

# Ezra 9:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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Ezra's prayer continues with historical confession: 'Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day.' This acknowledges multi-generational sin—current violations aren't isolated failures but ongoing patterns. The phrase 'for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands' interprets exile theologically. God used pagan rulers to judge covenant violation. The list of punishments—to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face—recounts covenant curses (Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28).

## Historical Context

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The confession 'since the days of our fathers' acknowledges that pre-exilic Israel persistently violated covenant, leading to exile (586 BC). Ezra doesn't minimize past sins or claim the returnees are better. The phrase 'confusion of face' means shame and disgrace. The acknowledgment that 'our kings and our priests' led in sin shows that leaders bear special responsibility. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets had warned repeatedly that persistent sin would bring exile. Now, barely eighty years after return, similar sins recurred.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does confessing multi-generational sin demonstrate understanding that current failures often repeat historical patterns?
2. What does acknowledging that leaders 'have been chief in this trespass' (v. 2) teach about greater accountability for those in authority?

## Interlinear Text

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גְּדֹלָהּ הַ	בְּאַשְׁמָהּ הַ	אֲנִי חֲנוּ	אֲבֹתֵינוּ	כְּהִי וְ	
have we been in a great	trespass	H587	of our fathers	Since the days	
H1419	H819		H1	H3117	
אֲנִיחֵנוּ	נָתַן נֹ	וּבְעֹנוֹתֵינוּ	הֵן הַ	כְּהִי וְ	עַד
H587	been delivered	and for our iniquities	H2088	Since the days	H5704
H5414		H5771		H3117	
הָאָרֶץ וְ	מַלְכֵינוּ	בְּיָדוֹ	כֹהֲנֵינוּ	מַלְכֵינוּ	
of the lands	have we our kings	into the hand	and our priests	have we our kings	
H776	H4428	H3027	H3548	H4428	
כְּהִי וְ	פָנֵינוּ	וּבְשֹׁת	וּבְבָזָהּ	בְּשִׁבְיָהּ	בְּחֶרֶב
Since the days	of face	and to confusion	and to a spoil	to captivity	to the sword
H3117	H6440	H1322	H961	H7628	H2719

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 29:6** (Parallel theme): For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs.

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