task, ⁺ that, ^x there done, thing (concerning), thought, ⁺ thus, tidings, what [-soever], ⁺ wherewith, which, word, work.

Good courage – [OT:2388](#) חָזַק **chazaq** (khaw-zak'); a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify), obstinate; to bind, restrain, conquer:

KJV - aid, amend, ^x calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage (-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong (-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

Ezra 10

⁵ **Then arose Ezra**, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to **swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.**

Ezra 10

⁶ Then **Ezra rose up from before the house of God**, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he **mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.**

Transgression – [OT:4604](#) מַעַל **ma`al** (mah'-al); from [OT:4603](#); treachery, i.e. sin:

KJV - falsehood, grievously, sore, transgression, trespass, ^x very.

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Confession of the People (*cont*)

The People Gathered

The proclamation

Ezra 10

⁷ And they made **proclamation** throughout Judah and Jerusalem **unto all the children of the captivity**, that they should **gather themselves together** unto Jerusalem;

Proclamation – [OT:6908](#) קָבַצַּת **qabats** (kaw-bats'); a primitive root; to grasp, i.e. collect: **KJV** - assemble (selves), gather (bring) (together, selves together, up), heap, resort, ^x surely, take up.

Captivity – [OT:1473](#) גּוֹלָה **gowlah** (go-law'); or (shortened) **golah** (go-law'); active participle feminine of [OT:1540](#); exile; concretely and collectively exiles: -carried away), captive (-ity), removing.

The time limit

Ezra 10

⁸ And that **whosoever would not come within three days**, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his **substance should be forfeited**, and himself **separated from the congregation** of those that had been carried away [exiled].

Forfeited – [OT:2763](#) חָרַם **charam** (khaw-ram'); a primitive root; to seclude; specifically (by a ban) to devote to religious uses (especially destruction); physical and reflexive, to be blunt as to the nose:

KJV - make accursed, consecrate, (utterly) destroy, devote, forfeit, have a flat nose, utterly (slay, make away).

Separated – [OT:914](#) בָּדַל **badal** (baw-dal'); a primitive root; to divide (in variation senses literally or figuratively, separate, distinguish, differ, select, etc.):

KJV - (make, put) difference, divide (asunder), (make) separate (self, -ation), sever (out), ^x utterly.

Congregation – [OT:6951](#) קָהָל **qahal** (kaw-hawl'); from [OT:6950](#); assemblage (usually concretely): **KJV** - assembly, company, congregation, multitude.

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The People Gathered (*cont*)

As the rain fell as rehearsed

Ezra 10

⁹ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin **gathered themselves** [assembled] together unto Jerusalem **within three days**. It was the **ninth month**, on the **twentieth day of the month**; and all the people **sat in the street of the house of God**, **trembling** because of this matter, and for the **great rain**.

Trembling – [OT:7460](#) רָעַד **ra`ad** (raw-ad'); a primitive root: to shudder (more or less violently): **KJV** - tremble.

Great rain – [OT:1653](#) גֶּשֶׁם **geshem** (gheh'-shem); from [OT:1652](#); a shower: **KJV** - rain, shower.

Under stalwart leadership

Ezra 10

¹⁰ And **Ezra the priest stood up**, and said unto them, Ye have **transgressed**, and have **taken strange wives**, to **increase the trespass** of Israel.

Transgressed – [OT:4603](#) מָעַל **ma`al** (maw-al'); a primitive root; properly, to cover up; used only figuratively, to act covertly, i.e. treacherously: **KJV** - transgress, (commit, do a) trespass (-ing).

Strange – [OT:5237](#) נֹכְרִי **nokriy** (nok-ree'); from [OT:5235](#) (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): **KJV** - alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

Increase – [OT:3254](#) יָצַף **yacaph** (yaw-saf'); a primitive root; to add or augment (often adverbial, to continue to do a thing):

KJV - add, ^x again, ^x any more, ^x cease, ^x come more, ⁺ conceive again, continue, exceed, ^x further, ^x gather together, get more, give more-over, ^x henceforth, increase (more and more), join, ^x longer (bring, do, make, much, put), ^x (the, much, yet) more (and more), proceed (further), prolong, put, be [stronger-], ^x yet, yield.

Trespass – [OT:819](#) אֲשָׁמָה **'ashmah** (ash-maw'); feminine of [OT:817](#); guiltiness, a fault, the presentation of a sin-offering:

KJV - offend, sin, (cause of) trespass (-ing, offering).

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Pleasing God in doing as we confess

Ezra 10

¹¹ Now therefore **make confession unto the LORD** God of your fathers, and **do His pleasure**: and **separate yourselves from the people** of the land, and from the **strange wives**.

Confession – [OT:8426](#) תָּדַח **towdah** (to-daw'); from [OT:3034](#); properly, an extension of the hand, i.e. (by implication) avowal, or (usually) adoration; specifically, a choir of worshippers:

KJV - confession, (sacrifice of) praise, thanks (-giving, offering).

Pleasure – [OT:7522](#) רָצוֹן **ratsown** (raw-tsone'); or **ratson** (raw-tsone'); from [OT:7521](#); delight (especially as shown):

KJV - (be) acceptable (-ance, -ed), delight, desire, favour, (good) pleasure, (oneself,, voluntary) will, as ... (what) would.

Separate – [OT:914](#) בָּדַל **badal** (baw-dal'); a primitive root; to divide (in variation senses literally or figuratively, separate, distinguish, differ, select, etc.):

KJV - (make, put) difference, divide (asunder), (make) separate (self, -ation), sever (out), ^xutterly.

Strange – [OT:5237](#) נֹכְרִי **nokriy** (nok-ree'); from [OT:5235](#) (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): **KJV** - alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

All were in agreement who did the will of God

Ezra 10

¹² Then **all the congregation answered** and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, **so must we do**.

All were in agreement within the allotted time limit

Ezra 10

¹³ But the people are many, and it is a **time of much rain**, and we are not able to stand without [outdoors], neither is this a work of one day or two: for **we are many that have transgressed in this thing**.

Transgressed – [OT:6586](#) פָּשַׁע **pasha`** (paw-shah'); a primitive root [identical with [OT:6585](#) through the idea of expansion]; to break away (from just authority), i.e. trespass, apostatize, quarrel: **KJV** - offend, rebel, revolt, transgress (-ion, -or).

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Confession of the People (*cont*)

Pleasing God in doing as we confess (*cont*)

All were in agreement before the wrath of God

Ezra 10

¹⁴ Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and **let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed [fixed] times**, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, **until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.**

Strange – OT:5237 נִכְרִי **nokriy** (nok-ree'); from OT:5235 (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): **KJV** - alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

Fierce – OT:2740 חַרֹּן **charown** (khaw-rone'); or (shortened) **charon** (khaw-rone'); from OT:2734; a burning of anger:

KJV - sore displeasure, fierce (-ness), fury, (fierce) wrath (-ful).

Wrath – OT:639 אַף **'aph** (af); from OT:599; properly, the nose or nostril; hence, the face, and occasionally a person; also (from the rapid breathing in passion) ire:

KJV - anger (-gry), + before, countenance, face, + forebearing, forehead, + [long-] suffering, nose, nostril, snout, X worthy, wrath.

From us – OT:4480 מִן **min** (min); or **minniy** (min-nee'); or **minney** (constructive plural) (min-nay'); (Isa 30:11); for OT:4482; properly, a part of; hence (prepositionally), from or out of in many senses (as follows):

KJV - above, after, among, at, because of, by (reason of), from (among), in, X neither, X nor, (out) of, over, since, X then, through, X whether, with.

Ezra 10

¹⁵ Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

Ezra 10

¹⁶ And the **children of the captivity did so [as they said]**. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were **separated**, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to **examine the matter**.

Examine – OT:1875 דָּרַשׁ **darash** (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship:

KJV - ask, X at all, care for, X diligently, inquire, make inquisition, [neco-] mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], X surely.

Waters decrease until mountains tops appear Tevet 1 the 10th month

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Confession of the People (*cont*)

Pleasing God in doing as we confess (*cont*)

All were sanctified within the time limit of God

Ezra 10

¹⁷ And they **made an end** with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

Made an end – OT:3615 **כָּלַח** (*kalah* (kaw-law'); a primitive root; to end, whether intransitive (to cease, be finished, perish) or transitived (to complete, prepare, consume): - accomplish, cease, consume (away), determine, destroy (utterly), be (when ... were) done, (be an) end (of), expire, (cause to) fail, faint, finish, fulfil, **x** fully, **x** have, leave (off), long, bring to pass, wholly reap, make clean riddance, spend, quite take away, waste.

All these separated themselves

Ezra 10

¹⁸ And among the **sons of the priests** there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

Ezra 10

¹⁹ And they **gave their hands** that they would **put away their wives**; and being **guilty**, they **offered a ram** of the flock for their trespass.

Ezra 10

²⁰ And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

Ezra 10

²¹ And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah.

Ezra 10

²² And of the sons of Pashur; Eliezer, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elashah.

Ezra 10

²³ Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

Ezra 10

²⁴ Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

Ezra 10

²⁵ Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

Ezra 10

²⁶ And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

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All were sanctified within the time limit of God (*cont*)

All these separated themselves (*cont*)

Ezra 10

²⁷ And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

Ezra 10

²⁸ Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

Ezra 10

²⁹ And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

Ezra 10

³⁰ And of the sons of Pahathmoab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

Ezra 10

³¹ And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

Ezra 10

³² Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

Ezra 10

³³ Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

Ezra 10

³⁴ Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

Ezra 10

³⁵ Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

Ezra 10

³⁶ Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

Ezra 10

³⁷ Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

Ezra 10

³⁸ And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

Ezra 10

³⁹ And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

Ezra 10

⁴⁰ Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

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Pleasing God in doing as we confess (*cont*)

All were sanctified within the time limit of God (*cont*)

All these separated themselves (*cont*)

Ezra 10

⁴¹ Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

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⁴² Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

Ezra 10

⁴³ Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

Ezra 10

⁴⁴ All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.