

Ezra 1

¹And in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, to fulfill the word of Yahweh from the mouth of Jeremiah, Yahweh aroused the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, and he caused a voice to pass in all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, ²"So Cyrus, king of Persia has said: 'All of the kingdoms of the earth, Yahweh, the God of the heavens has given to me. And He has overseen over me to build for Him a house in Jerusalem which is in Judah. ³Who is among you from all His people? His God is with him. And let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and let him build the house of Yahweh the God of Israel. He is the God Who is in Jerusalem. ⁴And everyone remaining in all places in which he is sojourning there, he shall thoroughly lift the men of that place with silver, and with gold, and with acquisitions, and with animals, with the magnanimous gift for the house of the God Who is in Jerusalem.'"

⁵And the heads of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, and all whose spirit God had aroused arose to go up to build the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem. ⁶And all around them thoroughly toughened their hands with all implements of silver, with gold, with acquisitions, and with animals, and with all valuable things, besides above all that which kept being magnanimously given.

⁷And the king, Cyrus, brought out the implements of the house of Yahweh that Nebuchadnezzar had brought out from Jerusalem and had given them into a house of his gods. ⁸And Cyrus, the king of Persia, brought them out upon the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them to Sheshbazzar, the superior official for Judah. ⁹And this is their counting: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, twenty-nine pieces of cutlery, ¹⁰thirty tankards of gold, four hundred and ten tankards of silver of a second kind, and a thousand other implements. ¹¹All the implements of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. They all Sheshbazzar brought out with the bringing up of the exile from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

¹And these are the sons of the jurisdiction going up from captivity, the exile that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had caused to be exiled to Babylon, and they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, a man to his city, ²who entered with Zerubbabel: Yeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reeliah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The counting of the men of the people of Israel:

³The sons of Parosh, 2,172;

⁴the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

⁵the sons of Arah, 775;

⁶the sons of Pahath-Moab of the sons of Yeshua Joab, 2,812;

⁷the sons of Elam, 1,254;

⁸the sons of Zattu, 945;

⁹the sons of Zaccai, 760;

¹⁰the sons of Bani, 642;

¹¹the sons of Bebai, 623;

¹²the sons of Azgad, 1,222;

¹³the sons of Adonikam, 666;

¹⁴the sons of Bigvar, 2,056;

¹⁵the sons of Adin, 454;

¹⁶the sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, 98;

¹⁷the sons of Bezai, 323;

¹⁸the sons of Yorah, 112;

¹⁹the sons of Khashum, 223;

²⁰the sons of Gibbar, 95;

²¹the sons of Bethlehem, 123;

²²men of Netophah, 56;

²³men of Anathoth, 128;

²⁴the sons of Azmaveth, 42;

²⁵the sons of Kiriath-arim, Khephirah, and Beeroth, 743;

²⁶the sons of Haromah and Geba, 621;

²⁷men of Michmas, 122;

²⁸men of House of God and Haai, 223;

²⁹the sons of Nebo, 52;

³⁰the sons of Magbish, 156;

³¹the sons of another Elam, 1,254;

³²the sons of Harim, 320;

³³the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725 ;

³⁴the sons of Jericho, 345;

³⁵the sons of Senaah, 3,630;

³⁶the priests, the sons of Yedaiah, of the house of Yeshua, 973;

³⁷the sons of Immer, 1,052;

³⁸the sons of Pashur, 1,247;

³⁹the sons of Harim, 1017;

⁴⁰The Levites, the sons of Yeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, 74;

⁴¹the singers, the sons of Asaph, 128;

⁴²the sons of the gatemen, the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, in all, 139;

⁴³The given ones, the sons of Tsikha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaroth, ⁴⁴the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padan, ⁴⁵the sons of Lebonah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, ⁴⁶the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmal, the sons of Hanun, ⁴⁷the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, ⁴⁸the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, ⁴⁹the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, ⁵⁰the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephisim, ⁵¹the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, ⁵²the sons of Batsluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵³the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Thamah, ⁵⁴the sons of Netsiyakh, the sons of Hatipha.

⁵⁵The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of Sotai, the sons of the Hasophereth, the sons of Peruda, ⁵⁶the sons of Yaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁷the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth Hatsewayim, the sons of Ami, ⁵⁸all the given ones and the sons of the servants of Solomon, 392.

⁵⁹And these were those going up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Adan, and Immer, but they weren't able to disclose the house of their fathers and their

seed, if they were from Israel: ⁶⁰the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.

⁶¹And from the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakots, the sons of Barzillai, who took of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite for wife, and was called after their name. ⁶²These sought their writing being recorded by genealogy, but they weren't found, and they were contaminated from the priesthood. ⁶³And the Persian magistrate said to them that they shouldn't eat from the holy things of the holy things until a priest would stand with lights and integrities.

⁶⁴All the assembly as one was 42,360, ⁶⁵besides their servants, and their maidservants, these 7,337, and to them 200 singing men and singing women.

⁶⁶Their horses were 736, their mules 245, ⁶⁷their camels 435, their donkeys 6,720.

⁶⁸And from the heads of the fathers in their coming to the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem, they magnanimously gave for the house of God to cause it to stand on its place. ⁶⁹According to their vitality they gave to the store of the handicraft, gold drachmas, 61,000, and silver minas 5,000, and a hundred priests' tunics.

⁷⁰And the priests, and the Levites, and from the people, and the singers, and the gatemens, and the given ones dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Ezra 3

¹And the seventh month touched, and the sons of Israel were in the cities, and the people were gathered as one man in Jerusalem. ²And Yeshua son of Yozadak and his brothers the priests arose, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his brothers, and they built the altar of the God of Israel to cause ascending burnt sacrifices to go up, as it is being written in the doctrine of Moses the man of God.

³And they established the altar on its bases, because terror was on them from the people of the lands. And ascending burnt sacrifices were caused to go up on it to Yahweh ascending burnt sacrifices for the morning and for the evening. ⁴And they did the holiday of Shelters, as it is being written, and the ascending burnt sacrifice day-by-day, by counting, according to the judgment of the word, day-by-day.

⁵And afterward, thus the continual ascending burnt sacrifice, and months, and of all the hallowed appointed times of Yahweh, and a magnanimous gift to Yahweh of all those magnanimously giving. ⁶From the first day of the seventh month they started to cause ascending burnt sacrifices to go up to Yahweh, but the edifice of Yahweh wasn't founded. ⁷And they gave silver to the hewers and to the

craftsmen, and food and meals and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians to bring trees of cedar from the Lebanon to the sea of Joppa according to the permission of Cyrus king of Persia upon them.

⁸And in the second year of their coming to the house of God to Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua son of Yozadak, and the remainder of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those entering from the captivity to Jerusalem began, and caused the Levites to stand, from a son of twenty years and over, to give direction over the handicraft of the house of Yahweh. ⁹And Yeshua, his sons, and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah stood up as one to give direction over those doing the handicraft in the house of God, the sons of Henadad, their sons and their brothers the Levites.

¹⁰And those building founded the edifice of Yahweh, and they caused the priests to stand, being clothed, with the trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph with the cymbals, to praise Yahweh upon the hands of David, king of Israel. ¹¹And they answered with praising and with confessing to Yahweh: "because He is good, because His lovingkindness is to everlasting upon Israel." And all the people shouted a great signal-shout in praising to Yahweh, over that the house of Yahweh was founded.

¹²But many of the priests, and the Levites, and heads of the fathers, the old ones who had seen the first house, were weeping with their eyes with a great voice at the founding of this house. And many were causing a voice to be raised high in a signal-shout of rejoicing. ¹³And there was no recognizing of the people of the sound of the signal-shout of rejoicing from the sound of the weeping of the people, because the people were causing a great signal-shout to be shouted, and the sound was heard from distantly away.

Ezra 4

¹And the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exile were building an edifice for Yahweh God of Israel, ²and they drew near to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the fathers and said to them, "We will build with you, because, like you, we seek your God, and we haven't been sacrificing since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria causing us to go up here."

³And Zerubbabel, and Yeshua, and the remainder of the heads of the fathers of Israel said to them, "It is not for you and for us to build a house for our God, because we ourselves together will build for Yahweh God of Israel, just as the king, Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." ⁴And it was that the people of the land were relaxing the hands of the people of Judah, and they were making them intensely anxious to build. ⁵And they were employing counsellors over

them to violate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia and until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

⁶And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the start of his reign, they wrote an opposition over those dwelling in Judah and Jerusalem.

⁷And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam wrote with Mithradath, Tabeel, and the remainder of his colleagues over Artaxerxes king of Persia, and the writing of the missive being written in Aramaic and being translated from Aramaic.

⁸Rehum, master of judgment, and Shimshai the scribe wrote one letter over Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king accordingly.

⁹Then Rehum, master of judgment and Shimshai, the scribe, and the remainder of their colleagues, the Dinaities, the Apharsachites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanties who are the Elamites, ¹⁰and the remainder of the clans that the great and precious Osnapper exiled and made them dwell in towns of Samaria and the remainder of the opposite side of the River, and now ¹¹this is a copy of the letter that they sent over him, over Artaxerxes the king:

"Your servants, the men of the opposite side of the River, and now ¹²it is being known to the king that the Jews who came up from being with you upon us have come to Jerusalem, the defiant and stinking town, are building, and the walls

will have been made perfect, and they will cause to sew up the foundations.

¹³Now it will be being known to the king that, if this town is built, and the walls will be made perfect tribute consumption tax, and toll won't be given, and it will endamage revenue of kings. ¹⁴Now all because that we have eaten salt of the salt of the edifice, and not to prolong our viewing the king's nakedness, over this we have sent and made this known to the king, ¹⁵that he should make inquiry in a scroll of the reminders of your fathers, and you will remember in a scroll of the reminders, and you will know that this town is the defiant town, and endamaging kings and jurisdictions, and making provocation in its midst from days of the everlasting, over which this town was dried up. ¹⁶We are making known to the king that if this town is built and the walls are perfected, then because of that, there won't be a share for you in the opposite side of the River."

¹⁷The king sent the statement upon Rehum, master of judgment, and Shimshai the scribe, and the remainder of their colleagues that are sitting in Samaria, and the remainder of the opposite side of the River,

"Well-being, and now. ¹⁸The missive that you sent upon us, being fully spread out, was read before me. ¹⁹And from me a judgment has been set, and they made thorough inquiry, and they remembered that this town from days of the everlasting lifted itself up over kings, and defiance and provocation are being

done in it. ²⁰And overpowering kings have been over Jerusalem and dominant against the opposite side of the River, and tribute, consumption, and toll was being provided to them. ²¹Now set a judgment to make those mighty men completely desist, and this town won't be built until the judgment is fully set from me. ²²And be being warned of an error to do this! Why will the travail magnify to endanger kings?"

²³Then from that copy of the missive that Artaxerxes the king read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their colleagues, they departed in anxiety to Jerusalem upon the Jews, and made them desist with an arm and ability.

²⁴Then the service of the house of God which is in Jerusalem desisted. And it was desisting until the second year of the kingdom of Darius, king of Persia.

Ezra 5

¹And Haggai the prophet and Zechariah son of Iddo, the prophets, prophesied over the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel over them. ²Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Yeshua son of Yozadak arose and unwound to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem, and with them the prophets of God, intensely supporting them.

³In that season Tatnai, governor of the opposite side of the River, and Shethar-boznai, and their colleagues came upon them, and were saying thus to them: "Who set for you a judgment to build this house and to perfect this wall?"

⁴Then we said accordingly to them, what they are – the names of the mighty men who are building this building. ⁵But the eye of their God was upon those being gray-headed of the Jews, and they didn't make them desist until the judgment would go to Darius, and then they would return the missive over this.

⁶A copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor of the opposite side of the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his colleagues, the Apharsachites who were in the opposite side of the River sent upon Darius the king: ⁷they sent the statement upon him, and it was written like this amidst it: "To Darius the king, all well-being!
⁸For it is being known to the king that we departed to the jurisdiction of Judah, to the house of the great God, and it is being built of rolling stone and wood, being thoroughly set in the sidewalls, and that service is diligently being serviced and advancing in their hands. ⁹Then we asked those being gray-headed – we said accordingly to them: 'Who set for you a judgment to build this house and to perfect this wall?' ¹⁰And moreover, we asked for them names to make you know that we write the names of the mighty men who are at their head. ¹¹And they returned the statement to us accordingly, saying, 'We are they, the servants of

God of the heavens and the earth, and are building the house that was being built from substantial years before this, and a great king of Israel built it, and he caused it to be perfect, ¹²except from that our fathers caused the God of the heavens to be turbulent. He provided them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and this house – he concealed it away – and exiled its people to Babylon. ¹³But in year one of Cyrus, the king of Babylon, Cyrus the king set a judgment to build this house of God. ¹⁴And moreover, the implements of the house of God that are gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar brought from the edifice that is in Jerusalem and caused them to stream into the edifice of Babylon, Cyrus the king brought these from the edifice of Babylon, and they were provided to him named Sheshbazzar, whom he had set as governor. ¹⁵And he said to him, "Carry these implements. Depart. Cause them to descend into the edifice that is in Jerusalem, and the house of God will be built upon its place." ¹⁶Then that Sheshbazzar came; he provided the foundations of the house of God that is in Jerusalem. And from then, and until now, it is being built, and it isn't being completed.' ¹⁷And now, if it is good upon the king, he should make inquiry in the house of the treasures of the king that is there in Babylon, if there are such from Cyrus the king – a judgment set to build that house of God in Jerusalem. And the king will send his direction over this upon us."

Ezra 6

¹Then Darius the king set a judgment, and made inquiry in the house of the scrolls that the treasures were being caused to descend there in Babylon. ²And one roll was remembered in Achmetha, in the palace that is in the Median jurisdiction, and thus it was written in its midst a reminder:

³In year one of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king set a judgment as to the house of God in Jerusalem: “The house must be built as a place of sacrificing sacrifices, and its foundations being borne. Its height will be sixty forearms, its width sixty forearms, ⁴three courses of rolling stone, and a course of new wood, and the expense shall be provided from the house of the king. ⁵And moreover, the implements of the house of God that are gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar brought from the edifice that is in Jerusalem and caused to stream to Babylon they shall cause to return and go to the edifice that is in Jerusalem to its place, and you shall cause them to descend into the house of God. ⁶Now Tatnai, governor of the opposite side of the River, Shethar-boznai, and their colleagues the Apharsachites that are in the opposite side of the River, be distant from there! ⁷Forsake the service of that house of God. The governor of the Jews and the gray-headed of the Jews may build that house of God in its place, ⁸and from me a judgment has been set for that which you shall do with the gray-headed of those

Jews, to build that house of God, and from the goods of the king, of the tribute of the opposite side of the River, the expense must be diligently provided for those mighty men that they not desist. ⁹And what they are needing, and sons of bulls, and rams, and lambs for ascending burnt sacrifices for the God of the heavens, wheat, salt, and wine, and oil according to that said of the priests who are in Jerusalem, for it shall be provided for them day-by-day with no error, ¹⁰that they would be causing aromas to be brought near to the God of the heavens, and intensely praying for the lives of the king and his sons. ¹¹And from me a judgment was set that any man who causes this statement to differ, wood will be torn out from his house, and being uplifted, he will be struck upon it, and his house will be made an excrement dump over this. ¹²And the God Who has firmly settled His name there hurl any king and people who sends his hand to cause to differ, to utterly degenerate that house of God that is in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have set a judgment. It must be done diligently.”

¹³Then Tatnai, governor of the opposite side of the River, Shethar-boznai, and their colleagues, for because that Darius the king sent, they diligently did accordingly. ¹⁴And the gray-headed of the Jews were building and were causing to advance in the prophecy of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, son of Iddo. And they built and they perfected it from a judgment of the God of Israel, and from a

judgment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes, king of Persia. ¹⁵And this house was finished until the third day of the lunation Adar, which was the sixth year of the kingdom of Darius the king. ¹⁶And the sons of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the remainder of the sons of the exile did the Dedication of this house of God with cheerfulness. ¹⁷And they brought near for the Dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and twelve bucks of goats for the sin offering over all of Israel, for the number of the branches of Israel. ¹⁸And they raised up the priests in their sections and the Levites in their divisions over the service of God Who is in Jerusalem, according to the writing of the scroll of Moses.

¹⁹And the sons of the exile did the Jumping in the fourteenth of the first month, ²⁰because the priests and the Levites had cleansed themselves as one; all of them were clean. And they slew the Jumping for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. ²¹And the sons of Israel returning from the exile and all being separated from the defilement of the nations of the land ate with them, to seek out for Yahweh, God of Israel. ²²And they did the holiday of Unleavened Breads seven days in rejoicing, because Yahweh made them rejoice, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria around

over them, to toughen their hands in the handicraft of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Ezra 7

¹And after these words, in the kingdom of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah, ²son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub, ³son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth, ⁴son of Zerahiah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki, ⁵son of Abishua, son of Phineas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the head priest, ⁶he, Ezra, went up from Babylon, and he was a proficient scribe in the doctrine of Moses which Yahweh God of Israel gave. And the king gave to him all his seeking, according to the hand of Yahweh his God upon him. ⁷And they from the sons of Israel from the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatemen, and the given ones, went up to Jerusalem in year seven of Artaxerxes the king. ⁸And he entered Jerusalem in the fifth month. It was the seventh year of the king, ⁹because on the first of the first month was the foundation of the ascent from Babylon, and in the first of the fifth month he entered into Jerusalem, as the good hand of his God was upon him, ¹⁰because Ezra had established his heart to seek out and to do the doctrine of Yahweh, and to teach legislation and judgment in Israel.

¹¹And this is a copy of the missive which the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of Yahweh and His legislations over Israel:

¹²“Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of the heavens, it is being completed. And now, ¹³from me a judgment has been set that everyone in my kingdom from the people of Israel, and its priests, and the Levites being magnanimously given to go to Jerusalem may go with you. ¹⁴All because that from before the king and his seven counselors it is being sent to make inquiry over Judah, and for Jerusalem in the law of your God that is in your hand, ¹⁵and to cause silver and gold which the king and his counselors have magnanimously given to stream to the God of Israel, Whose tabernacle-settlement is in Jerusalem, ¹⁶and all silver and gold that is remembered in every jurisdiction of Babylon with the magnanimous giving of the people and the priests being magnanimously given for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem! ¹⁷All because of this, you must diligently acquire with the silver, bulls, rams, lambs, and their oblations, and their libations. And you must bring them near upon the altar of the house of God that is in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And whatever of that upon you and upon your brothers is good to do with the remainder of the silver and the gold, do according to the direction of your God, ¹⁹and complete the

implements that were being provided for you for the service of the house of your God before the God of Jerusalem. ²⁰And the remainder of the need of the house of your God that falls to you to give, you must give from the house of the treasures of the king. ²¹And from me, I, Artaxerxes the king have set a judgment for all the treasurers that are in the opposite side of the River that all that Ezra the priest, scribe of the law of the God of the heavens asks of you, it must be done diligently, ²²until one hundred silver kikkars, and until one hundred cors of wheat, and until one hundred baths of red wine, and until one hundred baths of oil, and salt without writing. ²³All of that from a judgment of the God of the heavens must be carefully done for the house of the God of the heavens, because why should there be irateness over the kingdom of the king and of his sons? ²⁴And we are making known to you that no dominant tribute, consumption tax, or toll is to be cast over them: any of the priests, or the Levites, the carolers, the gatemen, the given ones, or the servants of the house of this God. ²⁵And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, allocate judges and adjudicators who will be for adjudicating for all the people who are in the opposite side of the River, for all knowing the law of your God, and make those not knowing know. ²⁶And all who won't be doing the law of your God and the law of the king,

adjudication must be diligently being done from it, if for death, if for rooting out, if for amercement of goods, or for binding.”

²⁷Blessed is Yahweh, God of our fathers, Who has given like this in the heart of the king to glorify the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem, ²⁸and has stretched lovingkindness out over me before the king, and his counselors, and to all the mighty authorities of the king. And I intensely toughened myself according to the hand of Yahweh my God upon me, and I amassed from Israel heads to go up with me.

Ezra 8

¹And these are the heads of their fathers and the recording by genealogy of those going up with me in the kingdom of Artaxerxes the king from Babylon:

²from the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; from the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; from the sons of David, Hattush; ³from the sons of Shecaniah, from the sons of Parosh,

Zechariah, and with him, recorded by genealogy of males, 150. ⁴From the sons of

Pahath Moab, Elihoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him 200, the males. ⁵From

the sons of Shecaniah the son of Yahaziel, and with him 300, the males. ⁶And from

the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Yonathan, and with him 50, the males. ⁷And

from the sons of Elam, Yeshaiah son of Athaliah, and with him 70, the males. ⁸And

from the sons of Shephatyah, Zebadyah son of Michael, and with him 80, the

males. ⁹And from the sons of Yoab, Obadiah son of Yehiel, and with him 218, the males. ¹⁰And from the sons of Shelomith the son of Yosiphyah, and with him 160, the males. ¹¹And from the sons of Bebai, Zechariah son of Bebai, and with him 28, the males. ¹²And from the sons of Azgad, Yohanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him 110, the males. ¹³And from the latter sons of Adonikam, and these were their names: Eliphelet, Yeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them 60, the males. ¹⁴And from the sons of Bigvai; Uthai and Zabbud, and with them 70, the males.

¹⁵And I amassed them to the river entering to Ahava. And we encamped there three days. And I understood among the people and among the priests that I didn't find any from the sons of Levi there. ¹⁶And I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Yariv, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, heads, and for Yoyarin, and for Elnathan, understanding ones. ¹⁷And I brought them out to Iddo, the head at the place Casiphia, and I put words in their mouth to speak to Iddo and his brothers the given ones in the place Casiphia, to bring to us ministers for the house of our God. ¹⁸And they brought to us, according to the good hand of our God upon us, a man of insight from the sons of Mahkli son of Levi, son of Israel, and Sheribiyah, and his sons and his brothers, 18, ¹⁹and Hashavyah, and with him Yoshayah from the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, 20. ²⁰And from the given ones whom

David gave and the authorities for the service of the Levites, given ones 220, all of them called by names.

²¹And I called a fast there on the River Ahava, to thoroughly humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him an upright way for us, and for our youths, and for all our acquisitions, ²²because I was ashamed to ask from the king ability and horsemen to help us from the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, “The hand of our God is on all those seeking Him for good, but His strength and His anger are on all those forsaking Him.” ²³And we fasted and sought from our God over this, and He was intreated for us.

²⁴And I separated twelve from the authorities, the priests: to Shirimiah, Hashavyah, and with them from their brothers, 10. ²⁵And I weighed out to them the silver, and the gold, and the implements, the offerings of the house of our God that the king, and his counselors, and his authorities, and all Israel being found had raised up. ²⁶And I weighed out upon their hand 650 silver kikkars, and a hundred implements of silver, of gold kikkars 100 kikkars, ²⁷and tankards of gold, 20, of darics 1,000, and implements of good glittering copper, desirable as gold. ²⁸And I said to them, “You are holy to Yahweh, and the implements are holy, and the silver and the gold a magnanimous gift to Yahweh God of your fathers. ²⁹Be vigilant and keep them until you weigh them out before authorities: the priests,

and the Levites, and authorities of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem in the chambers of the house of Yahweh. ³⁰And the priests and Levites accepted the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the implements, to bring them to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

³¹And we pulled up stakes from the River Ahava on the twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and He rescued us from the palms of the enemy and those waiting in ambush on the way. ³²And we entered Jerusalem and dwelt there three days. ³³And on the fourth day the silver, and the gold, and the implements were weighed out in the house of our God upon the hand of Meremoth son of Uriah the priest, and with him Elazar son of Phinehas, and with them Yozabad son of Yeshua, and Noadyah son of Binnui, the Levites, ³⁴in counting by weight for all, and all the weight was written down at that time.

³⁵Those entering from the captivity of the sons of the exile brought near ascending burnt sacrifices to the God of Israel: 12 bullocks over all Israel, rams 96, lambs 77, bucks of a sin offering 12, the whole an ascending burnt sacrifice to Yahweh.

³⁶And they gave the laws of the king to the viceroys of the king and governors of the opposite side of the River. And they lifted up the people and the house of God.

Ezra 9

¹And according to the finishing of these things, the authorities were brought near to me, saying, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites weren’t separated from the people of the lands, as to their abominations of Canaanites: the Hittite, the Perrizite, the Jebusite, the Ammonite, the Moabite, the Egyptian, and the Amorite, ²because they have lifted up for themselves from their daughters and for their sons, and they have thoroughly admixed themselves, the holy seed, among peoples of the lands, and a hand of the authorities and the superintendents has been first in this trespass.”

³And at my hearing this word, I ripped my garment and my mantle, and I ripped out some of the hair of my head and my beard, and I sat, being utterly desolate. ⁴And everyone trembling at the words of the God of Israel was gathered to me over the trespass of the exile. And I was sitting, being utterly desolate until the evening oblation. ⁵And at the evening oblation I arose from my humiliation, and in my ripped garment and mantle, and I knelt on my knees, and spread out my palms to Yahweh my God.

⁶And I said, “My God, I have been ashamed and was embarrassed to raise high my face, My God, to You, because our perversities have abounded to ascending steps overhead, and our guiltiness has become great until to the heavens. ⁷From days of our fathers we have been in great guiltiness until this day, and in our perversities we have been given – we, our kings, our priests – into the hand of the kings of the lands, by the sword into captivity, and into spoil, and into shame of faces, as this day. ⁸And now, according to a little moment, there has been a plea for benevolence from Yahweh our God to cause an escaping to remain for us, and to give to us a peg in His holy place, for our God to enlighten our eyes, and to give us a little subsistence in our servitude. ⁹Because we are servants, but in our servitude our God hasn’t forsaken us, and He caused lovingkindness to stretch out over us before the kings of Persia, to give to us subsistence, to raise up the house of our God, and to cause its dry places to stand, and to give to us a fencing wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

¹⁰And now, what will we say, our God, after this? Because we have forsaken Your commandments, ¹¹which You have commanded by the hand of Your servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land that you are entering to possess, it is a land of impurity in the impurity of the people of the lands, in their abominations which they have filled up from mouth to mouth in their defilement. ¹²And now,

you shall not give your daughters to their sons, and you shall not lift up their daughters for your sons, and you shall not seek out their well-being and their good until everlasting, for the sake of your being tough, and your eating the good of the land, and you shall take possession of it for your sons until everlasting.'

¹³And after all entering upon us in our evil occupations and great guiltiness, when You, our God, have held back to beneath our perversities and have given to us an escaping as this, ¹⁴shall we return to violate Your commandments and to become in-laws together among the people of these abominations? Wouldn't You be angry among us until to thoroughly finish us, until there is no remnant or escaping? ¹⁵Yahweh, God of Israel, You are righteous, because we have been made to remain an escaping, as this day. Behold us before You in our guiltiness, because there is no standing before You over this."

Ezra 10

¹And Ezra, continually praying and confessing, weeping, and falling before the house of God, there was amassed to him from Israel a very abundant assembly of men and women and children, because the people wept to cause weeping to abound. ²And Shecanyah son of Yehiel, son of the sons of Elam answered and said to Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have caused unfamiliar women from the peoples of the land to dwell with us, but now

there is expectancy for Israel over this. ³And now, we will cut a covenant toward our God to make all women, and children from them to exit, in the counsel of the Lord and those trembling in the commandment of our God, and according to the doctrine it will be done. ⁴Arise, because the word is upon you, and we are with you. Be tough, and act!”

⁵And Ezra arose and caused the authorities of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear to do according to this word. And they were made to swear.

⁶And Ezra arose from before the house of God, and went into a chamber of Yehohanan son of Elyashiv, and there he went. He didn’t eat bread, and he didn’t drink water, because he kept intensely mourning over the trespass of the exile.

⁷And he caused a voice to pass among Judah and Jerusalem, to all the sons of the exile, to the amassed at Jerusalem. ⁸And all who wouldn’t enter within three days, according to the counsel of the authorities and the elders, would be slated for destruction; all his acquisitions and he himself would be separated from the assembly of the exile. ⁹And all the men of Judah and Benjamin were amassed to Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the street of the house of God, being caused to shudder over the word, and from the rainfall.

¹⁰And Ezra the priest arose and said to them, "You have trespassed and caused unfamiliar women to dwell with us, to cause to add above the guilt of Israel. ¹¹And now, give confession to Yahweh God of our fathers, and do His goodpleasure, and be separated from the people of the land and from the unfamiliar women."

¹²And all the assembly answered and said with a great voice, "Thus according to your word, it is upon us to do. ¹³Nevertheless the people are abundant, and it's the time of rainfall, and there is no vitality to stand in the outside, and the handwork isn't for one day, and it isn't for two, because we have caused rebelling to abound in this word. ¹⁴Our authorities should stand, please, for all the assembly and for all who have caused unfamiliar women to dwell with us in our cities. They shall enter for times being seasonal, and with them elders, city-by-city, and their judges, until we cause the blazing of the anger of our God to turn from us, until this word."

¹⁵Only Yonathan, son of Asahel and Yakhzeyah, son of Tikvah stood against this, and Meshulam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

¹⁶And the sons of the exile did thus. And Ezra the priest, and men, heads of the fathers for the house of their fathers, and all of them by names were separated. And they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to seek out the

word. ¹⁷And they thoroughly finished with all men who had caused unfamiliar women to dwell by the first day of the first month. ¹⁸And it was found from the sons of the priests who had caused unfamiliar women to dwell, from the sons of Yeshua, son of Yatsedah and his brothers: Maaseyah and Eliasar, and Yariva, and Gedalyah. ¹⁹And they gave their hand to bring out their wives, and being guilty, a ram of the sheep for their guilt. ²⁰And from the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zevathya. ²¹And from the sons of Harim: Maaseyah, and Elijah, and Shemiyah, and Yehiel, and Uzziyah. ²²And from the sons of Pashur: Elyoami, Maaseyah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Yozavad, and Elasah.

²³And from the Levites: Yozavad, and Shimyi, and Keyalah (He was Kelita), Pathakhya, Yehuda, and Eliezer. ²⁴And from the singers: Elyashiv. And from the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telam, and Uri.

²⁵And from Israel: from the sons of Parosh: Remyah, and Yiziyah, and Malkiyah, and Miamin, and Elazar, and Makhiyah, and Benayah. ²⁶And from the sons of Elam: Mattanyah, Zechayah, and Yehiel, and Avdi, and Yeremoth, and Elijah. ²⁷And from the sons of Zattu: Elyoeni, Elyashiv, Mattanyah, and Yeremoth, and Zavad, and Aziza. ²⁸And from the sons of Bevai: Yehohanan, Hananyah, Zabbai, Athlah. ²⁹And from the sons of Bani: Meshulam, Maluch, and Adayah, Yashiv, and Sheal, and Ramath. ³⁰And from the sons of Paboth-Moab: Adna, and

Chelal, Benayah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. ³¹And from the sons of Kharim: Eliezer, Ishiyah, Malchiyah, Shemayah, Shimeyon, ³²Benjamin, Malluch, Shemaryah. ³³And from the sons of Khoshrim: Mattenai, Mattathah, Zavad, Eliphelet, Yeremi, Manasseh, Shimei. ³⁴From the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, ³⁵Benayah, Vedyah, Kheluah, ³⁶Wanyah, Meremoth, Elyashiv, ³⁷Mattanyah, Matvah, and Yoasu, ³⁸and Bani, and Binnui, Shimi, ³⁹and Shelemyah, and Nathan, and Adaiyah, ⁴⁰Makhmadvai, Shashai, Sharai, ⁴¹Azarel, and Shelomiyah, Shemaryah, ⁴²Shallum, Amaryah, Yoseph. ⁴³From the sons of Nevo: Yehiel: Mattishiyah, Zavad, Zevina, Yadu, and Yoel, Benayah. ⁴⁴All these had taken up unfamiliar women, and there were from them wives of whom they placed sons.