

Ezra 1-2

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Ezra 1

End of the Babylonian Captivity

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, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying,

² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which *is* in Judah. ³ Who *is* among you of all His people? May 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* God), which *is* in Jerusalem. ⁴ And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem.

⁵ Then the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem. ⁶ And all those who *were* around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all *that* was willingly offered. ⁷ King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; ⁸ and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. ⁹ This *is* the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, ¹⁰ thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar *kind*, and one thousand other articles. ¹¹ All the articles of gold and silver *were* five thousand four hundred. All *these* Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem

¹ Now^[a] these *are* the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his *own* city.

² Those who came with Zerubbabel *were* Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar,^[b] Bigvai, Rehum,^[c] and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: ³ the people of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two; ⁴ the people of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two; ⁵ the people of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five; ⁶ the people of Pahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve; ⁷ the people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; ⁸ the people of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five; ⁹ the people of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty; ¹⁰ the people of Bani,^[d] six hundred and forty-two; ¹¹ the people of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three; ¹² the

people of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two;¹³ the people of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six;¹⁴ the people of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six;¹⁵ the people of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four;¹⁶ the people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;¹⁷ the people of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three;¹⁸ the people of Jorah,^[e] one hundred and twelve;¹⁹ the people of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three;²⁰ the people of Gibbar,^[f] ninety-five;²¹ the people of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three;²² the men of Netophah, fifty-six;²³ the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;²⁴ the people of Azmaveth,^[g] forty-two;²⁵ the people of Kirjath Arim,^[h] Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;²⁶ the people of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;²⁷ the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;²⁸ the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three;²⁹ the people of Nebo, fifty-two;³⁰ the people of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six;³¹ the people of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;³² the people of Harim, three hundred and twenty;³³ the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;³⁴ the people of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;³⁵ the people of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.³⁶ The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;³⁷ the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two;³⁸ the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;³⁹ the sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.

⁴⁰ The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah,^[i] seventy-four.

⁴¹ The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.

⁴² The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-nine *in all*.

⁴³ The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,⁴⁴ the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha,^[j] the sons of Padon,⁴⁵ the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,⁴⁶ the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan,⁴⁷ the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,⁴⁸ the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,⁴⁹ the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,⁵⁰ the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,^[k]⁵¹ the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,⁵² the sons of Bazluth,^[l] the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,⁵³ the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,⁵⁴ the sons of Nezia, and the sons of Hatipha.

⁵⁵ The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,^[m]⁵⁶ the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,⁵⁷ the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Ami.^[n]⁵⁸ All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.

⁵⁹ And these *were* the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan,^[o] and Immer; but they could not identify their father's house or their genealogy,^[p] whether they *were* of Israel: ⁶⁰ the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two;⁶¹ and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz,^[q] and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name. ⁶² These sought their listing *among* those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they *were excluded* from the priesthood as defiled. ⁶³ And the governor^[r] said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

⁶⁴ The whole assembly together *was* forty-two thousand three hundred *and* sixty,⁶⁵ besides their male and female servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers. ⁶⁶ Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,⁶⁷ their camels four hundred and thirty-five,

and *their* donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

⁶⁸ *Some* of the heads of the fathers' *houses*, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to erect it in its place: ⁶⁹ According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments.

⁷⁰ So the priests and the Levites, *some* of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

*" They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots. "*^[a]

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Behold Your Mother

²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

It Is Finished

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing^[b] that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “*Not one of His bones shall be broken.*”^[c] ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “*They shall look on Him whom they pierced.*”^[d]

Jesus Buried in Joseph’s Tomb

³⁸ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby.