

Ezra 10

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The People's Response

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.

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.

³ Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, 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.

⁴ Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

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.

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.

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

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.

The Assembly

9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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 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.

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.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. 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.

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

Those Guilty of Intermarriage

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.

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.

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

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

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 32** Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.
- 33** Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.
- 34** Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
- 35** Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,
- 36** Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
- 37** Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,
- 38** And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
- 39** And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
- 40** Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
- 41** Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
- 42** Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.
- 43** Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.
- 44** All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Confess — יָדָה (Yadah)

To confess, praise, give thanks

The Hebrew **yadah** (יָדָה) means to confess or give thanks—acknowledging truth openly. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy' (Proverbs 28:13).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Ezra 10:1 **Prayer:** 1 Kings 8:30; Daniel 9:20. **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 20:9; Psalms 119:136; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 19:41; Romans 9:2. **References God:** Nehemiah 8:9; 10:28

Ezra 10:2 **References God:** Nehemiah 13:27. **Parallel theme:** Ezra 9:2; Exodus 34:12

Ezra 10:3 **Word:** Ezra 9:4; 2 Chronicles 34:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:59; 119:120. **Covenant:** Deuteronomy 29:12; Nehemiah 9:38

Ezra 10:4 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 28:10; 28:21; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Mark 13:34. **Good:** Hebrews 10:24. **Resurrection:** 1 Chronicles 22:16; 22:19

Ezra 10:5 **Creation:** Nehemiah 13:25. **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 5:12

Ezra 10:6 **Sin:** Deuteronomy 9:18. **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 3:1; 12:22

Ezra 10:8 **Parallel theme:** Ezra 7:26

Ezra 10:11 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:13. **References God:** Ezra 10:3; Joshua 7:19; Romans 12:2

Ezra 10:14 **Judgment:** 2 Chronicles 29:10; 30:8. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 25:4

Ezra 10:15 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 11:16

Ezra 10:18 **Parallel theme:** Ezra 2:2; 3:2; 5:2; Haggai 1:1; Zechariah 3:1

Ezra 10:19 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 6:6; 2 Kings 10:15

Ezra 10:20 **Parallel theme:** Ezra 2:37; 1 Chronicles 24:14

Ezra 10:21 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 24:8

Ezra 10:22 **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 9:12

Ezra 10:25 **Parallel theme:** Ezra 2:3; Nehemiah 7:8

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Ezra 10:31 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 3:11

Ezra 10:43 **Parallel theme:** Ezra 2:29

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