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<b>See Below</b>	<b>MT 2 Chronicles</b>	<b>LXX 2 Chronicles</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<p><b>RSV 2 Chronicles 35:1</b>  <b>Josiah</b> kept a <b>passover</b> to the <b>LORD</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>; and they killed the <b>passover</b> lamb on <b>the fourteenth day of the first month</b>.</p> <p>2 He appointed the <b>priests</b> to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>3a And he said to the <b>Levites</b> who taught all <b>Israel</b></p> <p>and who were holy to the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>"Put the holy ark in the house which <b>Solomon</b> the son of <b>David</b>, <b>king of Israel</b>, built;</p> <p>3b you need no longer carry it</p>	<p><b>LXA 2 Chronicles 35:1</b> And <b>Josias</b> kept a <b>passover</b> to the <b>Lord</b> his <b>God</b>; and sacrificed the <b>passover</b> on <b>the fourteenth day of the first month</b>.</p> <p>2 And he appointed the <b>priests</b> at their charges, and encouraged them for the services of the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>3a And he told the <b>Levites</b> that were able to act in all <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>that they should consecrate themselves to the <b>Lord</b>:</p> <p>and they put the holy ark in the house which <b>Solomon</b> the son of <b>David</b> <b>king of Israel</b> built:</p> <p>and the <b>king</b> said,</p> <p>Ye must not carry anything on</p>	<p><b>LXE 1 Esdras 1:1</b> And <b>Josias</b> held the feast of the <b>passover</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b> unto his <b>Lord</b>, and offered the <b>passover</b> <b>the fourteenth day of the first month</b>;</p> <p>2a Having set the <b>priests</b> according to their daily courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the <b>temple of the Lord</b>.</p> <p>2b And he spake unto the <b>Levites</b>, the holy ministers of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>that they should hallow themselves unto the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>to set the holy ark of the <b>Lord</b> in the house that <b>king Solomon</b> the son of <b>David</b> had built:</p> <p>4a And said,</p> <p>4b Ye shall no more bear the</p>

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	<p>upon your shoulders. Now serve the <b>LORD</b> your <b>God</b> and his people <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>4a Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses by your divisions,</p> <p>4b following the directions of <b>David king of Israel</b> and the directions of <b>Solomon</b> his son.</p> <p>5 And stand in the holy place according to the groupings of the fathers' houses of your brethren the lay people,</p> <p>and let there be for each a part of a father's house of the <b>Levites</b>.</p> <p>6 And kill the <b>passover</b> lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren,</p> <p>to do according to the word of the <b>LORD</b> by <b>Moses</b>."</p>	<p>your shoulders: now then minister to the <b>Lord</b> your <b>God</b>, and to his people <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>4 And prepare yourselves according to the houses of your families,</p> <p>and according to your daily courses, according to the writing of <b>David king of Israel</b>, and the order by the hand of his son <b>Solomon</b>.</p> <p>5 And stand ye in the house according to the divisions of the houses of your families for your brethren the sons of the people;</p> <p>so also let there be for the <b>Levites</b> a division of the house of their family.</p> <p>6 And kill ye the <b>passover</b>, and prepare it for your brethren,</p> <p>to do according to the word of the <b>Lord</b>, by the hand of</p>	<p>ark upon your shoulders: now therefore serve the <b>Lord</b> your <b>God</b>, and minister unto his people <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>4c and prepare you after your families and kindreds,</p> <p>5a According as <b>David</b> the <b>king of Israel</b> prescribed, and according to the magnificence of <b>Solomon</b> his son:</p> <p>5b and standing in the temple according to the several dignity of the families of you</p> <p>the <b>Levites</b>, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>6 Offer the <b>passover</b> in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren,</p> <p>and keep the <b>passover</b> according to the commandment</p>
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	<p>7 Then <b>Josiah</b> contributed to the lay people, as <b>passover</b> offerings for all that were present,</p> <p>lambs and kids from the flock to the number of thirty thousand,</p> <p>and three thousand bulls;</p> <p>these were from the <b>king's</b> possessions.</p> <p>8a And his princes contributed willingly to the people, to the <b>priests</b>, and to the <b>Levites</b>.</p> <p>8b <b>Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel</b>, the chief officers of the <b>house of God</b>, gave to the <b>priests</b> for the <b>passover</b> offerings two thousand six hundred lambs and kids and</p>	<p><b>Moses.</b></p> <p>7 And <b>Josias</b> gave as an offering to the children of the people, sheep,</p> <p>and lambs, and kids of the young of the goats, all for the <b>passover</b>, even for all that were found, in number amounting to thirty thousand,</p> <p>and three thousand calves,</p> <p>these were of the substance of the <b>king</b>.</p> <p>8 And his princes gave an offering to the people, and to the <b>priests</b>, and to the <b>Levites</b>:</p> <p>and <b>Chelcias</b> and <b>Zacharias</b> and <b>Jeiel</b> the chief men gave to the <b>priests</b> of the <b>house of God</b>, they even gave for the <b>passover</b> sheep, and lambs, and kids, two thousand six</p>	<p>of the <b>Lord</b>, which was given unto <b>Moses</b>.</p> <p>7 And unto the people that was found there <b>Josias</b> gave</p> <p>thirty thousand lambs and kids,</p> <p>and three thousand calves:</p> <p>these things were given of the <b>king's</b> allowance, according as he promised, to the people, to the <b>priests</b>, and to the <b>Levites</b>.</p> <p>8 And <b>Helkias, Zacharias, and Syelus</b>, the <b>governors</b> of the temple, gave to the <b>priests</b> for the <b>passover</b> two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.</p>
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	<p>three hundred bulls.</p> <p>9a <b>Conaniah</b> also, and <b>Shemaiah</b> and <b>Nethanel</b> his brothers, and <b>Hashabiah</b> and <b>Jeiel</b> and <b>Jozabad</b>, the chiefs of the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>9b gave to the <b>Levites</b> for the <b>passover</b> offerings</p> <p>five thousand lambs and kids</p> <p>and five hundred bulls.</p> <p>10 When the service had been prepared for, the <b>priests</b> stood in their place, and the <b>Levites</b> in their divisions according to the <b>king's</b> command.</p> <p>11 And they killed the <b>passover</b> lamb, and the <b>priests</b> sprinkled the blood which they received from them while the <b>Levites</b> flayed the victims.</p> <p>12 And they set aside the burnt offerings that they might</p>	<p>hundred, and three hundred calves.</p> <p>9 And <b>Chononias</b>, and <b>Banaeas</b>, and <b>Samaeas</b>, and <b>Nathanael</b> his brother, and <b>Asabias</b>, and <b>Jeiel</b>, and <b>Jozabad</b>, heads of the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>gave an offering to the <b>Levites</b> for the <b>passover</b>,</p> <p>of five thousand sheep</p> <p>and five hundred calves.</p> <p>10 And the service was duly ordered, and the <b>priests</b> stood in their place, and the <b>Levites</b> in their divisions, according to the command of the <b>king</b>.</p> <p>11 And they slew the <b>passover</b>, and the <b>priests</b> sprinkled the blood from their hand, and the <b>Levites</b> flayed the victims.</p> <p>12 And they prepared the whole-burnt-offering to give to</p>	<p>9a And <b>Jeconias</b>, and <b>Samaias</b>, and <b>Nathanael</b> his brother, and <b>Assabias</b>, and <b>Ochiel</b>, and <b>Joram</b>, <b>captains</b> over thousands,</p> <p>9b gave to the <b>Levites</b> for the <b>passover</b></p> <p>five thousand sheep,</p> <p>and seven hundred calves.</p> <p>10 And when these things were done, the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>, having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,</p> <p>11 And according to the several dignities of the fathers, before the people, to offer to the <b>Lord</b>, as it is written in the book of <b>Moses</b>: and thus did they in the morning.</p> <p>12 And they roasted the <b>passover</b> with fire, as</p>
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	<p>distribute them according to the groupings of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>as it is written in the book of <b>Moses</b>. And so they did with the bulls.</p> <p>13a And they roasted the <b>passover</b> lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in caldrons, and in pans,</p> <p>13b and carried them quickly to all the lay people.</p> <p>14a And afterward they prepared for themselves and for the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>14b because the <b>priests</b> the sons of <b>Aaron</b> were busied in offering the burnt offerings and the fat parts until night; so the <b>Levites</b> prepared for themselves and for the <b>priests</b></p>	<p>them, according to the division by the houses of families, even to the sons of the people, to offer to the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>as it is written in the book of <b>Moses</b>.</p> <p>13 And thus they did till the morning. And they roasted the <b>passover</b> with fire according to the ordinance; and boiled the holy pieces in copper vessels and caldrons,</p> <p>and the feast went on well, and they quickly served all the children of the people.</p> <p>14 And after they had prepared for themselves and for the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>for the <b>priests</b> were engaged in offering the whole-burnt-offerings and the fat until night, then the <b>Levites</b> prepared for themselves, and for their brethren the sons of</p>	<p>appertaineth: as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots and pans with a good savour,</p> <p>13a And set them before all the people:</p> <p>13b and afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the <b>priests</b> their brethren, the sons of <b>Aaron</b>.</p> <p>14 For the <b>priests</b> offered the fat until night: and the <b>Levites</b> prepared for themselves, and the <b>priests</b> their brethren, the sons of <b>Aaron</b>.</p>
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	<p>the sons of <b>Aaron</b>.</p> <p>15a The singers, the sons of <b>Asaph</b>, were in their place according to the command of <b>David</b>, and <b>Asaph</b>, and <b>Heman</b>, and <b>Jeduthun</b> the <b>king's</b> seer;</p> <p>15b and the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to depart from their service, for their brethren the <b>Levites</b> prepared for them.</p> <p>16a So all the service of the <b>LORD</b> was prepared that day, to keep the <b>passover</b></p> <p>16b and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the <b>LORD</b>, according to the command of <b>King Josiah</b>.</p> <p>17 And the people of <b>Israel</b> who were present kept the <b>passover</b> at that time, and the</p>	<p><b>Aaron</b>.</p> <p>15 And the sons of <b>Asaph</b> the psalm-singers were at their post according to the commands of <b>David</b>, and <b>Asaph</b>, and <b>Aeman</b>, and <b>Idithom</b>, the prophets of the <b>king</b>:</p> <p>also, the chiefs and the porters of the several gates; --it was not for them to stir from the service of the holy things, for their brethren the <b>Levites</b> prepared for them.</p> <p>16 So all the service of the <b>Lord</b> was duly ordered and prepared in that day, for keeping the <b>passover</b>,</p> <p>and offering the whole-burnt-sacrifices on the altar of the <b>Lord</b>, according to the command of <b>king Josias</b>.</p> <p>17 And the children of <b>Israel</b> that were present kept the <b>passover</b> at that time, and the</p>	<p>15 The holy singers also, the sons of <b>Asaph</b>, were in their order, according to the appointment of <b>David</b>, to wit, <b>Asaph</b>, <b>Zacharias</b>, and <b>Jeduthun</b>, who was of the <b>king's</b> retinue.</p> <p>16 Moreover the <b>porters</b> were at every gate; it was not lawful for any to go from his ordinary service: for their brethren the <b>Levites</b> prepared for them.</p> <p>17 Thus were the things that belonged to the sacrifices of the <b>Lord</b> accomplished in that day, that they might hold the <b>passover</b>,</p> <p>18 And offer sacrifices upon the altar of the <b>Lord</b>, according to the commandment of <b>king Josias</b>.</p> <p>19 So the children of <b>Israel</b> which were present held the <b>passover</b> at that time, and the</p>
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	<p>feast of unleavened bread seven days.</p> <p>18a No <b>passover</b> like it had been kept in <b>Israel</b> since the days of <b>Samuel</b> the prophet;</p> <p>18b none of the kings of <b>Israel</b> had kept such a <b>passover</b> as was kept by <b>Josiah</b>, and the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, and all <b>Judah</b> and <b>Israel</b> who were present, and the inhabitants of <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>19 In <b>the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah</b> this <b>passover</b> was kept.</p>	<p>feast of unleavened bread seven days.</p> <p>18 And there was no <b>passover</b> like it in <b>Israel</b> from the days of <b>Samuel</b> the prophet,</p> <p>or any <b>king</b> of <b>Israel</b>: they kept not such a <b>passover</b> as <b>Josias</b>, and the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, and all <b>Juda</b> and <b>Israel</b> that were present, and the dwellers in <b>Jerusalem</b>, kept to the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>19 In <b>the eighteenth year of the reign of Josias</b> this <b>passover</b> was kept,</p>	<p>feast of sweet bread seven days.</p> <p>20 And such a <b>passover</b> was not kept in <b>Israel</b> since the time of the prophet <b>Samuel</b>.</p> <p>21 Yea, all the kings of <b>Israel</b> held not such a <b>passover</b> as <b>Josias</b>, and the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, and the <b>Jews</b>, held with all <b>Israel</b> that were found dwelling at <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>22 In the eighteenth year of the reign of <b>Josias</b> was this <b>passover</b> kept.</p> <p>23 And the works of <b>Josias</b> were upright before his <b>Lord</b> with an heart full of godliness.</p> <p>24 As for the things that came to pass in his time, they were written in former times, concerning those that sinned, and did wickedly against the <b>Lord</b> above all people and kingdoms, and how they grieved him exceedingly, so</p>
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	<p>20a After all this, when <b>Josiah</b> had prepared the temple,</p>	<p>after all these things that <b>Josias</b> did in the house.</p> <p>And <b>king Josias</b> burnt those who had in them a divining spirit, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and the sodomites which were in the land of <b>Juda</b> and in <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>that he might confirm the words of the law that were written in the book which <b>Chelcias</b> the priest found in the house of the <b>Lord.</b></p> <p>There was no <b>king</b> like him before him, who turned to the <b>Lord</b> with all his heart, and all his soul, and all his strength, according to all the law of <b>Moses,</b> and after him there rose up none like him.</p> <p>Nevertheless the <b>Lord</b> turned not from the anger of his fierce wrath, wherewith the <b>Lord</b></p>	<p>that the words of the <b>Lord</b> rose up against <b>Israel.</b></p>
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	<p><b>Neco king of Egypt</b> went up to fight at <b>Carchemish</b> on the <b>Euphrates</b></p> <p>20b and <b>Josiah</b> went out against him.</p> <p>21a But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, <b>king of Judah</b>?"</p> <p>21b I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war;</p>	<p>was greatly angry against <b>Juda</b>, for all the provocations wherewith <b>Manasses</b> provoked him:</p> <p>and the <b>Lord</b> said, I will even remove <b>Juda</b> also from my presence, as I have removed <b>Israel</b>, and I have rejected the city which I chose, even <b>Jerusalem</b>, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.</p> <p>20 And <b>Pharao Nechao king of Egypt</b> went up against the <b>king</b> of the <b>Assyrians</b> to the river <b>Euphrates</b>,</p> <p>and <b>king Josias</b> went to meet him.</p> <p>21 And he sent messengers to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, O <b>king of Juda</b>?</p> <p>I am not come to-day to war against thee; and <b>God</b> has told me to hasten: beware of the</p>	<p>25a Now after all these acts of <b>Josias</b> it came to pass, that <b>Pharaoh the king of Egypt</b> came to raise war at <b>Carchamis</b> upon <b>Euphrates</b>:</p> <p>25b and <b>Josias</b> went out against him.</p> <p>26 But the <b>king of Egypt</b> sent to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, O <b>king of Judea</b>?</p> <p>27 I am not sent out from the <b>Lord God</b> against thee; for my war is upon <b>Euphrates</b>: and</p>
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	<p>and <b>God</b> has commanded me to make haste. Cease opposing <b>God</b>, who is with me, lest he destroy you."</p> <p>22a Nevertheless <b>Josiah</b> would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of <b>Neco</b> from the mouth of <b>God</b>,</p> <p>22b but joined battle in the plain of <b>Megiddo</b>.</p> <p>23a And the archers shot <b>King Josiah</b>;</p> <p>23b and the <b>king</b> said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."</p> <p>24a So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him</p> <p>24b in his second chariot and brought him to <b>Jerusalem</b>. And he died [ca. <b>Simanu (May/Jun) 609 BCE</b>], and was</p>	<p><b>God</b> that is with me, lest he destroy thee.</p> <p>22 However, <b>Josias</b> turned not his face from him, but strengthened himself to fight against him, and hearkened not to the words of <b>Nechao</b> by the mouth of <b>God</b>,</p> <p>and he came to fight in the plain of <b>Mageddo</b>.</p> <p>23 And the archers shot at <b>king Josias</b>;</p> <p>and the <b>king</b> said to his servants, Take me away, for I am severely wounded.</p> <p>24 And his servants lifted him out of the chariot,</p> <p>and put him in the second chariot which he had, and brought him to <b>Jerusalem</b>; and he died, and was buried with</p>	<p>now the <b>Lord</b> is with me, yea, the <b>Lord</b> is with me hasting me forward: depart from me, and be not against the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>28 Howbeit <b>Josias</b> did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not regarding the words of the prophet <b>Jeremy</b> spoken by the mouth of the <b>Lord</b>:</p> <p>29a But joined battle with him in the plain of <b>Magiddo</b>,</p> <p>and the princes came against <b>king Josias</b>.</p> <p>30a Then said the <b>king</b> unto his servants, Carry me away out of the battle; for I am very weak.</p> <p>30b And immediately his servants took him away out of the battle.</p> <p>31 Then gat he up upon his second chariot; and being brought back to <b>Jerusalem</b> died [ca. <b>Simanu (May/Jun)</b>]</p>
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	<p>buried in the tombs of his fathers.</p> <p>24c All <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b> mourned for <b>Josiah</b>.</p> <p>25a <b>Jeremiah</b> also uttered a lament for <b>Josiah</b>;</p> <p>and all the singing men and singing women have spoken of <b>Josiah</b> in their laments to this day.</p> <p>25b They made these an ordinance in <b>Israel</b>; behold, they are written in <b>the Laments</b>.</p> <p>26 Now the rest of the acts of <b>Josiah</b>, and his good deeds according to what is written in <b>the law of the LORD</b>,</p> <p>27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in <b>the Book of the Kings of Israel</b> and <b>Judah</b>.</p>	<p>his fathers:</p> <p>and all <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b> lamented over <b>Josias</b>.</p> <p>25 And <b>Jeremias</b> mourned over <b>Josias</b>,</p> <p>and all the chief men and chief women uttered a lamentation over <b>Josias</b> until this day:</p> <p>and they made it an ordinance for <b>Israel</b>, and, behold, it is written in the lamentations.</p> <p>26 And the rest of the acts of <b>Josias</b>, and his hope, are written in the law of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>27 And his acts, the first and the last, behold, they are written in <b>the book of the kings of Israel and Judah</b>.</p>	<p><b>609 BCE</b>], and was buried in his father's sepulchre.</p> <p>32a And in all <b>Jewry</b> they mourned for <b>Josias</b>,</p> <p>32b yea, <b>Jeremy</b> the prophet lamented for <b>Josias</b>,</p> <p>and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him unto this day:</p> <p>32c and this was given out for an ordinance to be done continually in all the nation of <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>33a These things are written in <b>the book of the stories of the kings of Judah</b>,</p> <p>33b and every one of the acts that <b>Josias</b> did, and his glory,</p>
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	<p><b>RSV 2 Chronicles 36:1a</b> The people of the land took <b>Jehoahaz</b> he son of <b>Josiah</b></p> <p>1b and made him <b>king</b> in his father's stead in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>2a <b>Jehoahaz</b> was twenty-three years old when he began to reign;</p> <p>2b and he reigned three months in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>	<p><b>LXA 2 Chronicles 36:1</b> And the people of the land took Joachaz the son of <b>Josias</b>,</p> <p>and anointed him, and made him <b>king</b> over <b>Jerusalem</b> in the room of his father.</p> <p>2 Joachaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign,</p> <p>and he reigned three months in <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>and his mother's name was <b>Amital</b>, daughter of <b>Jeremias</b> of <b>Lobna</b>.</p> <p>And he did that which was evil in the sight of the <b>Lord</b>, according to all that his fathers had done.</p>	<p>and his understanding in the law of the <b>Lord</b>, and the things that he had done before, and the things now recited, are reported in the book of the kings of <b>Israel</b> and <b>Judea</b>.</p> <p>34a And the people took <b>Joachaz</b> the son of <b>Josias</b>,</p> <p>34b and made him <b>king</b> instead of <b>Josias</b> his father,</p> <p>34c when he was twenty and three years old.</p> <p>35a And he reigned in <b>Judea</b> and in <b>Jerusalem</b> three months:</p>
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	<p>3a Then <b>the king of Egypt</b> deposed him in <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>3b and laid upon the land a tribute of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p> <p>4a And <b>the king of Egypt</b> made <b>Eliakim</b> his brother <b>king</b> over <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>, and changed his name to <b>Jehoiakim</b>;</p> <p>4b but <b>Neco</b> took <b>Jehoahaz</b> his brother and carried him to <b>Egypt</b>.</p>	<p>And <b>Pharao Nechao</b> bound him in <b>Deblatha</b> in the land of Aemath, that he might not reign in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>3 And the <b>king</b> brought him over to <b>Egypt</b>;</p> <p>and imposed a tribute on the land, a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p> <p>4 And <b>Pharao Nechao</b> made Eliakim the son of <b>Josias king</b> over <b>Juda</b> in the room of his father <b>Josias</b>, and changed his name to <b>Joakim</b>.</p> <p>And <b>Pharao Nechao</b> took his brother Joachaz and brought him into <b>Egypt</b>, and he died there:</p> <p>but he had given the silver and gold to <b>Pharao</b>.</p> <p>At that time the land began to be taxed to give the money at the command of <b>Pharao</b>;</p>	<p>35b and then the <b>king of Egypt</b> deposed him from reigning in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>36 And he set a tax upon the land of an hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.</p> <p>37 The <b>king of Egypt</b> also made <b>king Joacim</b> his brother <b>king of Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>38a And he bound <b>Joacim</b> and the nobles: 38b but <b>Zaraces</b> his brother he apprehended, and brought him out of <b>Egypt</b>.</p>
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	<p>5 <b>Jehoiakim</b> was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>He did what was evil in the sight of the <b>LORD</b> his <b>God</b>.</p>	<p>and every one as he could borrowed the silver and the gold of the people of the land, to give to <b>Pharao Nechao</b>.</p> <p>5 <b>Joachim</b> was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>and his mother's name was <b>Zechora</b>, daughter of <b>Nerias</b> of <b>Rama</b>.</p> <p>And he did that which was evil in the sight of the <b>Lord</b>, according to all that his fathers did.</p> <p>In his days came <b>Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon</b> into the land, and he served him three years,</p> <p>and then revolted from him.</p> <p>And the <b>Lord</b> sent against them the <b>Chaldeans</b>, and plundering parties of <b>Syrians</b>, and plundering parties of the <b>Moabites</b>, and of the children</p>	<p>39 Five and twenty years old was <b>Joacim</b> when he was made <b>king</b> in the land of <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and he did evil before the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>40 Wherefore against him <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> the <b>king</b> of <b>Babylon</b> came up,</p>
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	<p>6 Against him came up <b>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,</b></p> <p>and bound him in fetters to take him to <b>Babylon.</b></p>	<p>of <b>Ammon,</b> and of <b>Samaria;</b></p> <p>but after this they departed, according to the word of the <b>Lord</b> by the hand of his servants the prophets.</p> <p>Nevertheless the wrath of the <b>Lord</b> was upon <b>Juda,</b> so that they should be removed from his presence,</p> <p>because of the sins of <b>Manasses</b> in all that he did,</p> <p>and for the innocent blood which <b>Joakim</b> shed, for he had filled <b>Jerusalem</b> with innocent blood;</p> <p>yet the <b>Lord</b> would not utterly destroy them.</p> <p>6 And <b>Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon</b> came up against him,</p> <p>and bound him with brazen fetters, and carried him away to <b>Babylon.</b></p>	<p>and bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him into <b>Babylon.</b></p>
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	<p>7 <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> also carried part of the vessels of the house of the <b>LORD</b> to <b>Babylon</b> and put them in his palace in <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>8a Now the rest of the acts of <b>Jehoiakim</b>, and the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in <b>the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah</b>;</p> <p>8b and <b>Jehoiachin</b> his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>9a <b>Jehoiachin</b> was <b>eight years old when he began to reign</b>,</p> <p>9b and <b>he reigned three months and ten days</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>He did what was evil in the sight of the <b>LORD</b>.</p>	<p>7 And he carried away a part of the vessels of the house of the <b>Lord</b> to <b>Babylon</b>, and put them in his temple in <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>8 And the rest of the acts of <b>Joakim</b>, and all that he did, behold, are not these things written in <b>the book of the chronicles of the kings of Juda</b>?</p> <p>And <b>Joakim</b> slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in <b>Ganozae</b>:</p> <p>and <b>Jechonias</b> his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>9 <b>Jechonias</b> was <b>eight years old</b> when he began to reign,</p> <p>and <b>he reigned three months and ten days</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and did that which was evil in the sight of the <b>Lord</b>.</p>	<p>41 <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> also took of the holy vessels of the <b>Lord</b>, and carried them away, and set them in his own temple at <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>42 But those things that are recorded of him, and of his uncleanness and impiety, are written in <b>the chronicles of the kings</b>.</p> <p>43a And <b>Joacim</b> his son reigned in his stead:</p> <p>43b he was made <b>king</b> being <b>eighteen years old</b>;</p> <p>44 And <b>reigned but three months and ten days</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and did evil before the <b>Lord</b>.</p>
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	<p>10a In the spring of the year <b>King Nebuchadnezzar</b> sent and brought him to <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>with the precious vessels of the house of the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>10b and made his brother <b>Zedekiah</b> king over <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>11a <b>Zedekiah</b> was <b>twenty-one years old</b> when he began to reign,</p> <p>11b and he <b>reigned eleven years</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>12 He did what was evil in the sight of the <b>LORD</b> his <b>God</b>. He did not humble himself before <b>Jeremiah</b> the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>13 He also rebelled against <b>King Nebuchadnezzar</b>, who had made him swear by <b>God</b>; he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against</p>	<p>10 And at the turn of the year, <b>king Nabuchodonosor</b> sent, and brought him to <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>with the precious vessels of the house of the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>and made <b>Sedekias</b> his father's brother <b>king</b> over <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>11 <b>Sedekias</b> was <b>twenty-one years old</b> when he began to reign,</p> <p>and he <b>reigned eleven years</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the <b>Lord</b> his <b>God</b>: he was not ashamed before the prophet <b>Jeremias</b>, nor because of the word of the <b>Lord</b>;</p> <p>13 in that he rebelled against <b>king Nabuchodonosor</b>, which he adjured him by <b>God</b> not to do: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart, so as</p>	<p>45 So after a year <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> sent and caused him to be brought into <b>Babylon</b></p> <p>with the holy vessels of the <b>Lord</b>;</p> <p>46a And made <b>Zedechias</b> king of <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>when he was <b>one and twenty years old</b>;</p> <p>46c and he <b>reigned eleven years</b>:</p> <p>47 And he did evil also in the sight of the <b>Lord</b>, and cared not for the words that were spoken unto him by the prophet <b>Jeremy</b> from the mouth of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>48 And after that <b>king Nabuchodonosor</b> had made him to swear by the name of the <b>Lord</b>, he forswore himself, and rebelled; and hardening his</p>
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	<p>turning to the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>14 All the leading <b>priests</b> and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the <b>LORD</b> which he had hallowed in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>15 The <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place;</p> <p>16a but they kept mocking the messengers of <b>God</b>, despising his words, and scoffing at his <b>prophets</b>,</p> <p>16b till the wrath of the <b>LORD</b> rose against his people, till there was no remedy.</p> <p>17a Therefore he brought up against them the <b>king</b> of the</p>	<p>not to return to the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>14 And all the great men of <b>Juda</b>, and the <b>priests</b>, and the people of the land transgressed abundantly in the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the <b>Lord</b> which was in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>15 And the <b>Lord God</b> of their fathers sent by the hand of his prophets; rising early and sending his messengers, for he spared his people, and his sanctuary.</p> <p>16 Nevertheless they sneered at his messengers, and set at nought his words, and mocked his prophets,</p> <p>until the wrath of the <b>Lord</b> rose up against his people, till there was no remedy.</p> <p>17 And he brought against them the <b>king</b> of the</p>	<p>neck, his heart, he transgressed the laws of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>49 The <b>governors</b> also of the people and of the <b>priests</b> did many things against the laws, and passed all the pollutions of all nations, and defiled the <b>temple of the Lord</b>, which was sanctified in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>50 Nevertheless the <b>God</b> of their fathers sent by his messenger to call them back, because he spared them and his tabernacle also.</p> <p>51 But they had his messengers in derision; and, look, when the <b>Lord</b> spake unto them, they made a sport of his <b>prophets</b>:</p> <p>52a So far forth, that he, being wroth with his people for their great ungodliness,</p> <p>52b commanded the kings of the <b>Chaldees</b> to come up</p>
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	<p><b>Chaldeans,</b></p> <p>17b who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary,</p> <p>and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged; he gave them all into his hand.</p> <p>18 And all the vessels of the <b>house of God</b>, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the <b>LORD</b>, and the treasures of the <b>king</b> and of his princes, all these he brought to <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>19a And they burned the <b>house of God</b>, and broke down the wall of <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and burned all its palaces with fire,</p> <p>19b and destroyed all its precious vessels.</p>	<p><b>Chaldeans,</b></p> <p>and slew their young men with the sword in the house of his sanctuary,</p> <p>and did not spare <b>Sedekias</b>,</p> <p>and had no mercy upon their virgins, and they led away their old men: he delivered all things into their hands.</p> <p>18 And all the vessels of the <b>house of God</b>, the great and the small, and the treasures of the house of the <b>Lord</b>, and all the treasures of the <b>king</b> and the great men; he brought all to <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>19 And he burnt the house of the <b>Lord</b>, and broke down the wall of <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and burnt its palaces with fire,</p> <p>and utterly destroyed every beautiful vessel.</p>	<p>against them;</p> <p>53 Who slew their young men with the sword, yea, even within the compass of their holy temple,</p> <p>and spared neither young man nor maid, old man nor child, among them; for he delivered all into their hands.</p> <p>54 And they took all the holy vessels of the <b>Lord</b>, both great and small, with the vessels of the ark of <b>God</b>, and the <b>king's</b> treasures, and carried them away into <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>55 As for the house of the <b>Lord</b>, they burnt it, and brake down the walls of <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and set fire upon her towers:</p> <p>56a And as for her glorious things, 56b they never ceased till they had consumed and</p>
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	<p>20a He took into exile in <b>Babylon</b> those who had escaped from the sword,</p> <p>20b and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of <b>Persia</b>,</p> <p>21a to fulfil the word of the <b>LORD</b> by the mouth of <b>Jeremiah</b>,</p> <p>21b until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.</p>	<p>20 And he carried away the remnant to <b>Babylon</b>;</p> <p>and they were servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of the <b>Medes</b>.</p> <p>21 That the word of the <b>Lord</b> by the mouth of <b>Jeremias</b> might be fulfilled,</p> <p>until the land should enjoy its sabbaths in resting and sabbath keeping all the days of its desolation, till the accomplishment of seventy years.</p>	<p>brought them all to nought:</p> <p>56c and the people that were not slain with the sword he carried unto <b>Babylon</b>:</p> <p>57a Who became servants to him and his children, till the <b>Persians</b> reigned,</p> <p>57b to fulfil the word of the <b>Lord</b> spoken by the mouth of <b>Jeremy</b>:</p> <p>58 Until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths, the whole time of her desolation shall she rest, until the full term of seventy years.</p>
	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Chronicles</b>	
	<p><b>RSV Ezra 1:1a In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,</b></p> <p>that the word of the <b>LORD</b> by the mouth of <b>Jeremiah</b> might be accomplished,</p>	<p><b>LXA 2 Chronicles 36:22 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</b></p> <p>after the fulfillment of the word of the <b>Lord</b> by the mouth of <b>Jeremias</b>,</p>	

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	<p>1b the <b>LORD</b> stirred up the spirit of <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b></p> <p>so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom</p> <p>and also put it in writing:</p> <p>2a "Thus says <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b>: The <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has charged me to build him a house at <b>Jerusalem</b>, which is in <b>Judah</b>.</p> <p>3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his <b>God</b> be with him, and let him go up ... [see below]</p>	<p>the <b>Lord</b> stirred up the spirit of <b>Cyrus king of the Persians</b>,</p> <p>and told him to make proclamation in writing throughout all his kingdom,</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>23 Thus says <b>Cyrus king of the Persians</b> to all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>The <b>Lord God</b> of heaven has given me power, and he has commanded me to build a house to him in <b>Jerusalem</b>, in <b>Judea</b>.</p> <p>Who is there of you of all his people? His <b>God</b> shall be with him, and let him go up.</p>	
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<p><b>RSV Ezra 1:1a In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,</b></p> <p>that the word of the <b>LORD</b> by</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</b></p> <p>that the word of the <b>Lord</b> by</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 2:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</b></p> <p>that the word of the <b>Lord</b></p>

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	<p>the mouth of <b>Jeremiah</b> might be accomplished,</p> <p>1b the <b>LORD</b> stirred up the spirit of <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b> so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:</p> <p>2a "Thus says <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b>: The <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has charged me to build him a house at <b>Jerusalem</b>, which is in <b>Judah</b>.</p> <p>3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his <b>God</b> be with him, and let him go up to <b>Jerusalem</b>, which is in <b>Judah</b>, and rebuild the house of the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b>--he is the <b>God</b> who is in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>4a and let each survivor, in</p>	<p>the mouth of <b>Jeremias</b> might be fulfilled,</p> <p>the <b>Lord</b> stirred up the spirit of <b>Cyrus king</b> of the <b>Persians</b>, and he issued a proclamation through all his kingdom, and that in writing, saying,</p> <p>2a Thus said <b>Cyrus king</b> of the <b>Persians</b>, The <b>Lord God</b> of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has given me a charge to build him a house in <b>Jerusalem</b> that is in <b>Judea</b>.</p> <p>3 Who is there among you of all his people? for his <b>God</b> shall be with him, and he shall go up to <b>Jerusalem</b> that is in <b>Judea</b>, and let him build the <b>house of the God of Israel</b>: he is the <b>God</b> that is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>4 And let every Jew that is left</p>	<p>might be accomplished, that he had promised by the mouth of <b>Jeremy</b>;</p> <p>2 The <b>Lord</b> raised up the spirit of <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> of the <b>Persians</b>, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing,</p> <p>3 Saying, Thus saith <b>Cyrus king</b> of the <b>Persians</b>; The <b>Lord</b> of <b>Israel</b>, the most high <b>Lord</b>, hath made me <b>king</b> of the whole world,</p> <p>4 And commanded me to build him an house at <b>Jerusalem</b> in <b>Jewry</b>.</p> <p>5 If therefore there be any of you that are of his people, let the <b>Lord</b>, even his <b>Lord</b>, be with him, and let him go up to <b>Jerusalem</b> that is in <b>Judea</b>, and build the house of the <b>Lord</b> of <b>Israel</b>: for he is the <b>Lord</b> that dwelleth in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>6 Whosoever then dwell in the</p>
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	<p>whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold,</p> <p>4b with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem.</b>"</p> <p>5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Benjamin</b>, and the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, every one whose spirit <b>God</b> had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the <b>LORD</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem;</b></p> <p>6 and all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered.</p> <p>7 <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> also brought out the vessels of the house of the <b>LORD</b> which</p>	<p>go from every place where he sojourns, and the men of his place shall help him with silver, and gold,</p> <p>and goods, and cattle, together with the voluntary offering for the <b>house of God</b> that is in <b>Jerusalem.</b></p> <p>5 Then the chiefs of the families of <b>Juda</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> arose, and the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, all whose spirit the <b>Lord</b> stirred up to go up to build the house of the <b>Lord</b> that is in <b>Jerusalem.</b></p> <p>6 And all that were round about strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and with presents, besides the voluntary offerings.</p> <p>7 And <b>king Cyrus</b> brought out the vessels of the house of the <b>Lord</b>, which <b>Nabuchodonosor</b></p>	<p>places about, let them help him, those, I say, that are his neighbours, with gold, and with silver,</p> <p>7 With gifts, with horses, and with cattle, and other things, which have been set forth by vow, for the <b>temple of the Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem.</b></p> <p>8 Then the chief of the families of <b>Judea</b> and of the tribe of <b>Benjamin</b> stood up; the <b>priests</b> also, and the <b>Levites</b>, and all they whose mind the <b>Lord</b> had moved to go up, and to build an house for the <b>Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>9 And they that dwelt round about them, and helped them in all things with silver and gold, with horses and cattle, and with very many free gifts of a great number whose minds were stirred up thereto.</p> <p>10 <b>King Cyrus</b> also brought forth the holy vessels, which <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> had carried</p>
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	<p><b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> had carried away from <b>Jerusalem</b> and placed in the house of his gods.</p> <p>8a <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b> brought these out in charge of <b>Mithredath the treasurer</b>,</p> <p>8b who counted them out to <b>Sheshbazzar</b> the prince of <b>Judah</b>.</p> <p>9 And this was the number of them: a thousand basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, twenty-nine censers,</p> <p>10 thirty bowls of gold, two thousand four hundred and ten bowls of silver, and a thousand other vessels;</p> <p>11a all the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine.</p> <p>11c All these did <b>Sheshbazzar</b></p>	<p>had brought from <b>Jerusalem</b>, and put in the house of his <b>god</b>.</p> <p>8 And <b>Cyrus king</b> of the <b>Persians</b> brought them out by the hand of <b>Mithradates the treasurer</b>,</p> <p>and he numbered them to <b>Sasabasar</b>, the chief man of <b>Juda</b>.</p> <p>9 And this is their number: thirty gold basons, and a thousand silver basons, nine and twenty changes, thirty golden goblets,</p> <p>10 and four hundred and ten double silver vessels, and a thousand other vessels.</p> <p>11a All the gold and silver vessels were five thousand four hundred,</p> <p>11b even all that went up with</p>	<p>away from <b>Jerusalem</b>, and had set up in his temple of idols.</p> <p>11 Now when <b>Cyrus king</b> of the <b>Persians</b> had brought them forth, he delivered them to <b>Mithridates his treasurer</b>:</p> <p>12 And by him they were delivered to <b>Sanabassar the governor of Judea</b>.</p> <p>13a And this was the number of them; A thousand golden cups, and a thousand of silver, censers of silver twenty nine,</p> <p>13b vials of gold thirty, and of silver two thousand four hundred and ten, and a thousand other vessels.</p> <p>14a So all the vessels of gold and of silver, which were carried away, were five thousand four hundred 4b threescore and nine.</p> <p>15 These were brought back by</p>
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	bring up, when the exiles were brought up from <b>Babylonia</b> to <b>Jerusalem</b> .	<b>Sasabasar</b> from the place of transportation, from <b>Babylon</b> to <b>Jerusalem</b> .	<b>Sanabassar</b> , together with them of the captivity, from <b>Babylon</b> to <b>Jerusalem</b> .
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<p><b>RSV Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus [Xerxes], in the beginning of his reign,</b></p> <p>they [i.e., the “People of the Land”] wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>7a And <b>in the days of Artaxerxes,</b></p> <p>7b <b>Bishlam</b></p> <p>and <b>Mithredath</b> and <b>Tabeel</b></p> <p>and the rest of their associates</p> <p>7c wrote to <b>Artaxerxes king</b></p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Assuerus, even in the beginning of his reign,</b></p> <p>they wrote a letter against the inhabitants of <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>7a And in the days of <b>Arthasastha,</b></p> <p>7b <b>Tabeel</b> wrote peaceably to <b>Mithradates</b></p> <p>and to the rest of his fellow-servants:</p> <p>the tribute-gatherer wrote to</p>	<p>16a But in the time of <b>Artaxerxes king</b> of the <b>Persians</b></p> <p>16b <b>Belemus,</b></p> <p>and <b>Mithridates,</b> and <b>Tabellius,</b></p> <p>and <b>Rathumus,</b> and <b>Beelthumus,</b> and <b>Semellius</b> the secretary, with others that were in commission with them, dwelling in <b>Samaria</b> and other places,</p> <p>16c wrote unto him against</p>

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	<p>of <b>Persia</b>;</p> <p>the letter was written in Aramaic and translated.</p> <p>8 <b>Rehum</b> the commander and <b>Shimshai</b> the scribe wrote a letter against <b>Jerusalem</b> to <b>Artaxerxes</b> the king as follows--</p> <p>9 then wrote <b>Rehum</b> the commander, <b>Shimshai</b> the scribe,</p> <p>and the rest of their associates,</p> <p>the judges, the <b>governors</b>, the officials, the <b>Persians</b>, the men of <b>Erech</b>, the <b>Babylonians</b>, the men of <b>Susa</b>, that is, the <b>Elamites</b>,</p> <p>10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble <b>Osnappar</b> deported and settled in the cities of <b>Samaria</b> and in</p>	<p><b>Arthasastha</b> king of the <b>Persians</b></p> <p>a writing in the Syrian tongue, and the same interpreted.</p> <p>8 <b>Reum</b> the chancellor, and <b>Sampsa</b> the scribe wrote an epistle against <b>Jerusalem</b> to <b>King Arthasastha</b>, saying,</p> <p>9 Thus has judged <b>Reum</b> the chancellor, and <b>Sampsa</b> the scribe,</p> <p>and the rest of our fellow-servants,</p> <p>the <b>Dinaeans</b>, the <b>Apharsathachaeans</b>, the <b>Tarphalaeans</b>, the <b>Apharsaeans</b>, the <b>Archyaeans</b>, the <b>Babylonians</b>, the <b>Susanachaeans</b>, <b>Davaeans</b>,</p> <p>10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble <b>Assenaphar</b> removed, and settled them in the cities of</p>	<p>them that dwelt in <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>these letters following;</p>
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	<p>the rest of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>, and now</p> <p>11a this is a copy of the letter that they sent—</p> <p>11b "To <b>Artaxerxes</b> the <b>king</b>:</p> <p>11c Your servants,  the men</p> <p>of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>, send greeting.</p> <p>11d And now 12 be it known to the <b>king</b> that the <b>Jews</b> who came up from you to us have gone to <b>Jerusalem</b>. They are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city; they are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.</p>	<p><b>Somoron</b>, and the rest of them <b>beyond the river</b>.</p> <p>11a This is the purport of the letter, which they sent to him:</p> <p>11b Thy servants</p> <p>11c the men <b>beyond the river</b></p> <p>11d to <b>king Arthasastha</b>.</p> <p>12 Be it known to the <b>king</b>, that the <b>Jews</b> who came up from thee to us have come to <b>Jerusalem</b> the rebellious and wicked city, which they are building, and its walls are set in order, and they have established the foundations of</p>	<p>17a To <b>king Artaxerxes</b> our <b>lord</b>,</p> <p>17b Thy servants,</p> <p><b>Rathumus</b> the storywriter, and <b>Semellius</b> the scribe, and the rest of their council, and the judges</p> <p>17c that are in <b>Celosyria and Phenice</b>.</p> <p>18 Be it now known to the <b>lord king</b>, that the <b>Jews</b> that are up from you to us, being come into <b>Jerusalem</b>, that rebellious and wicked city, do build the marketplaces, and repair the walls of it and do lay the foundation of the temple.</p>
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	<p>13 Now be it known to the <b>king</b> that, if this city is rebuilt and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and the royal revenue will be impaired.</p> <p>14a Now because we eat the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the <b>king's</b> dishonor,</p> <p>14b therefore we send and inform the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>15a in order that search may be made in <b>the book of the records of your fathers</b>.</p> <p>15b You will find in the book of the records and learn that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces,</p>	<p>it.</p> <p>13 Now then be it known to the <b>king</b>, that if that city be built up, and its walls completed, thou shalt have no tribute, neither will they pay anything, and this injures kings.</p> <p>14a And it is not lawful for us to see the dishonour of the <b>king</b>:</p> <p>14b therefore have we sent and made known the matter to the <b>king</b>;</p> <p>15a That examination may be made in thy fathers' <b>book of record</b>;</p> <p>15b and thou shalt find, and thou shalt know that city is rebellious, and does harm to kings and countries,</p>	<p>19 Now if this city and the walls thereof be made up again, they will not only refuse to give tribute, but also rebel against kings.</p> <p>20 And forasmuch as the things pertaining to the temple are now in hand, we think it meet not to neglect such a matter,</p> <p>21a But to speak unto our <b>lord the king</b>,</p> <p>21b to the intent that, if it be thy pleasure it may be sought out in <b>the books of thy fathers</b>:</p> <p>22 And thou shalt find in <b>the chronicles what is written concerning these things</b>, and shalt understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities:</p>
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	<p>15c and that sedition was stirred up in it from of old.</p> <p>15d That was why this city was laid waste.</p> <p>16a We make known to the <b>king</b></p> <p>that, if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished,</p> <p>16b you will then have no possession</p> <p>in the province <b>Beyond the River.</b>"</p> <p>17 The <b>king</b> sent an answer: "To <b>Rehum</b> the commander and <b>Shimshai</b> the scribe and the rest of their associates who live in <b>Samaria</b> and in the rest of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>, greeting. And now</p> <p>18 the letter which you sent to</p>	<p>15c and there are in the midst of it from very old time refuges for runaway slaves:</p> <p>15d therefore this city has been made desolate.</p> <p>16a We therefore declare to the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>that, if that city be built, and its walls be set up,</p> <p>16b thou shalt not have peace.</p> <p>17 Then the <b>king</b> sent to <b>Reum</b> the chancellor, and <b>Sampsas</b> the scribe, and the rest of their fellow-servants who dwelt in <b>Samaria</b>, and the rest <b>beyond the river</b>, saying, Peace; and he says,</p> <p>18 The tribute-gatherer whom</p>	<p>23a And that the <b>Jews</b> were rebellious, and raised always wars therein;</p> <p>23b for the which cause even this city was made desolate.</p> <p>24a Wherefore now we do declare unto thee, O <b>lord the king</b>,</p> <p>that if this city be built again, and the walls thereof set up anew,</p> <p>24b thou shalt from henceforth have no passage</p> <p>into <b>Celosyria and Phenice.</b></p> <p>25 Then the <b>king</b> wrote back again to <b>Rathumus</b> the storywriter, to <b>Beeltethmus</b>, to <b>Semellius</b> the scribe, and to the rest that were in commission, and dwellers in <b>Samaria and Syria and Phenice</b>, after this manner;</p> <p>26a I have read the epistle</p>
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	<p>us has been plainly read before me.</p> <p>19a And I made a decree, and search has been made, and it has been found that this city from of old has risen against kings,</p> <p>19b and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.</p> <p>20 And mighty kings have been over <b>Jerusalem</b>, who ruled over the whole province <b>Beyond the River</b>, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid.</p> <p>21 Therefore make a decree that these men be made to cease, and that this city be not rebuilt, until a decree is made by me.</p> <p>22 And take care not to be slack in this matter; why should damage grow to the hurt of the <b>king</b>?"</p>	<p>ye sent to us, has been called before me.</p> <p>19a And a decree has been made by me, and we have examined, and found that city of old time exalts itself against kings,</p> <p>19b and that rebellions and desertions take place within it.</p> <p>20 And there were powerful kings in <b>Jerusalem</b>, and they ruled over all the country <b>beyond the river</b>, and abundant revenues and tribute were given to them.</p> <p>21 Now therefore make a decree to stop the work of those men, and that city shall no more be built.</p> <p>22 See that ye be careful of the decree, not to be remiss concerning this matter, lest at any time destruction should abound to the harm of kings.</p>	<p>which ye have sent unto me:</p> <p>26b therefore I commanded to make diligent search, and it hath been found that that city was from the beginning practising against kings;</p> <p>27a And the men therein were given to rebellion and war:</p> <p>27b and that mighty kings and fierce were in <b>Jerusalem</b>, who reigned and exacted tributes in <b>Celosyria and Phenice</b>.</p> <p>28 Now therefore I have commanded to hinder those men from building the city, and heed to be taken that there be no more done in it;</p> <p>29 And that those wicked workers proceed no further to the annoyance of kings,</p>
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	<p>23 Then, when the copy of <b>King Artaxerxes'</b> letter was read before <b>Rehum</b> and <b>Shimshai</b> the scribe and their associates,</p> <p>they went in haste to the <b>Jews</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b> and by force and power made them cease.</p> <p>24a Then the work on the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b> stopped;</p> <p>24b [and it ceased until <b>the second year of the reign of Darius</b> king of Persia.]</p>	<p>23 Then the tribute-gatherer of <b>king Arthasastha</b> read the letter before <b>Reum</b> the chancellor, and <b>Sampsa</b> the scribe, and his fellow-servants:</p> <p>and they went in haste to <b>Jerusalem</b> and through <b>Juda</b>, and caused them to cease with horses and an armed force.</p> <p>24a Then ceased the work of the <b>house of God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>24b and it was at a stand until <b>the second year of the reign of Darius</b> king of the <b>Persians</b>.</p>	<p>30a Then <b>king Artaxerxes</b> his letters being read, <b>Rathumus</b>, and <b>Semellius</b> the scribe, and the rest that were in commission with them,</p> <p>removing in haste toward <b>Jerusalem</b> with a troop of horsemen and a multitude of people in battle array, began to hinder the builders;</p> <p>30b and the building of the temple in <b>Jerusalem</b> ceased</p> <p>30c until <b>the second year of the reign of Darius</b> king of the <b>Persians</b>.</p>
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			<p><b>LXA 1st Esdras 3:1</b> Now when <b>Darius</b> reigned,</p> <p>he made a great feast unto all his subjects,</p> <p>and unto all his household,</p> <p>and unto all the princes of <b>Media</b> and <b>Persia</b>,</p>

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			<p>2 And to all the <b>governors</b> and <b>captains</b> and <b>lieutenants</b> that were under him, from <b>India</b> unto <b>Ethiopia</b>, of an hundred twenty and seven provinces.</p> <p>3 And when they had eaten and drunken, and being satisfied were gone home,</p> <p>then <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> went into his bedchamber, and slept, and soon after awaked.</p> <p>4 Then three young men, that were of the guard that kept the <b>king</b>'s body, spake one to another;</p> <p>5 Let every one of us speak a sentence: he that shall overcome, and whose sentence shall seem wiser than the others, unto him shall the <b>king Darius</b> give great gifts, and great things in token of victory:</p> <p>6 As, to be clothed in purple, to drink in gold, and to sleep upon gold, and a chariot with</p>
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			<p>bridles of gold, and an headtire of fine linen, and a chain about his neck:</p> <p>7 And he shall sit next to <b>Darius</b> because of his wisdom, and shall be called <b>Darius</b> his cousin.</p> <p>8 And then every one wrote his sentence, sealed it, and laid it under <b>king Darius</b> his pillow;</p> <p>9 And said that, when the <b>king</b> is risen, some will give him the writings; and of whose side the <b>king</b> and the three princes of <b>Persia</b> shall judge that his sentence is the wisest, to him shall the victory be given, as was appointed.</p> <p>10 The first wrote, Wine is the strongest.</p> <p>11 The second wrote, The <b>king</b> is strongest.</p> <p>12 The third wrote, Women are strongest: but above all things Truth beareth away the victory.</p>
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			<p>13 Now when the <b>king</b> was risen up, they took their writings, and delivered them unto him, and so he read them:</p> <p>14 And sending forth he called all the princes of <b>Persia</b> and <b>Media</b>, and the <b>governors</b>, and the <b>captains</b>, and the <b>lieutenants</b>, and the chief officers;</p> <p>15 And sat him down in the royal seat of judgment; and the writings were read before them.</p> <p>16 And he said, Call the young men, and they shall declare their own sentences. So they were called, and came in.</p> <p>17 And he said unto them, Declare unto us your mind concerning the writings.</p> <p>Then began the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine;</p> <p>18 And he said thus, O ye men,</p>
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			<p>how exceeding strong is wine! it causeth all men to err that drink it:</p> <p>19 It maketh the mind of the <b>king</b> and of the fatherless child to be all one; of the bondman and of the freeman, of the poor man and of the rich:</p> <p>20 It turneth also every thought into jollity and mirth, so that a man remembereth neither sorrow nor debt:</p> <p>21 And it maketh every heart rich, so that a man remembereth neither <b>king</b> nor <b>governor</b>; and it maketh to speak all things by talents:</p> <p>22 And when they are in their cups, they forget their love both to friends and brethren, and a little after draw out swords:</p> <p>23 But when they are from the wine, they remember not what they have done.</p>
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			<p>24 O ye men, is not wine the strongest, that enforceth to do thus? And when he had so spoken, he held his peace.</p> <p>4:1 Then the second, that had spoken of the strength of the <b>king</b>, began to say,</p> <p>2 O ye men, do not men excel in strength that bear rule over sea and land and all things in them?</p> <p>3 But yet the <b>king</b> is more mighty: for he is <b>lord</b> of all these things, and hath dominion over them; and whatsoever he commandeth them they do.</p> <p>4 If he bid them make war the one against the other, they do it: if he send them out against the enemies, they go, and break down mountains walls and towers.</p> <p>5 They slay and are slain, and transgress not the kings commandment: if they get the</p>
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			<p>victory, they bring all to the <b>king</b>, as well the spoil, as all things else.</p> <p>6 Likewise for those that are no soldiers, and have not to do with wars, but use husbandry, when they have reaped again that which they had sown, they bring it to the <b>king</b>, and compel one another to pay tribute unto the <b>king</b>.</p> <p>7 And yet he is but one man: if he command to kill, they kill; if he command to spare, they spare;</p> <p>8 If he command to smite, they smite; if he command to make desolate, they make desolate; if he command to build, they build;</p> <p>9 If he command to cut down, they cut down; if he command to plant, they plant.</p> <p>10 So all his people and his armies obey him: furthermore he lieth down, he eateth and</p>
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			<p>drinketh, and taketh his rest:</p> <p>11 And these keep watch round about him, neither may any one depart, and do his own business, neither disobey they him in anything.</p> <p>12 O ye men, how should not the <b>king</b> be mightiest, when in such sort he is obeyed? And he held his tongue.</p> <p>13 Then the third, who had spoken of women, and of the truth, (this was <b>Zorobabel</b>) began to speak.</p> <p>14 O ye men, it is not the great <b>king</b>, nor the multitude of men, neither is it wine, that excelleth; who is it then that ruleth them, or hath the <b>lordship</b> over them? are they not women?</p> <p>15 Women have borne the <b>king</b> and all the people that bear rule by sea and land.</p> <p>16 Even of them came they:</p>
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			<p>and they nourished them up that planted the vineyards, from whence the wine cometh.</p> <p>17 These also make garments for men; these bring glory unto men; and without women cannot men be.</p> <p>18 Yea, and if men have gathered together gold and silver, or any other goodly thing, do they not love a woman which is comely in favour and beauty?</p> <p>19 And letting all those things go, do they not gape, and even with open mouth fix their eyes fast on her; and have not all men more desire unto her than unto silver or gold, or any goodly thing whatsoever?</p> <p>20 A man leaveth his own father that brought him up, and his own country, and cleaveth unto his wife.</p> <p>21 He sticketh not to spend his life with his wife. and</p>
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			<p>remembereth neither father, nor mother, nor country.</p> <p>22 By this also ye must know that women have dominion over you: do ye not labour and toil, and give and bring all to the woman?</p> <p>23 Yea, a man taketh his sword, and goeth his way to rob and to steal, to sail upon the sea and upon rivers;</p> <p>24 And looketh upon a lion, and goeth in the darkness; and when he hath stolen, spoiled, and robbed, he bringeth it to his love.</p> <p>25 Wherefore a man loveth his wife better than father or mother.</p> <p>26 Yea, many there be that have run out of their wits for women, and become servants for their sakes.</p> <p>27 Many also have perished, have erred, and sinned, for</p>
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			<p>women.</p> <p>28 And now do ye not believe me? is not the <b>king</b> great in his power? do not all regions fear to touch him?</p> <p>29 Yet did I see him and Apame the <b>king's</b> concubine, the daughter of the admirable Bartacus, sitting at the right hand of the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>30 And taking the crown from the <b>king's</b> head, and setting it upon her own head; she also struck the <b>king</b> with her left hand.</p> <p>31 And yet for all this the <b>king</b> gaped and gazed upon her with open mouth: if she laughed upon him, he laughed also: but if she took any displeasure at him, the <b>king</b> was fain to flatter, that she might be reconciled to him again.</p> <p>32 O ye men, how can it be but women should be strong, seeing they do thus?</p>
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			<p>33 Then the <b>king</b> and the princes looked one upon another: so he began to speak of the truth.</p> <p>34 O ye men, are not women strong? great is the earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in his course, for he compasseth the heavens round about, and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day.</p> <p>35 Is he not great that maketh these things? therefore great is the truth, and stronger than all things.</p> <p>36 All the earth crieth upon the truth, and the heaven blesseth it: all works shake and tremble at it, and with it is no unrighteous thing.</p> <p>37 Wine is wicked, the <b>king</b> is wicked, women are wicked, all the children of men are wicked, and such are all their wicked works; and there is no</p>
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			<p>truth in them; in their unrighteousness also they shall perish.</p> <p>38 As for the truth, it endureth, and is Always strong; it liveth and conquereth for evermore.</p> <p>39 With her there is no accepting of persons or rewards; but she doeth the things that are just, and refraineth from all unjust and wicked things; and all men do well like of her works.</p> <p>40 Neither in her judgment is any unrighteousness; and she is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty, of all ages. Blessed be the <b>God</b> of truth.</p> <p>41 And with that he held his peace. And all the people then shouted, and said, Great is Truth, and mighty above all things.</p> <p>42 Then said the <b>king</b> unto him, Ask what thou wilt more than is appointed in the</p>
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			<p>writing, and we will give it thee, because thou art found wisest; and thou shalt sit next me, and shalt be called my cousin.</p> <p>43 Then said he unto the <b>king</b>, Remember thy vow, which thou hast vowed to build <b>Jerusalem</b>, in the day when thou camest to thy kingdom,</p> <p>44 And to send away all the vessels that were taken away out of <b>Jerusalem</b>, which <b>Cyrus</b> set apart, when he vowed to destroy <b>Babylon</b>, and to send them again thither.</p> <p>45 Thou also hast vowed to build up the temple, which the <b>Edomites</b> burned when <b>Judea</b> was made desolate by the <b>Chaldees</b>.</p> <p>46 And now, O <b>lord</b> the <b>king</b>, this is that which I require, and which I desire of thee, and this is the princely liberality proceeding from thyself: I desire therefore that thou make</p>
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			<p>good the vow, the performance whereof with thine own mouth thou hast vowed to the <b>King</b> of heaven.</p> <p>47 Then <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> stood up, and kissed him, and wrote letters for him unto all the <b>treasurers</b> and <b>lieutenants</b> and <b>captains</b> and <b>governors</b>, that they should safely convey on their way both him, and all those that go up with him to build <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>48 He wrote letters also unto the <b>lieutenants</b> that were in <b>Celosyria and Phenice</b>, and unto them in <b>Libanus</b>, that they should bring cedar wood from <b>Libanus</b> unto <b>Jerusalem</b>, and that they should build the city with him.</p> <p>49 Moreover he wrote for all the <b>Jews</b> that went out of his realm up into <b>Jewry</b>, concerning their freedom, that no <b>officer</b>, no <b>ruler</b>, no <b>lieutenant</b>, nor <b>treasurer</b>, should forcibly enter into their</p>
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			<p>doors;</p> <p>50 And that all the country which they hold should be free without tribute; and that the <b>Edomites</b> should give over the villages of the <b>Jews</b> which then they held:</p> <p>51 Yea, that there should be yearly given twenty talents to the building of the temple, until the time that it were built;</p> <p>52 And other ten talents yearly, to maintain the burnt offerings upon the altar every day, as they had a commandment to offer seventeen:</p> <p>53 And that all they that went from <b>Babylon</b> to build the city should have free liberty, as well they as their posterity, and all the <b>priests</b> that went away.</p> <p>54 He wrote also concerning the charges, and the <b>priests'</b> vestments wherein they minister;</p>
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			<p>55 And likewise for the charges of the <b>Levites</b>, to be given them until the day that the house were finished, and <b>Jerusalem</b> builded up.</p> <p>56 And he commanded to give to all that kept the city pensions and wages.</p> <p>57 He sent away also all the vessels from <b>Babylon</b>, that <b>Cyrus</b> had set apart; and all that <b>Cyrus</b> had given in commandment, the same charged he also to be done, and sent unto <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>58 Now when this young man was gone forth, he lifted up his face to heaven toward <b>Jerusalem</b>, and praised the <b>King</b> of heaven,</p> <p>59 And said, From thee cometh victory, from thee cometh wisdom, and thine is the glory, and I am thy servant.</p> <p>60 Blessed art thou, who hast given me wisdom: for to thee I</p>
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			<p>give thanks, O <b>Lord</b> of our fathers.</p> <p>61 And so he took the letters, and went out, and came unto <b>Babylon</b>, and told it all his brethren.</p> <p>62 And they praised the <b>God</b> of their fathers, because he had given them freedom and liberty</p> <p>63 To go up, and to build <b>Jerusalem</b>, and the temple which is called by his name: and they feasted with instruments of musick and gladness seven days.</p> <p>5:1 After this were the principal men of the families chosen according to their tribes, to go up with their wives and sons and daughters, with their menservants and maidservants, and their cattle.</p> <p>2 And <b>Darius</b> sent with them a thousand horsemen, till they had brought them back to <b>Jerusalem</b> safely, and with</p>
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			musical instruments tabrets and flutes.  3 And all their brethren played, and he made them go up together with them.
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
			<b>LXA 1 Esdras 5:4</b> And these are the names of the men which went up, according to their families among their tribes, after their several heads.  5 The <b>priests</b> , the sons of <b>Phinees</b> the son of <b>Aaron</b> : <b>Jesus</b> the son of <b>Josedec</b> , the son of <b>Saraias</b> , and <b>Joacim</b> the son of <b>Zorobabel</b> , the son of <b>Salathiel</b> , of the house of <b>David</b> , out of the kindred of <b>Phares</b> , of the tribe of <b>Judah</b> ;  6 Who spake wise sentences before <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> of <b>Persia</b> in the <b>second year of his reign, in the month Nisan, which is the first month.</b>
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
<b>RSV Nehemiah 7:6</b> These were the people of the province who came up out of the	<b>RSV Ezra 2:1a</b> Now these were the people of the province who came up out of the	<b>LXE Ezra 2:1</b> And these are the people of the land that went up, of the number of prisoners	<b>LXA 1st Esdras 5:7</b> And these are they of <b>Jewry</b> that came up from the captivity, where they

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<p>captivity of those exiles whom <b>Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon</b> had carried into exile;</p> <p>they returned to <b>Jerusalem</b> and <b>Judah</b>, each to his town.</p> <p>7 They came with <b>Zerubbabel, Jeshua,</b> [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>7 <b>Azariah,</b></p> <p><b>Raamiah,</b></p> <p><b>Nahamani,</b></p> <p>7 <b>Mordecai,</b></p> <p><b>Bilshan,</b></p> <p><b>Mispereth,</b></p> <p><b>Bigvai,</b></p> <p><b>Nehum,</b></p> <p><b>Baanah.</b></p>	<p>captivity of those exiles whom <b>Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon</b> had carried captive to <b>Babylonia;</b></p> <p>1b they returned to <b>Jerusalem</b> and <b>Judah</b>, each to his own town.</p> <p>2a They came with <b>Zerubbabel, Jeshua,</b> [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>2b <b>Seraiah,</b></p> <p><b>Reelaiah,</b></p> <p>2c <b>Mordecai,</b></p> <p><b>Bilshan,</b></p> <p><b>Mispar,</b></p> <p><b>Bigvai,</b></p> <p><b>Rehum,</b></p> <p>and <b>Baanah.</b></p>	<p>who were removed, whom <b>Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon</b> carried away to <b>Babylon,</b></p> <p>and they returned to <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>, every man to his city;</p> <p>2 who came with <b>Zorobabel: Jesus, Neemias,</b></p> <p><b>Saraias,</b></p> <p><b>Reelias,</b></p> <p><b>Mardocheus,</b></p> <p><b>Balasan,</b></p> <p><b>Masphar,</b></p> <p><b>Baguai,</b></p> <p><b>Reum,</b></p> <p><b>Baana.</b></p>	<p>dwelt as strangers, whom <b>Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon</b> had carried away unto <b>Babylon.</b></p> <p>8a And they returned unto <b>Jerusalem</b>, and to the other parts of <b>Jewry</b>, every man to his own city,</p> <p>8b who came with <b>Zorobabel,</b> with <b>Jesus, Neemias,</b></p> <p>8c and <b>Zacharias,</b></p> <p>and <b>Reesaias,</b></p> <p><b>Enenius,</b></p> <p><b>Mardocheus,</b></p> <p><b>Beelsarus,</b></p> <p><b>Aspharasus,</b></p> <p><b>Reelius,</b></p> <p><b>Roimus,</b></p> <p>and <b>Baana,</b></p>
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<p>7 The number of the men of the people of <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>8 the sons of <b>Parosh</b>, two thousand a hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>9 The sons of <b>Shephatiah</b>, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>10 The sons of <b>Arah</b>, six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>11 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of <b>Jeshua</b> and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.</p> <p>12 The sons of <b>Elam</b>, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>13 The sons of <b>Zattu</b>, eight hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>14 The sons of <b>Zaccai</b>, seven hundred and sixty.</p>	<p>2d The number of the men of the people of <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>3 the sons of <b>Parosh</b>, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>4 The sons of <b>Shephatiah</b>, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>5 The sons of <b>Arah</b>, seven hundred and seventy-five.</p> <p>6 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of <b>Jeshua</b> and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.</p> <p>7 The sons of <b>Elam</b>, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>8 The sons of <b>Zattu</b>, nine hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>9 The sons of <b>Zaccai</b>, seven hundred and sixty.</p>	<p>The number of the people of <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>3 the children of <b>Phares</b>, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>4 The children of <b>Saphatia</b>, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>5 The children of <b>Ares</b>, seven hundred and seventy-five. 6</p> <p>The children of Phaath Moab, belonging to the sons of Jesue and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.</p> <p>7 The children of <b>Aelam</b>, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>8 The children of <b>Zatthua</b>, nine hundred and forty-five. 9</p> <p>The children of <b>Zacchu</b>, seven hundred and sixty.</p>	<p>their guides.</p> <p>9 The number of them of the nation, and their <b>governors</b>, sons of <b>Phoros</b>, two thousand an hundred seventy and two;</p> <p>the sons of <b>Saphat</b>, four hundred seventy and two:</p> <p>10 The sons of <b>Ares</b>, seven hundred fifty and six:</p> <p>11 The sons of Phaath Moab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve:</p> <p>12 The sons of <b>Elam</b>, a thousand two hundred fifty and four:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Zathui</b>, nine hundred forty and five:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Corbe</b>, seven hundred and five:</p>
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15 The sons of <b>Binnui</b> , six hundred and forty-eight.	10 The sons of <b>Bani</b> , six hundred and forty-two.	10 The children of <b>Banui</b> , six hundred and forty-two.	the sons of <b>Bani</b> , six hundred forty and eight:
16 The sons of <b>Bebai</b> , six hundred and twenty-eight.	11 The sons of <b>Bebai</b> , six hundred and twenty-three.	11 The children of <b>Babai</b> , six hundred and twenty-three.	13 The sons of <b>Bebai</b> , six hundred twenty and three:
17 The sons of <b>Azgad</b> , two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.	12 The sons of <b>Azgad</b> , one thousand two hundred and twenty-two.	12 The children of <b>Asgad</b> , a thousand two hundred and twenty-two.	the sons of <b>Sadas</b> , three thousand two hundred twenty and two:
18 The sons of <b>Adonikam</b> , six hundred and sixty-seven.	13 The sons of <b>Adonikam</b> , six hundred and sixty-six.	13 The children of <b>Adonicam</b> , six hundred and sixty-six.	14 The sons of <b>Adonikam</b> , six hundred sixty and seven:
19 The sons of <b>Bigvai</b> , two thousand and sixty-seven.	14 The sons of <b>Bigvai</b> , two thousand and fifty-six.	14 The children of <b>Bague</b> , two thousand and fifty-six.	the sons of <b>Bagoi</b> , two thousand sixty and six:
20 The sons of <b>Adin</b> , six hundred and fifty-five.	15 The sons of <b>Adin</b> , four hundred and fifty-four.	15 The children of <b>Addin</b> , four hundred and fifty-four. 16	the sons of <b>Adin</b> , four hundred fifty and four:
21 The sons of <b>Ater</b> , namely of <b>Hezekiah</b> , ninety-eight.	16 The sons of <b>Ater</b> , namely of <b>Hezekiah</b> , ninety-eight.	The children of <b>Ater</b> the son of <b>Ezekias</b> , ninety eight.	15 The sons of <b>Aterezias</b> , ninety and two:  the sons of <b>Ceilan</b> and <b>Azetas</b> threescore and seven:  the sons of <b>Azuran</b> , four hundred thirty and two:  16 The sons of <b>Ananias</b> , an hundred and one:

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<p>23 The sons of <b>Bezai</b>, three hundred and twenty-four.</p>	<p>17 The sons of <b>Bezai</b>, three hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>17 The children of <b>Bassu</b>, three hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>the sons of <b>Arom</b>, thirty two: and the sons of <b>Bassa</b>, three hundred twenty and three:</p>
<p>24 The sons of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.</p>	<p>18 The sons of Jorah, one hundred and twelve.</p>	<p>18 The children of <b>Jora</b>, a hundred and twelve.</p>	<p>the sons of <b>Azephurith</b>, an hundred and two:</p>
<p>22 The sons of <b>Hashum</b>, three hundred and twenty-eight.</p>	<p>19 The sons of <b>Hashum</b>, two hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>19 The children of <b>Asum</b>, two hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>17 The sons of <b>Meterus</b>, three thousand and five:</p>
<p>25 The sons of <b>Gibeon</b>, ninety-five.</p>	<p>20 The sons of <b>Gibbar</b>, ninety-five.</p>	<p>20 The children of <b>Gaber</b>, ninety-five.</p>	
<p>26 The men of <b>Bethlehem</b></p>	<p>21 The sons of <b>Bethlehem</b>, one hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>21 The children of <b>Bethlaem</b>, a hundred and twenty-three.</p>	<p>the sons of <b>Bethlomon</b>, an hundred twenty and three:</p>
<p>and <b>Netophah</b>,</p>	<p>22 The men of <b>Netophah</b>, fifty-six.</p>	<p>22 The children of <b>Netopha</b>, fifty-six.</p>	<p>18 They of <b>Netophah</b>, fifty and five:</p>
<p>a hundred and eighty-eight.</p>	<p>23 The men of <b>Anathoth</b>, one hundred and twenty-eight.</p>	<p>23 The children of <b>Anathoth</b>, a hundred and twenty-eight.</p>	<p>they of <b>Anathoth</b>, an hundred fifty and eight:</p>
<p>27 The men of <b>Anathoth</b>, a hundred and twenty-eight.</p>			

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28 The men of <b>Bethazmaveth</b> , forty-two.	24 The sons of <b>Azmaveth</b> , forty-two.	24 The children of <b>Azmoth</b> , forty-three.	they of <b>Bethsamons</b> , forty and two:
29 The men of <b>Kiriathjearim</b> , <b>Chephirah</b> , and <b>Beeroth</b> , seven hundred and forty-three.	25 The sons of <b>Kiriatharim</b> , <b>Chephirah</b> , and <b>Beeroth</b> , seven hundred and forty-three.	25 The children of <b>Cariathiarim</b> , <b>Chaphira</b> , and <b>Beroth</b> , seven hundred and forty-three.	19 They of <b>Kiriathiaris</b> , twenty and five: they of <b>Caphira</b> and <b>Beroth</b> , seven hundred forty and three: they of <b>Pira</b> , seven hundred:
30 The men of <b>Ramah</b> and <b>Geba</b> , six hundred and twenty-one.	26 The sons of <b>Ramah</b> and <b>Geba</b> , six hundred and twenty-one.	26 The children of <b>Rama</b> and <b>Gabaa</b> , six hundred and twenty-one.	20 They of <b>Chadias</b> and <b>Ammidoi</b> , four hundred twenty and two: they of <b>Cirama</b> and <b>Gabdes</b> , six hundred twenty and one:
31 The men of <b>Michmas</b> , a hundred and twenty-two.	27 The men of <b>Michmas</b> , one hundred and twenty-two.	27 The men of <b>Machmas</b> , a hundred and twenty-two.	21 They of <b>Macalon</b> , an hundred twenty and two:
32 The men of <b>Bethel</b> and <b>Ai</b> , a hundred and twenty-three.	28 The men of <b>Bethel</b> and <b>Ai</b> , two hundred and twenty-three.	28 The men of <b>Baethel</b> and <b>Aia</b> , four hundred and twenty-three.	
33 The men of the other <b>Nebo</b> , fifty-two.	29 The sons of <b>Nebo</b> , fifty-two.	29 The children of <b>Nabu</b> , fifty-two.	they of <b>Betolius</b> , fifty and two:

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<p>34 The sons of the other <b>Elam</b>, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>35 The sons of <b>Harim</b>, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>36 The sons of <b>Jericho</b>, three hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>37 The sons of <b>Lod, Hadid,</b> and <b>Ono</b>, seven hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>38 The sons of <b>Senaah</b>, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.</p> <p>39 The <b>priests</b>: the sons of <b>Jedaiah</b>, namely the house of <b>Jeshua</b>, nine hundred and seventy-three.</p>	<p>30 The sons of <b>Magbish</b>, one hundred and fifty-six.</p> <p>31 The sons of the other <b>Elam</b>, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>32 The sons of <b>Harim</b>, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>33 The sons of <b>Lod, Hadid,</b> and <b>Ono</b>, seven hundred and twenty-five.</p> <p>34 The sons of <b>Jericho</b>, three hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>35 The sons of <b>Senaah</b>, three thousand six hundred and thirty.</p> <p>36 The <b>priests</b>: the sons of <b>Jedaiah</b>, of the house of <b>Jeshua</b>, nine hundred and seventy-three.</p>	<p>30 The children of <b>Magebis</b>, a hundred and fifty-six.</p> <p>31 The children of <b>Elamar</b>, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>32 The children of <b>Elam</b>, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>33 The children of Lodadi and <b>Ono</b>, seven hundred and twenty-five.</p> <p>34 The children of <b>Jericho</b>, three hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>35 The children of <b>Senaah</b>, three thousand six hundred and thirty.</p> <p>36 And the <b>priests</b>, the sons of <b>Jedua</b>, belonging to the house of <b>Jesus</b>, were nine hundred and seventy-three.</p>	<p>the sons of <b>Nephis</b>, an hundred fifty and six:</p> <p>22 The sons of <b>Calamolalus</b> and <b>Onus</b>, seven hundred twenty and five:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Jerechus</b>, two hundred forty and five:</p> <p>23 The sons of <b>Annas</b>, three thousand three hundred and thirty.</p> <p>24 The <b>priests</b>: the sons of <b>Jeddu</b>, the son of <b>Jesus</b> among the sons of <b>Sanasib</b>, nine hundred seventy and two:</p>
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40 The sons of <b>Immer</b> , a thousand and fifty-two.	37 The sons of <b>Immer</b> , one thousand and fifty-two.	37 The children of <b>Emmer</b> , a thousand and fifty-two.	the sons of <b>Meruth</b> , a thousand fifty and two:
41 The sons of <b>Pashhur</b> , a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	38 The sons of <b>Pashhur</b> , one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	38 The children of <b>Phassur</b> , a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	25 The sons of <b>Phassaroon</b> , a thousand forty and seven:
42 The sons of <b>Harim</b> , a thousand and seventeen.	39 The sons of <b>Harim</b> , one thousand and seventeen.	39 The children of <b>Erem</b> , a thousand and seven.	the sons of <b>Carme</b> , a thousand and seventeen.
43 The <b>Levites</b> : the sons of <b>Jeshua</b> , namely of <b>Kadmiel</b> of the sons of <b>Hodevah</b> , seventy-four.	40 The <b>Levites</b> : the sons of <b>Jeshua</b> and <b>Kadmiel</b> , of the sons of <b>Hodaviah</b> , seventy-four.	40 And the <b>Levites</b> , the sons of <b>Jesus</b> and <b>Cadmiel</b> , belonging to the sons of <b>Oduia</b> , seventy-four.	26 The <b>Levites</b> : the sons of <b>Jessue</b> , and <b>Cadmiel</b> , and <b>Banuas</b> , and <b>Sudias</b> , seventy and four.
44 The singers: the sons of <b>Asaph</b> , a hundred and forty-eight.	41 The singers: the sons of <b>Asaph</b> , one hundred and twenty-eight.	41 The sons of <b>Asaph</b> , singers, a hundred and twenty-eight.	27 The holy singers: the sons of <b>Asaph</b> , an hundred twenty and eight.
45 The gatekeepers:  the sons of <b>Shallum</b> ,  the sons of <b>Ater</b> ,  the sons of <b>Talmon</b> ,  the sons of <b>Akkub</b> ,  the sons of <b>Hatita</b> ,	42 The sons of the gatekeepers:  the sons of <b>Shallum</b> ,  the sons of <b>Ater</b> ,  the sons of <b>Talmon</b> ,  the sons of <b>Akkub</b> ,  the sons of <b>Hatita</b> ,	42 The children of the <b>porters</b> ,  the children of <b>Sellum</b> ,  the children of <b>Ater</b> ,  the children of <b>Telmon</b> ,  the children of <b>Acub</b> ,  the children of <b>Atita</b> ,	28 The <b>porters</b> :  the sons of <b>Salum</b> ,  the sons of <b>Jatal</b> ,  the sons of <b>Talmon</b> ,  the sons of <b>Dacobi</b> ,  the sons of <b>Teta</b> ,

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<p>the sons of <b>Shobai</b>, a hundred and thirty-eight.</p> <p>46 The <b>temple servants</b>: the sons of <b>Ziha</b>, the sons of <b>Hasupha</b>, the sons of <b>Tabbaoth</b>,</p> <p>47 the sons of <b>Keros</b>, the sons of <b>Sia</b>, the sons of <b>Padon</b>,</p> <p>48a the sons of <b>Lebana</b>, the sons of <b>Hagaba</b>,</p>	<p>and the sons of <b>Shobai</b>, in all one hundred and thirty-nine.</p> <p>43 The <b>temple servants</b>: the sons of <b>Ziha</b>, the sons of <b>Hasupha</b>, the sons of <b>Tabbaoth</b>,</p> <p>44 the sons of <b>Keros</b>, the sons of <b>Siaha</b>, the sons of <b>Padon</b>,</p> <p>45 the sons of <b>Lebanah</b>, the sons of <b>Hagabah</b>,</p> <p>46a the sons of <b>Akkub</b>,</p> <p>46b the sons of <b>Hagab</b>,</p>	<p>the children of <b>Sobai</b>, in all a hundred and thirty-nine.</p> <p>43 The <b>Nathinim</b>: the children of <b>Suthia</b>, the children of <b>Asupha</b>, the children of <b>Tabaoth</b>,</p> <p>44 the sons of <b>Cades</b>, the children of <b>Siaa</b>, the children of <b>Phadon</b>,</p> <p>45 the children of <b>Labano</b>, the children of <b>Agaba</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Acub</b>,</p> <p>46 the children of <b>Agab</b>,</p>	<p>the sons of <b>Sami</b>, in all an hundred thirty and nine.</p> <p>29 The servants of the temple: the sons of <b>Esau</b>, the sons of <b>Asipha</b>, the sons of <b>Tabaoth</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Ceras</b>, the sons of <b>Sud</b>, the sons of <b>Phaleas</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Labana</b>, the sons of <b>Graba</b>,</p> <p>30 The sons of <b>Acua</b>, the sons of <b>Uta</b>, the sons of <b>Cetab</b>, the sons of <b>Agaba</b>,</p>
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48b the sons of <b>Shalmal</b> ,	46c the sons of <b>Shamlai</b> ,	the children of <b>Selami</b> ,	the sons of <b>Subai</b> ,
49 the sons of <b>Hanan</b> ,	the sons of <b>Hanan</b> ,	the children of <b>Anan</b> ,	the sons of <b>Anan</b> ,
the sons of <b>Giddel</b> ,	47 the sons of <b>Giddel</b> ,	47 the children of <b>Geddel</b> ,	the sons of <b>Cathua</b> ,
the sons of <b>Gahar</b> ,	the sons of <b>Gahar</b> ,	the children of <b>Gaar</b> ,	the sons of <b>Geddur</b> ,
50a the sons of <b>Reaiah</b> ,	the sons of <b>Reaiah</b> ,	the children of <b>Raia</b> ,	31 The sons of <b>Airus</b> ,
50b the sons of <b>Rezin</b> ,	48 the sons of <b>Rezin</b> ,	48 the children of <b>Rason</b> ,	the sons of <b>Daisan</b> ,
the sons of <b>Nekoda</b> ,	the sons of <b>Nekoda</b> ,	the children of <b>Necoda</b> ,	the sons of <b>Noeba</b> ,
51a the sons of <b>Gazzam</b> ,	the sons of <b>Gazzam</b> ,	the children of <b>Gazem</b> ,	the sons of <b>Chaseba</b> ,
51b the sons of <b>Uzza</b> ,	49a the sons of <b>Uzza</b> ,	49 the children of <b>Azo</b> ,	the sons of <b>Gazera</b> ,
the sons of <b>Paseah</b> ,	the sons of <b>Paseah</b> ,	the children of <b>Phase</b> ,	the sons of <b>Azia</b> ,
52a the sons of <b>Besai</b> ,	49b the sons of <b>Besai</b> ,	the children of <b>Basi</b> ,	the sons of <b>Phinees</b> ,
	50a the sons of <b>Asnah</b> ,	50 the children of <b>Asena</b> ,	the sons of <b>Azara</b> ,
			the sons of <b>Bastai</b> ,
			the sons of <b>Asana</b> ,

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52b the sons of <b>Meunim</b> , the sons of <b>Nephushesim</b> ,	50b the sons of <b>Meunim</b> , the sons of <b>Nephisim</b> ,	the children of <b>Mounim</b> , the children of <b>Nephusim</b> ,	the sons of <b>Meani</b> , the sons of <b>Naphisi</b> ,
53 the sons of <b>Bakbuk</b> , the sons of <b>Hakupha</b> , the sons of <b>Harhur</b> ,	51 the sons of <b>Bakbuk</b> , the sons of <b>Hakupha</b> , the sons of <b>Harhur</b> ,	51 the children of <b>Bacbuc</b> , the children of <b>Acupha</b> , the children of <b>Arur</b> ,	the sons of <b>Acub</b> , the sons of <b>Acipha</b> , the sons of <b>Assur</b> , the sons of <b>Pharacim</b> ,
54 the sons of <b>Bazlith</b> , the sons of <b>Mehida</b> , the sons of <b>Harsha</b> ,	52 the sons of <b>Bazluth</b> , the sons of <b>Mehida</b> , the sons of <b>Harsha</b> ,	52 the children of <b>Basaloth</b> , the children of <b>Mauda</b> , the children of <b>Arsa</b> ,	the sons of <b>Basaloth</b> , 32 The sons of <b>Meeda</b> , the sons of <b>Coutha</b> , the sons of <b>Charea</b> ,
55 the sons of <b>Barkos</b> , the sons of <b>Sisera</b> , the sons of <b>Temah</b> ,	53 the sons of <b>Barkos</b> , the sons of <b>Sisera</b> , the sons of <b>Temah</b> ,	53 the children of <b>Barcos</b> , the children of <b>Sisara</b> , the children of <b>Thema</b> ,	the sons of <b>Charcus</b> , the sons of <b>Aserer</b> , the sons of <b>Thomoi</b> ,
56 the sons of <b>Neziah</b> , the sons of <b>Hatipha</b> .	54 the sons of <b>Neziah</b> , and the sons of <b>Hatipha</b> .	54 the children of <b>Nasthie</b> , the children of <b>Atupha</b> .	the sons of <b>Nasith</b> , the sons of <b>Atipha</b> .
57 The sons of <b>Solomon's</b>	55 The sons of <b>Solomon's</b>	55 The children of the servants	33 The sons of the servants of

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<p>servants:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sotai</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sophereth</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Perida</b>,</p> <p>58 the sons of <b>Jaala</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Darkon</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Giddel</b>,</p> <p>59 the sons of <b>Shephatiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hattil</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Pocherethhazzebaim</b>,</p>	<p>servants:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sotai</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hassophereth</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Peruda</b>,</p> <p>56 the sons of <b>Jaalah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Darkon</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Giddel</b>,</p> <p>57 the sons of <b>Shephatiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hattil</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Pocherethhazzebaim</b>,</p>	<p>of <b>Solomon</b>:</p> <p>the children of <b>Sotai</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Sephera</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Phadura</b>,</p> <p>56 the children of <b>Jeela</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Darcon</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Gedel</b>,</p> <p>57 the children of <b>Saphatia</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Atil</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Phacherath</b>,</p>	<p><b>Solomon</b>:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Azaphion</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Pharira</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Jeeli</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Lozon</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sapheth</b>,</p> <p>34 The sons of <b>Hagia</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Pharacareth</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sabi</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sarothie</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Masias</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Gar</b>,</p>
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<p>the sons of <b>Amon</b>.</p> <p>60 All the <b>temple servants</b></p> <p>and the sons of <b>Solomon's</b> servants</p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>61 The following were those who came up from</p> <p><b>Telmelah,</b></p> <p><b>Telharsha,</b></p> <p><b>Cherub,</b></p> <p><b>Addon,</b></p>	<p>and the sons of <b>Ami</b>.</p> <p>58 All <b>the temple servants</b></p> <p>and the sons of <b>Solomon's</b> servants</p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 The following were those who came up from</p> <p><b>Telmelah,</b></p> <p><b>Telharsha,</b></p> <p><b>Cherub,</b></p> <p><b>Addan,</b></p>	<p>the children of <b>Aseboim</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Emei</b>.</p> <p>58 All the <b>Nathanim</b>,</p> <p>and the sons of <b>Abdeselma</b></p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 And these are they that went up from</p> <p><b>Thelmelech,</b></p> <p><b>Thelaresa,</b></p> <p><b>Cherub,</b></p> <p><b>Hedan,</b></p>	<p>the sons of <b>Addus</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Suba</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Apherra</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Barodis</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Sabat</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Allom</b>.</p> <p>35 All <b>the ministers of the temple</b>,</p> <p>and the sons of the servants of <b>Solomon</b>,</p> <p>were three hundred seventy and two.</p> <p>36 These came up from</p> <p><b>Thermeleth</b></p> <p>and <b>Thelersas</b>,</p> <p><b>Charaathalar</b> leading them,</p>
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<p>and <b>Immer</b>,</p> <p>but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>62 the sons of <b>Delaiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Tobiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Nekoda</b>,</p> <p>six hundred and forty-two.</p> <p>63 Also, of the <b>priests</b>:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hobaiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hakkoz</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Barzillai</b></p>	<p>and <b>Immer</b>,</p> <p>though they could not prove their fathers' houses or their descent, whether they belonged to <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>60 the sons of <b>Delaiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Tobiah</b>,</p> <p>and the sons of <b>Nekoda</b>,</p> <p>six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>61 Also, of the sons of the <b>priests</b>:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Habaiah</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Hakkoz</b>,</p> <p>and the sons of <b>Barzillai</b></p>	<p><b>Emmer</b>:</p> <p>and they were not able to tell the house of their fathers, and their seed, whether they were of <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>60 the children of <b>Dalaea</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Bua</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Tobias</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Necoda</b>,</p> <p>six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>61 And of the children of the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Labeia</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Akkus</b>,</p> <p>the children of <b>Berzellai</b>,</p>	<p>and <b>Aalar</b>;</p> <p>37 Neither could they shew their families, nor their stock, how they were of <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Ladan</b>,</p> <p>the son of <b>Ban</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Necodan</b>,</p> <p>six hundred fifty and two.</p> <p>38 And of the <b>priests</b> that usurped the office of the priesthood, and were not found:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Obdia</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Accoz</b>,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Addus</b>,</p>
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<p>(who had taken a wife of the daughters of <b>Barzillai</b> the <b>Gileadite</b> and was called by their name).</p> <p>64 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>65 the <b>governor</b> told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until a <b>priest</b> with <b>Urim and Thummim</b> should arise.</p> <p>66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>67 besides their menservants and maidservants,</p>	<p>(who had taken a wife from the daughters of <b>Barzillai</b> the <b>Gileadite</b>, and was called by their name).</p> <p>62 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but they were not found there, and so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>63 the <b>governor</b> told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until there should be a <b>priest</b> to consult <b>Urim and Thummim</b>.</p> <p>64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>65 besides their menservants and maidservants,</p>	<p>who took a wife of the daughter of <b>Berzellai</b> the <b>Galaadite</b>, and was called by their name.</p> <p>62 These sought their genealogy as though they had been reckoned, but they were not found; and they were removed, as polluted, from the priesthood.</p> <p>63 And the <b>Athersastha</b> told them that they should not eat of the most holy things, until a <b>priest</b> should arise with <b>Lights and Perfections</b>.</p> <p>64 And all the congregation together were about forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty;</p> <p>65 besides their men-servants and maid-servants,</p>	<p>who married <b>Augia</b> one of the daughters of <b>Barzelus</b>, and was named after his name.</p> <p>39 And when the description of the kindred of these men was sought in the register, and was not found, they were removed from executing the office of the priesthood:</p> <p>40 For unto them said <b>Nehemias</b> and <b>Atharias</b>, that they should not be partakers of the holy things, till there arose up an high <b>priest</b> clothed with <b>doctrine and truth</b>.</p> <p>41 So of <b>Israel</b>, from them of twelve years old and upward, they were all in number forty thousand,</p> <p>beside menservants and womenservants</p>
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<p>of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred and forty-five singers, male and female.</p> <p>68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>69 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and their asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>70 Now some of the <b>heads of fathers' houses</b></p>	<p>of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred male and female singers.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules were two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>67 their camels were four hundred and thirty-five, and their asses were six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>68 Some of the <b>heads of families,</b></p>	<p>and these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven:</p> <p>and among these were two hundred singing men and singing women.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules, two hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>67 Their camels, four hundred and thirty-five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>68 And some of the <b>chiefs of families,</b></p>	<p>two thousand three hundred and sixty.</p> <p>42 Their menservants and handmaids were seven thousand three hundred forty and seven:</p> <p>the singing men and singing women, two hundred forty and five:</p> <p>43 Four hundred thirty and five camels,</p> <p>seven thousand thirty and six horses,</p> <p>two hundred forty and five mules,</p> <p>five thousand five hundred twenty and five beasts used to the yoke.</p> <p>44 And certain of the <b>chief of their families,</b></p>
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<p>gave to the work.</p> <p><b>The governor</b></p> <p>gave to the treasury</p> <p>a thousand darics of gold,</p> <p>fifty basins,</p> <p>five hundred and thirty <b>priests'</b> garments.</p> <p>71 And some of the heads of fathers' houses</p> <p>gave into the treasury of the</p>	<p>when they came to the house of the <b>LORD</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>made freewill offerings for the <b>house of God,</b> to erect it on its site;</p> <p>69 according to their ability</p> <p>they</p> <p>gave to the treasury of the work</p> <p>sixty-one thousand darics of gold,</p> <p>five thousand minas of silver,</p> <p>and one hundred <b>priests'</b> garments.</p>	<p>when they went into the house of the <b>Lord</b> that was in <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>offered willingly for the <b>house of God,</b> to establish it on its prepared place.</p> <p>69 According to their power they gave</p> <p>into the treasury of the work</p> <p>pure gold sixty-one thousand pieces,</p> <p>and five thousand pounds of silver,</p> <p>and one hundred <b>priests'</b> garments.</p>	<p>when they came to the temple of <b>God</b> that is in <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>vowed to set up the house again in his own place</p> <p>according to their ability,</p> <p>45 And to give into the holy treasury of the works</p> <p>a thousand pounds of gold,</p> <p>five thousand of silver,</p> <p>and an hundred priestly vestments.</p>
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<p>work</p> <p>twenty thousand darics of gold</p> <p>and two thousand two hundred minas of silver.</p> <p>72 And what the rest of the people</p> <p>gave was twenty thousand darics of gold,</p> <p>two thousand minas of silver,</p> <p>and sixty-seven <b>priests'</b> garments.</p> <p>73a So the <b>priests</b>, the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>the gatekeepers, the singers,</p> <p>some of the people,</p> <p>the <b>temple servants</b>,</p>	<p>70 The <b>priests</b>, the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and some of the people lived in <b>Jerusalem</b> and its vicinity;</p> <p>and the singers, the gatekeepers,</p> <p>and the <b>temple servants</b></p>	<p>70 So the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and some of the people,</p> <p>and the singers, and the <b>porters</b>,</p> <p>and the <b>Nathinim</b>,</p>	<p>46 And so dwelt the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b></p> <p>and the people in <b>Jerusalem</b>, and in the country,</p> <p>the singers also and the <b>porters</b>;</p>
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and all <b>Israel</b> ,  lived in their towns.	lived in their towns,  and all <b>Israel</b>  in their towns.	dwelt in their cities,  and all <b>Israel</b>  in their cities.	and all <b>Israel</b>  in their villages.
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<b>RSV Ezra 3:1 When the seventh month came,</b>  and the sons of <b>Israel</b> were in the towns,  the people gathered as one man to <b>Jerusalem</b> .  2 Then arose <b>Jeshua the son of Jozadak</b> , with his fellow <b>priests</b> ,  and <b>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel</b>	<b>LXE Ezra 3:1 And the seventh month came on,</b>  and the children of <b>Israel</b> were in their cities,  and the people assembled as one man at <b>Jerusalem</b> .  2 Then stood up <b>Jesus the son of Josedec</b> , and his brethren the <b>priests</b> ,  and <b>Zorobabel the son of Salathiel</b> ,	<b>LXA 1 Esdras 5:47 But when the seventh month was at hand,</b>  and when the children of <b>Israel</b> were every man in his own place,  they came all together with one consent into the open place of the first gate which is toward the east.  48 Then stood up <b>Jesus</b> the son of <b>Josedec</b> , and his brethren the <b>priests</b>  and <b>Zorobabel the son of Salathiel</b> ,

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	<p>with his kinsmen,  and they built the altar of the <b>God of Israel</b>,  to offer burnt offerings upon it,  as it is written in the law of <b>Moses</b> the man of <b>God</b>.</p> <p>3 They set the altar in its place,  for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the lands,  and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the <b>LORD</b>, burnt offerings  morning and evening.</p> <p>4 And they kept the <b>feast of booths</b>,</p>	<p>and his brethren,  and they built the altar of the <b>God of Israel</b>,  to offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings,  according to the things that were written in the law of <b>Moses</b> the man of <b>God</b>.</p> <p>3 And they set up the altar on its place,  for there was a terror upon them because of the people of the lands:  and the whole-burnt-offerings was offered up upon it to the <b>Lord</b>  morning and evening.</p> <p>4 And they kept the <b>feast of tabernacles</b>,</p>	<p>and his brethren,  and made ready the altar of the <b>God of Israel</b>,  49 To offer burnt sacrifices upon it,  according as it is expressly commanded in the book of <b>Moses</b> the man of <b>God</b>.</p> <p>50 And there were gathered unto them out of the other nations of the land,  and they erected the altar upon his own place,  because all the nations of the land were at enmity with them, and oppressed them;  and they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt offerings to the <b>Lord</b>  both morning and evening.</p> <p>51 Also they held the <b>feast of tabernacles</b>,</p>
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	<p>as it is written,</p> <p>and offered the daily burnt offerings by number</p> <p>according to the ordinance,</p> <p>as each day required,</p> <p>5 and after that the continual burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>and the offerings of every one who made a freewill offering to the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>6 From the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer burnt offerings to the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>But the foundation of the <b>temple of the LORD</b> was not yet laid.</p>	<p>according to that which was written,</p> <p>and offered whole-burnt-offerings daily in number</p> <p>according to the ordinance,</p> <p>the exact daily rate.</p> <p>5 And after this the perpetual whole-burnt-offering, and offering for the season of new moon, and for all the hallowed feasts to the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>and for every one that offered a free-will-offering to the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>6 On the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer whole-burnt-offerings to the <b>Lord</b>:</p> <p>but the foundation of the house of the <b>Lord</b> was not laid.</p>	<p>as it is commanded in the law,</p> <p>and offered sacrifices daily,</p> <p>as was meet:</p> <p>52 And after that, the continual oblations, and the sacrifice of the sabbaths, and of the new moons, and of all holy feasts.</p> <p>53 And all they that had made any vow to <b>God</b> began to offer sacrifices to <b>God</b></p> <p>from the first day of the seventh month,</p> <p>although the <b>temple of the Lord</b> was not yet built.</p>
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	<p>7 So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil</p> <p>to the <b>Sidonians</b> and the <b>Tyrians</b> to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to <b>Joppa</b>,</p> <p>according to the grant which they had from <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b>.</p> <p>8 Now in <b>the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month,</b></p> <p><b>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel</b> and <b>Jeshua the son of Jozadak</b> made a beginning,</p> <p>together with the rest of their brethren, the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b></p> <p>and all who had come to <b>Jerusalem</b> from the captivity.</p>	<p>7 And they gave money to the stone-hewers and carpenters, and meat and drink, and oil,</p> <p>to the <b>Sidonians</b>, and <b>Tyrians</b>, to bring cedar trees from <b>Libanus</b> to the sea of <b>Joppa</b>,</p> <p>according to the grant of <b>Cyrus king of the Persians</b> to them.</p> <p>8 And in <b>the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month,</b></p> <p>began <b>Zorobabel the son of Salathiel</b>, and <b>Jesus the son of Josedec</b>,</p> <p>and the rest of their brethren the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and all who came from the captivity to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p>	<p>54 And they gave unto the masons and carpenters money, meat, and drink, with cheerfulness.</p> <p>55 Unto them of <b>Zidon</b> also and <b>Tyre</b> they gave carrs, that they should bring cedar trees from <b>Libanus</b>, which should be brought by floats to the haven of <b>Joppa</b>,</p> <p>according as it was commanded them by <b>Cyrus king of the Persians</b>.</p> <p>56 And in <b>the second year and second month after his coming to the temple of God at Jerusalem</b></p> <p>began <b>Zorobabel</b> the son of <b>Salathiel</b>, and <b>Jesus</b> the son of <b>Josedec</b>,</p> <p>and their brethren, and the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and all they that were come unto <b>Jerusalem</b> out of the</p>
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	<p>They appointed the <b>Levites</b>, from twenty years old and upward,</p> <p>to have the oversight of the work of the house of the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>9 And <b>Jeshua</b> with his sons and his kinsmen,</p> <p>and <b>Kadmiel</b> and his sons,</p> <p>the sons of <b>Judah</b>,</p>	<p>and they appointed the <b>Levites</b>, from twenty years old and upward,</p> <p>over the workmen in the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>9 And <b>Jesus</b> and his sons and his brethren stood,</p> <p><b>Cadmiel</b> and his sons</p> <p>the sons of <b>Juda</b>,</p>	<p>captivity:</p> <p>57 And they laid the foundation of the <b>house of God</b></p> <p>in the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come to <b>Jewry and Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>58 And they appointed the <b>Levites</b> from twenty years old over the works of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>Then stood up <b>Jesus</b>, and his sons and brethren,</p> <p>and <b>Cadmiel</b> his brother,</p> <p>and the sons of <b>Madiabun</b>,</p> <p>with the sons of <b>Joda</b> the son of <b>Eliadun</b>,</p> <p>with their sons and brethren, all <b>Levites</b>,</p>
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	<p>together took the oversight of the workmen in the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>along with the sons of <b>Henadad</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, their sons and kinsmen.</p> <p>10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the <b>temple of the LORD</b>,</p> <p>the <b>priests</b> in their vestments came forward with trumpets,</p> <p>and the <b>Levites</b>, the sons of <b>Asaph</b>, with cymbals,</p> <p>to praise the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>according to the directions of <b>David king of Israel</b>;</p>	<p>over them that wrought the works in the <b>house of God</b>:</p> <p>the sons of <b>Enadad</b>, their sons and their brethren the <b>Levites</b>.</p> <p>10 And they laid a foundation for building the house of the <b>Lord</b>:</p> <p>and the <b>priests</b> in their robes stood with trumpets</p> <p>and the <b>Levites</b> the sons of <b>Asaph</b> with cymbals,</p> <p>to praise the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>according to the order of <b>David king of Israel</b>.</p>	<p>with one accord set forward of the business, labouring to advance the works in the <b>house of God</b>.</p> <p>So the workmen built the <b>temple of the Lord</b>.</p> <p>59 And the <b>priests</b> stood arrayed in their vestments with musical instruments and trumpets;</p> <p>and the <b>Levites</b> the sons of <b>Asaph</b> had cymbals,</p> <p>60 Singing songs of thanksgiving,</p> <p>and praising the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>according as <b>David the king of Israel</b> had ordained.</p>
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	<p>11 and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward <b>Israel</b>."</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the <b>LORD</b>,</p> <p>because the foundation of the house of the <b>LORD</b> was laid.</p> <p>12 But many of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b></p> <p>and heads of fathers' houses,</p> <p>old men</p> <p>who had seen the first house,</p> <p>wept with a loud voice</p>	<p>11 And they answered each other with praise and thanksgiving to the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>saying, For it is good, for his mercy to <b>Israel</b> endures for ever.</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a loud voice to praise the <b>Lord</b></p> <p>at the laying the foundation of the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>12 But many of the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and the elder men,</p> <p>heads of families,</p> <p>who had seen the former house on its foundation,</p>	<p>61 And they sung with loud voices songs to the praise of the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>because his mercy and glory is for ever in all <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>62 And all the people sounded trumpets, and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving unto the <b>Lord</b></p> <p>for the rearing up of the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>63 Also of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and of the chief of their families,</p> <p>the ancients</p> <p>who had seen the former house</p>
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	<p>when they saw the foundation of this house being laid,</p> <p>though many shouted aloud for joy;</p> <p>13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping,</p> <p>for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard afar.</p> <p><b>RSV Ezra 4:1</b> Now when the adversaries of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> heard</p> <p>that the returned exiles were building a temple to the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God of Israel</b>,</p> <p>2 they approached <b>Zerubbabel</b> and the heads of fathers' houses</p>	<p>and who saw this house with their eyes,</p> <p>wept with a loud voice:</p> <p>but the multitude shouted with joy to raise a song.</p> <p>13 And the people did not distinguish the voice of the glad shout from the voice of the weeping of the people:</p> <p>for the people shouted with a loud voice, and the voice was heard even from afar off.</p> <p><b>LXE Ezra 4:1</b> And they that afflicted <b>Juda</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> heard,</p> <p>that the children of the captivity were building a house to the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>2 And they drew near to <b>Zorobabel</b>, and to the heads of</p>	<p>came to the building of this</p> <p>with weeping and great crying.</p> <p>64 But many with trumpets and joy shouted with loud voice,</p> <p>65 Insomuch that the trumpets might not be heard for the weeping of the people:</p> <p>yet the multitude sounded marvellously, so that it was heard afar off.</p> <p>66 Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> heard it,</p> <p>they came to know what that noise of trumpets should mean.</p> <p>67 And they perceived that they that were of the captivity did build the temple unto the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>68 So they went to <b>Zorobabel</b> and <b>Jesus</b>, and to the chief of</p>
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	<p>and said to them, "Let us build with you;</p> <p>for we worship your <b>God</b> as you do,</p> <p>and we have been sacrificing to him</p> <p>ever since the days of <b>Esarhaddon king of Assyria</b></p> <p>who brought us here."</p> <p>3 But <b>Zerubbabel, Jeshua,</b> and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in <b>Israel</b></p> <p>said to them,</p> <p>"You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our <b>God;</b></p> <p>but we alone will build to the <b>LORD, the God of Israel,</b></p> <p>as <b>King Cyrus the king of Persia</b> has commanded us."</p>	<p>families,</p> <p>and said to them, We will build with you;</p> <p>for as ye do, we seek to serve our <b>God,</b></p> <p>and we do sacrifice to him</p> <p>from the days of Asaradan <b>king of Assur,</b></p> <p>who brought us hither.</p> <p>3 then <b>Zorobabel, and Jesus</b> and the rest of the heads of the families of <b>Israel</b></p> <p>said to them,</p> <p>It is not for us and you to build a house to our <b>God,</b></p> <p>for we ourselves will build together to the <b>Lord our God,</b></p> <p>as <b>Cyrus the king of the Persians</b> commanded us.</p>	<p>the families,</p> <p>and said unto them, We will build together with you.</p> <p>69 For we likewise, as ye, do obey your <b>Lord,</b></p> <p>and do sacrifice unto him</p> <p>from the days of <b>Azbazareth the king of the Assyrians,</b></p> <p>who brought us hither.</p> <p>70 Then <b>Zorobabel and Jesus</b> and the chief of the families of <b>Israel</b></p> <p>said unto them,</p> <p>It is not for us and you to build together an house unto the <b>Lord our God.</b></p> <p>71 We ourselves alone will build unto the <b>Lord of Israel,</b></p> <p>according as <b>Cyrus the king of the Persians</b> hath commanded</p>
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	<p>4 Then the people of the land discouraged the people of <b>Judah</b>,</p> <p>and made them afraid to build,</p> <p>5 and hired counselors against them</p> <p>to frustrate their purpose,</p> <p>all the days of <b>Cyrus king of Persia</b>,</p> <p>even until the reign of <b>Darius king of Persia</b>.</p>	<p>4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of <b>Juda</b>,</p> <p>and hindered them in building,</p> <p>5 and continued hiring persons against them, plotting</p> <p>to frustrate their counsel,</p> <p>all the days of <b>Cyrus king of the Persians</b>,</p> <p>and until the reign of <b>Darius king of the Persians</b>.</p>	<p>us.</p> <p>72 But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of <b>Judea</b>,</p> <p>and holding them strait, hindered their building;</p> <p>73 And by their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions,</p> <p>they hindered the finishing of the building</p> <p>all the time that <b>king Cyrus</b> lived:</p> <p>so they were hindered from building for the space of two years,</p> <p>until the reign of <b>Darius</b>.</p>
<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<p><b>RSV Ezra 5:1</b> Now the</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 5:1</b> And <b>Aggaeus</b></p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 6:1</b> Now in the <b>second year of the reign of Darius</b></p> <p><b>Aggeus and Zacharias</b> the son</p>

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	<p><b>prophets, Haggai and Zechariah</b> the son of <b>Iddo</b>,</p> <p>prophesied to the <b>Jews</b> who were in <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>in the name of the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b> who was over them.</p> <p>2 Then <b>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel</b> and <b>Jeshua the son of Jozadak</b> arose and began to rebuild the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and with them were the <b>prophets</b> of <b>God</b>, helping them.</p> <p>3 At the same time <b>Tattenai</b> the <b>governor</b> of the province <b>Beyond the River</b> and <b>Shetharbozenai</b> and their associates</p> <p>came to them and spoke to them thus,</p> <p>"Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish</p>	<p>the prophet, and <b>Zacharias</b> the son of <b>Addo</b>,</p> <p>prophesied a prophesy to the <b>Jews</b> in <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>in the name of the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b>, even to them.</p> <p>2 Then rose up <b>Zorobabel the son of Salathiel</b>, and <b>Jesus the son of Josedec</b>, and began to build the <b>house of God</b> that was in <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>and with them were the <b>prophets</b> of <b>God</b> assisting them.</p> <p>3 At the same time came there upon them <b>Thanthanai</b>, the <b>governor</b> on this side the river, and <b>Satharbuzanai</b>, and their fellow-servants,</p> <p>and spoke thus to them,</p> <p>Who has ordained a decree for you to build this house, and to</p>	<p>of <b>Addo</b>, the <b>prophets</b>,</p> <p>prophesied unto the <b>Jews</b> in Jewry and <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>in the name of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>, which was upon them.</p> <p>2 Then stood up <b>Zorobabel</b> the son of <b>Salatiel</b>, and <b>Jesus</b> the son of <b>Josedec</b>, and began to build the house of the <b>Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>the <b>prophets</b> of the <b>Lord</b> being with them, and helping them.</p> <p>3 At the same time came unto them <b>Sisinnes</b> the <b>governor</b> of <b>Syria and Phenice</b>, with <b>Sathrabuzanes</b> and his companions,</p> <p>and said unto them,</p> <p>4 By whose appointment do ye build this house and this roof,</p>
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	<p>this structure?"</p> <p>4 They also asked them this, "What are the names of the men who are building this building?"</p> <p>5 But the eye of their <b>God</b> was upon the elders of the <b>Jews</b>,</p> <p>and they did not stop them till a report should reach <b>Darius</b></p> <p>and then answer be returned by letter concerning it.</p> <p>6 The copy of the letter which <b>Tattenai</b> the <b>governor</b> of the province <b>Beyond the River</b> and <b>Shetharbozenai</b></p> <p>and his associates the <b>governors</b> who were in the province <b>Beyond the River</b></p> <p>sent to <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b>;</p>	<p>provide this preparation?</p> <p>4 Then they spoke thus to them, What are the names of the men that build this city?</p> <p>5 But the eyes of <b>God</b> were upon the captivity of <b>Juda</b>,</p> <p>and they did not cause them to cease till the decree was brought to <b>Darius</b>;</p> <p>and then was sent by the tribute-gatherer concerning this</p> <p>6 the copy of a letter, which <b>Thanthanai</b>, the <b>governor</b> of <b>the part on this side the river</b>, and <b>Satharbuzanai</b>,</p> <p>and their fellow-servants the <b>Apharsachaeans</b> who were on this side of the river,</p> <p>sent to <b>king Darius</b>.</p>	<p>and perform all the other things?</p> <p>and who are the workmen that perform these things?</p> <p>5 Nevertheless the elders of the <b>Jews</b> obtained favour, because the <b>Lord</b> had visited the captivity;</p> <p>6 And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given unto <b>Darius</b> concerning them, and an answer received.</p> <p>7 The copy of the letters which <b>Sisennes</b>, <b>governor</b> of <b>Syria and Phenice</b>, and <b>Sathrabuzanes</b>,</p> <p>with their companions, <b>rulers</b> in <b>Syria and Phenice</b>, wrote</p> <p>and sent unto <b>Darius</b>; To <b>king</b></p>
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	<p>7 they sent him a report, in which was written as follows:</p> <p>"To <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b>, all peace.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the <b>king</b> that we went to the province of <b>Judah</b>,</p> <p>to the house of the great <b>God</b>.</p> <p>It is being built with huge stones,</p> <p>and timber is laid in the walls;</p> <p>this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.</p>	<p>7 They sent an account to him, and thus it was written in it:</p> <p>All peace to <b>king Darius</b>.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the <b>king</b>, that we went into the land of <b>Judea</b>,</p> <p>to the house of the great <b>God</b>;</p> <p>and it is building</p> <p>with choice stones,</p> <p>and they are laying timbers in the walls,</p> <p>and that work is prospering, and goes on favorably in their hands.</p>	<p><b>Darius</b>, greeting:</p> <p>8 Let all things be known unto our <b>lord</b> the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>that being come into the country of <b>Judea</b>,</p> <p>and entered into the city of <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>we found in the city of <b>Jerusalem</b> the ancients of the <b>Jews</b> that were of the captivity</p> <p>9 Building an house unto the <b>Lord</b>, great and new,</p> <p>of hewn and costly stones,</p> <p>and the timber already laid upon the walls.</p> <p>10 And those works are done with great speed, and the work goeth on prosperously in their</p>
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	<p>9 Then we asked those elders and spoke to them thus,</p> <p>'Who gave you a decree to build this house</p> <p>and to finish this structure?'</p> <p>10 We also asked them their names,</p> <p>for your information, that we might write down the names of the men at their head.</p> <p>11 And this was their reply to us:</p> <p>'We are the servants of the</p>	<p>9 Then we asked those elders, and thus we said to them,</p> <p>Who gave you the order to build this house,</p> <p>and to provide this preparation?</p> <p>10 And we asked them their names,</p> <p>in order to declare them to thee, so as to write to thee the names of their leading men.</p> <p>11 And they answered us thus, saying,</p> <p>We are the servants of the <b>God</b></p>	<p>hands,</p> <p>and with all glory and diligence is it made.</p> <p>11 Then asked we these elders, saying,</p> <p>By whose commandment build ye this house,</p> <p>and lay the foundations of these works?</p> <p>12 Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge unto thee by writing, we demanded of them who were the chief doers,</p> <p>and we required of them the names</p> <p>in writing of their principal men.</p> <p>13 So they gave us this answer,</p> <p>We are the servants of the</p>
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	<p><b>God</b> of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great <b>king of Israel</b> built and finished.</p> <p>12 But because our fathers had angered the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>he gave them into the hand of <b>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean,</b></p> <p>who destroyed this house</p> <p>and carried away the people to <b>Babylonia.</b></p> <p>13 However <b>in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon,</b></p> <p><b>Cyrus the king</b> made a decree</p>	<p>of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are building the house which had been built many years before this, and a great <b>king of Israel</b> built it, and established it for them.</p> <p>12 But after that our fathers provoked the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>he gave them into the hands of <b>Nabuchodonosor the Chaldean, king of Babylon,</b></p> <p>and he destroyed this house,</p> <p>and carried the people captive to <b>Babylon.</b></p> <p>13 And <b>in the first year of king Cyrus,</b></p> <p><b>Cyrus the king</b> made a decree</p>	<p><b>Lord</b> which made heaven and earth.</p> <p>14 And as for this house, it was builded many years ago by a <b>king of Israel</b> great and strong, and was finished.</p> <p>15 But when our fathers provoked <b>God</b> unto wrath, and sinned against the <b>Lord of Israel</b> which is in heaven,</p> <p>he gave them over into the power of <b>Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, of the Chaldees;</b></p> <p>16 Who pulled down the house, and burned it, and carried away the people captives unto <b>Babylon.</b></p> <p>17 But in the first year that <b>king Cyrus</b> reigned over the country of <b>Babylon,</b></p> <p><b>Cyrus the king</b> wrote to build</p>
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	<p>that this <b>house of God</b> should be rebuilt.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>which <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> had taken out of the temple that was in <b>Jerusalem</b> and brought into the temple of <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>these <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> took out of the temple of <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>and they were delivered</p> <p>to one whose name was <b>Sheshbazzar</b>,</p> <p>whom he had made <b>governor</b>;</p> <p>15 and he said to him, "Take these vessels,</p> <p>go and put them in the temple</p>	<p>that this <b>house of God</b> should be built.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>which <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> brought out from the house that was in <b>Jerusalem</b>, and carried them into the temple of the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>them did <b>king Cyrus</b> bring out from the temple of the <b>king</b>,</p> <p>and gave them to</p> <p><b>Sabanasar</b></p> <p>the <b>treasurer</b>, who was over the <b>treasurer</b>;</p> <p>15 and said to him, Take all the vessels, and go,</p> <p>put them in the house that is in</p>	<p>up this house.</p> <p>18 And the holy vessels of gold and of silver,</p> <p>that <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> had carried away out of the house at <b>Jerusalem</b>, and had set them in his own temple</p> <p>those <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> brought forth again out of the temple at <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>and they were delivered to</p> <p><b>Zorobabel</b></p> <p>and to <b>Sanabassarus</b></p> <p>the <b>ruler</b>,</p> <p>19 With commandment that he should carry away the same vessels,</p> <p>and put them in the temple at</p>
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	<p>which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and let the <b>house of God</b> be rebuilt</p> <p>on its site."</p> <p>16 Then this <b>Sheshbazzar</b> came and laid the foundations of the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and from that time until now it has been in building,</p> <p>and it is not yet finished.'</p> <p>17 Therefore, if it seem good to the <b>king</b>, let search be made in the royal archives there in <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>to see whether a decree was issued by <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> for the rebuilding of this <b>house of God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>And let the <b>king</b> send us his pleasure in this matter."</p>	<p><b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>in their place.</p> <p>16 Then that <b>Sabanazar</b> came, and laid the foundations of the <b>house of God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>and from that time even until now it has been building,</p> <p>and has not been finished.</p> <p>17 And now, if it seem good to the <b>king</b>, lest search be made in the treasure-house of the <b>king</b> at <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>that thou mayest know if it be that a decree was made by <b>king Cyrus</b> to build that <b>house of God</b> that was in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and let the <b>king</b> send to us when he has learnt concerning</p>	<p><b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and that the <b>temple of the Lord</b> should be built</p> <p>in his place.</p> <p>20 Then the same <b>Sanabassar</b>, being come hither, laid the foundations of the house of the <b>Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>and from that time to this being still a building,</p> <p>it is not yet fully ended.</p> <p>21 Now therefore, if it seem good unto the <b>king</b>, let search be made among the records of <b>king Cyrus</b>:</p> <p>22 And if it be found that the building of the house of the <b>Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b> hath been done with the consent of <b>king Cyrus</b>,</p> <p>and if our <b>lord</b> the <b>king</b> be so minded, let him signify unto us</p>
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	<p>Ezra 6:1 Then <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> made a decree, and search was made in <b>Babylonia</b>,</p> <p>in the house of the archives where the documents were stored.</p> <p>2 And in <b>Ecbatana</b>, the capital which is in the province of <b>Media</b>, a scroll was found on which this was written: "A record.</p> <p>3 <b>In the first year of Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b>, <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> issued a decree:</p> <p>Concerning the <b>house of God</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>, let the house be rebuilt,</p> <p>the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt offerings are brought;</p> <p>its height shall be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits,</p>	<p>this matter.</p> <p><b>LXE Ezra</b> 6:1 Then <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> made a decree, and caused a search to be made</p> <p>in the record-offices, where the treasure is stored in <b>Babylon</b>.</p> <p>2 And there was found in the city, in the palace, a volume, and this was the record written in it.</p> <p>3 <b>In the first year of king Cyrus</b>, <b>Cyrus</b> the <b>king</b> made a decree</p> <p>concerning the holy <b>house of God</b> that was in <b>Jerusalem</b>, saying, Let the house be built,</p> <p>and the place where they sacrifice the sacrifices.</p> <p>(Also he appointed its elevation, in height sixty cubits; its breadth was of sixty</p>	<p>thereof.</p> <p>23 Then commanded <b>king Darius</b> to seek among the records at <b>Babylon</b>:</p> <p>and so at <b>Ecbatana</b> the palace, which is in the country of <b>Media</b>, there was found a roll wherein these things were recorded.</p> <p>24 In the first year of the reign of <b>Cyrus king Cyrus</b> commanded</p> <p>that the house of the <b>Lord</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b> should be built</p> <p>again, where they do sacrifice with continual fire:</p> <p>25 Whose height shall be sixty cubits and the breadth sixty cubits,</p>
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	<p>4 with three courses of great stones and one course of timber;</p> <p>let the cost be paid from the royal treasury.</p> <p>5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>which <b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> took out of the temple that is in <b>Jerusalem</b> and brought to <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>be restored and brought back to the temple which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>each to its place; you shall put them in the <b>house of God.</b>"</p> <p>6 "Now therefore, <b>Tattenai</b>, <b>governor</b> of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>,</p>	<p>cubits.)</p> <p>4 And let there be three strong layers of stone, and one layer of timber;</p> <p>and the expense shall be paid out of the house of the <b>king</b>.</p> <p>5 And the silver and the gold vessels of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>which <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> carried off from the house that was in <b>Jerusalem</b>, and carried to <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>let them even be given, and be carried to the temple that is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and put in the place where they were set in the <b>house of God</b>.</p> <p>6 Now, ye <b>rulers beyond the river</b>, <b>Satharbuzanai</b>,</p>	<p>with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood of that country;</p> <p>and the expenses thereof to be given out of the house of <b>king Cyrus</b>:</p> <p>26 And that the holy vessels of the house of the <b>Lord</b>, both of gold and silver,</p> <p>that <b>Nabuchodonosor</b> took out of the house at <b>Jerusalem</b>, and brought to <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>should be restored to the house at <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and be set in the place where they were before.</p> <p>27 And also he commanded that <b>Sisinnes</b> the <b>governor</b> of <b>Syria and Phenice</b>,</p>
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	<p><b>Shetharbozenai</b>, and your associates the <b>governors</b> who are in the province <b>Beyond the River</b>,</p> <p>keep away;</p> <p>7 let the work on this <b>house of God</b> alone;</p> <p>let</p> <p>the <b>governor</b> of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>and the elders of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>rebuild this <b>house of God</b> on its site.</p> <p>8 Moreover I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>for the rebuilding of this <b>house of God</b>;</p>	<p>and their fellow-servants the <b>Apharsachaeans</b>, who are on <b>the other side of the river</b>,</p> <p>give these things, keeping far from that place.</p> <p>7 Now let alone the work of the <b>house of God</b>:</p> <p>let</p> <p>the <b>rulers</b> of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>and the elders of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>build that <b>house of God</b> on its place.</p> <p>8 Also a decree has been made by me, if haply ye may do somewhat in concert with the elders of the <b>Jews</b></p> <p>for the building of that <b>house of God</b>:</p>	<p>and <b>Sathrabuzanes</b>, and their companions, and those which were appointed <b>rulers</b> in <b>Syria and Phenice</b>,</p> <p>should be careful not to meddle with the place,</p> <p>but suffer</p> <p><b>Zorobabel</b>, the servant of the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>and <b>governor</b> of <b>Judea</b>,</p> <p>and the elders of the <b>Jews</b>,</p> <p>to build the house of the <b>Lord</b> in that place.</p> <p>28 I have commanded also to have it built up whole again; and that they look diligently to help those that be of the captivity of the <b>Jews</b>,</p> <p>till the house of the <b>Lord</b> be finished:</p>
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	<p>the cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay</p> <p>from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from <b>Beyond the River.</b></p> <p>9 And whatever is needed --</p> <p>young bulls, rams, or sheep</p> <p>for burnt offerings to the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, or oil,</p> <p>as the <b>priests</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b></p>	<p>to wit, out of the <b>king's</b> property, even the tributes <b>beyond the river,</b></p> <p>let there be money to defray the expenses carefully granted to those men, so that they be not hindered.</p> <p>9 And whatever need there may be,</p> <p>ye shall give both the young of bulls and rams, and lambs</p> <p>for whole-burnt-offerings to the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, oil:-- let it be given them</p> <p>according to the word of the</p>	<p>29 And out of the tribute of <b>Celosyria and Phenice</b></p> <p>a portion carefully to be given these men</p> <p>for the sacrifices of the <b>Lord,</b></p> <p>that is, to <b>Zorobabel</b> the <b>governor,</b></p> <p>for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;</p> <p>30 And also corn, salt, wine, and oil, and that continually every year without further question,</p> <p>according as the <b>priests</b> that be</p>
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	<p>require -- let that be given to them day by day without fail,</p> <p>10 that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the <b>God</b> of heaven, and pray for the life of the <b>king</b> and his sons.</p> <p>11 Also I make a decree that if any one alters this edict,</p> <p>a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled upon it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.</p> <p>12 May the <b>God</b> who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any <b>king</b> or people</p> <p>that shall put forth a hand to alter this, or to destroy this <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>I <b>Darius</b> make a decree; let it</p>	<p><b>priests</b> that are in <b>Jerusalem</b>, day by day whatsoever they shall ask;</p> <p>10 that they may offer sweet savours to the <b>God</b> of heaven, and that they may pray for the life of the <b>king</b> and his sons.</p> <p>11 And a decree has been made by me, that every man who shall alter this word,</p> <p>timber shall be pulled down from his house, and let him be lifted up and slain upon it, and his house shall be confiscated.</p> <p>12 And may the <b>God</b> whose name dwells there, overthrow every <b>king</b> and people</p> <p>who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>I <b>Darius</b> have made a decree;</p>	<p>in <b>Jerusalem</b> shall signify to be daily spent:</p> <p>31 That offerings may be made to the most high <b>God</b> for the <b>king</b> and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives.</p> <p>32 And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yea, or make light of any thing afore spoken or written,</p> <p>out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seized for the <b>king</b>.</p> <p>33 The <b>Lord</b> therefore, whose name is there called upon, utterly destroy every <b>king</b> and nation,</p> <p>that stretcheth out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of the <b>Lord</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>34 I <b>Darius</b> the <b>king</b> have</p>
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	<p>be done with all diligence."</p> <p>13 Then, according to the word sent by <b>Darius the king</b>,</p> <p><b>Tattenai</b>, the <b>governor</b> of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>,</p> <p><b>Shetharbozenai</b>, and their associates</p> <p>did with all diligence</p> <p>what <b>Darius the king</b> had ordered.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the <b>Jews</b></p>	<p>let it be diligently attended to.</p> <p>13 Then <b>Thanthanai</b> the <b>governor</b> on this side <b>beyond the river</b>,</p> <p><b>Satharbuzanai</b>, and his fellow-servants,</p> <p>according to that which <b>king Darius</b> sent,</p> <p>so they did diligently.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the <b>Jews</b> and the <b>Levites</b></p>	<p>ordained that according unto these things it be done with diligence.</p> <p><b>LXA 1st Esdras 7:1</b> Then <b>Sisinnes</b> the <b>governor</b> of <b>Celosyria and Phenice</b>,</p> <p>and <b>Sathrabuzanes</b>, with their companions</p> <p>following the commandments of <b>king Darius</b>,</p> <p>2 Did very carefully oversee the holy works,</p> <p>assisting the ancients of the <b>Jews</b> and <b>governors</b> of the temple.</p>
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	<p>built and prospered,</p> <p>through the prophesying of <b>Haggai</b> the prophet and <b>Zechariah</b> the son of <b>Iddo</b>.</p> <p>They finished their building</p> <p>by command of the <b>God of Israel</b></p> <p>and by decree of <b>Cyrus</b> and <b>Darius</b> and <b>Artaxerxes king of Persia</b>;</p> <p>15 and this house was finished</p> <p>on the <b>third day of the month of Adar</b>,</p> <p><b>in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king</b>.</p> <p>16 And the people of <b>Israel</b>, the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, and the rest of the returned exiles,</p>	<p>built,</p> <p>at the prophecy of <b>Aggaeus</b> the prophet, and <b>Zacharias</b> the son of Addo:</p> <p>and they built up, and finished it,</p> <p>by the decree of the <b>God of Israel</b>,</p> <p>and by the decree of <b>Cyrus</b>, and <b>Darius</b>, and <b>Arthasastha</b>, kings of the <b>Persians</b>.</p> <p>15 And they finished this house</p> <p>by the <b>third day of the month Adar</b>,</p> <p><b>which is the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king</b>.</p> <p>16 And the children of <b>Israel</b>, the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, and the rest of the children of the captivity,</p>	<p>3 And so the holy works prospered,</p> <p>when Aggeus and <b>Zacharias</b> the <b>prophets</b> prophesied.</p> <p>4 And they finished these things</p> <p>by the commandment of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>,</p> <p>and with the consent of <b>Cyrus</b>, <b>Darius</b>, and <b>Artaxerxes</b>, kings of <b>Persia</b>.</p> <p>5 And thus was the holy house finished</p> <p>in the three and twentieth day of the month Adar,</p> <p>in the sixth year of <b>Darius king</b> of the <b>Persians</b></p> <p>6 And the children of <b>Israel</b>, the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, and others that were of the captivity, that were added unto them,</p>
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	<p>celebrated the dedication of this <b>house of God</b> with joy.</p> <p>17 They offered at the dedication of this <b>house of God</b> one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>and as a sin offering for all <b>Israel</b> twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>18 And they set the <b>priests</b> in their divisions and the <b>Levites</b> in their courses,</p> <p>for the service of <b>God</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>as it is written in the book of <b>Moses</b>.</p>	<p>kept the dedication of the <b>house of God</b> with gladness.</p> <p>17 And they offered for the dedication of the <b>house of God</b> a hundred calves, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>twelve kids of the goats for a sin-offering for all <b>Israel</b>, according to the number of the tribes of <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>18 And they set the <b>priests</b> in their divisions, and the <b>Levites</b> in their separate orders,</p> <p>for the services of <b>God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>according to the writing of the book of <b>Moses</b>.</p>	<p>did according to the things written in the book of <b>Moses</b>.</p> <p>7 And to the dedication of the <b>temple of the Lord</b> they offered an hundred bullocks two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;</p> <p>8 And twelve goats for the sin of all <b>Israel</b>, according to the number of the chief of the tribes of <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>9 The <b>priests</b> also and the <b>Levites</b> stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their kindreds,</p> <p>in the service of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>,</p> <p>according to the book of <b>Moses</b>:</p> <p>and the <b>porters</b> at every gate.</p>
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<b>MT Nehemiah</b>	<b>MT Ezra</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras</b>
	<p><b>RSV Ezra 6:19 On the fourteenth day of the first month</b></p> <p>the returned exiles kept the <b>passover</b>.</p> <p>20 For the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> had purified themselves together;</p> <p>all of them were clean.</p> <p>So they killed the <b>passover</b> lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow <b>priests</b>, and for themselves;</p> <p>21 it was eaten by the people of <b>Israel</b> who had returned</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 6:19</b> And the children of the captivity kept the <b>passover</b></p> <p><b>on the fourteenth day of the first month.</b></p> <p>20 For the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b> were purified,</p> <p>all were clean to a man, and</p> <p>they slew the <b>passover</b> for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the <b>priests</b>, and for themselves.</p> <p>21 And the children of <b>Israel</b> ate the <b>passover</b>, even they</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 7:10</b> And the children of <b>Israel</b> that were of the captivity held the <b>passover</b></p> <p><b>the fourteenth day of the first month,</b></p> <p>after that the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> were sanctified.</p> <p>11 They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together:</p> <p>but the <b>Levites</b> were all sanctified together.</p> <p>12 And so they offered the <b>passover</b> for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the <b>priests</b>, and for themselves.</p> <p>13 And the children of <b>Israel</b> that came out of the captivity</p>

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	<p>from exile,  and also by every one who had joined them  and separated himself from the pollutions of the peoples of the land to worship the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>22 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the <b>LORD</b> had made them joyful,  and had turned the heart of <b>the king of Assyria</b> to them,  so that he aided them in the work of the <b>house of God</b>, the <b>God of Israel</b>.</p>	<p>that were of the captivity,  and every one who separated himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>22 and they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with gladness, because the <b>Lord</b> made them glad,  and he turned the heart of the <b>king of Assyria</b> to them,  to strengthen their hands in the works of the <b>house of the God of Israel</b>.</p>	<p>did eat,  even all they  that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>14 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before the <b>Lord</b>,  15 For that he had turned the counsel of the <b>king of Assyria</b> toward them,  to strengthen their hands in the works of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p>
<b>MT Nehemiah (RSV)</b>	<b>MT Ezra (RSV)</b>	<b>LXX 2 Esdras (Brenton)</b>	<b>LXX 1 Esdras (Brenton)</b>
	<p><b>RSV Ezra</b> 7:1 Now after this,  in the reign of <b>Artaxerxes king of Persia</b>,</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra</b> 7:1 Now after these things,  in the reign of <b>Arthasastha king of the Persians</b>, c</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras</b> 8:1 And after these things,  when <b>Artaxerxes the king of the Persians</b> reigned</p>

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	<p><b>Ezra</b> the son of <b>Seraiah</b>,</p> <p>son of <b>Azariah</b>,</p> <p>son of <b>Hilkiah</b>,</p> <p>2 son of <b>Shallum</b>,</p> <p>son of Zadok,</p> <p>son of Ahitub,</p> <p>3 son of Amariah,</p> <p>son of <b>Azariah</b>, son of Meraioth,</p> <p>4 son of Zerariah,</p> <p>son of Uzzi,</p> <p>son of Bukki,</p> <p>5 son of Abishua,</p> <p>son of Phinehas,</p> <p>son of Eleazar,</p>	<p>came up <b>Esdras</b> the son of <b>Saraias</b>,</p> <p>the son of Azarias,</p> <p>the son of <b>Chelcias</b>,</p> <p>2 the son of Selum,</p> <p>the son of Sadduc,</p> <p>the son of Achitob,</p> <p>3 the son of Samarias,</p> <p>the son of Esria,</p> <p>the son of Mareoth,</p> <p>4 the son of Zaraia,</p> <p>the son of Ozias,</p> <p>the son of Bokki,</p> <p>5 the son of Abisue,</p> <p>the son of <b>Phinees</b>,</p> <p>the son of Eleazar,</p>	<p>came <b>Esdras</b> the son of <b>Saraias</b>,</p> <p>the son of Ezerias,</p> <p>the son of Helchiah,</p> <p>the son of <b>Salum</b>,</p> <p>2 The son of Sadduc,</p> <p>the son of Achitob,</p> <p>the son of Amarias,</p> <p>the son of Ezias,</p> <p>the son of Meremoth,</p> <p>the son of Zaraias,</p> <p>the son of Savias,</p> <p>the son of Boccas,</p> <p>the son of Abisum,</p> <p>the son of <b>Phinees</b>,</p> <p>the son of Eleazar,</p>
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	<p>son of <b>Aaron</b> the chief <b>priest</b> -</p> <p>6 this <b>Ezra</b> went up from <b>Babylonia</b>.</p> <p>He was a scribe</p> <p>skilled in the law of <b>Moses</b> which the <b>LORD</b> the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b> had given;</p> <p>and the <b>king</b> granted him all that he asked,</p> <p>for the hand of the <b>LORD</b> his <b>God</b> was upon him.</p> <p>7 And there went up also</p>	<p>the son of <b>Aaron</b> the first <b>priest</b>.</p> <p>6 This <b>Esdras</b> went up out of <b>Babylon</b>;</p> <p>and he was a ready scribe</p> <p>in the law of <b>Moses</b>, which the <b>Lord God of Israel</b> gave:</p> <p>and the <b>king</b> gave him leave,</p> <p>for the hand of the <b>Lord</b> his <b>God</b> was upon him in all things which he sought.</p> <p>7 And some of the children of <b>Israel</b> went up,</p> <p>and some of the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>and of the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>and the singers,</p> <p>and the door-keepers,</p>	<p>the son of <b>Aaron</b> the chief priest.</p> <p>3 This <b>Esdras</b> went up from <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>as a scribe,</p> <p>being very ready in the law of <b>Moses</b>, that was given by the <b>God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>4 And the <b>king</b> did him honour:</p> <p>for he found grace in his sight in all his requests.</p> <p>5 There went up with him also certain of the children of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>of the priest</p> <p>of the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>of the holy singers,</p> <p><b>porters</b>,</p>
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	<p>to <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p><b>in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king,</b></p> <p>some of the people of <b>Israel,</b> and some of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites,</b> the singers and gatekeepers, and the <b>temple servants.</b></p> <p>8 And he came to <b>Jerusalem in the fifth month,</b></p> <p><b>which was in the seventh year of the king;</b></p> <p>9 for on <b>the first day of the first month</b> he began to go up from <b>Babylonia,</b></p> <p>and on <b>the first day of the fifth month</b></p> <p>he came to <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>for the good hand of his <b>God</b> was upon him.</p>	<p>and the <b>Nathinim,</b></p> <p>to <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p><b>in the seventh year of Arthasastha the king.</b></p> <p>8 And they came to <b>Jerusalem in the fifth month,</b></p> <p><b>this was the seventh year of the king.</b></p> <p>9 For in the <b>first day of the first month</b> he began the going up from <b>Babylon,</b></p> <p>and in the <b>first day of the fifth month,</b></p> <p>they came to <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>for the good hand of his <b>God</b> was upon him.</p>	<p>and ministers of the temple, unto <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>6 In the seventh year of the reign of <b>Artaxerxes,</b></p> <p>in the fifth month,</p> <p>this was the <b>king's</b> seventh year;</p> <p>for they went from <b>Babylon</b> in the first day of the first month,</p> <p>and came to <b>Jerusalem,</b></p> <p>according to the prosperous journey which the <b>Lord</b> gave them.</p>
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	<p>10 For <b>Ezra</b> had set his heart to study the law of the <b>LORD</b>, and to do it,</p> <p>and to teach his statutes and ordinances in <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>11 This is a copy of the letter which <b>King Artaxerxes</b> gave to <b>Ezra</b></p> <p>the <b>priest</b>,</p> <p>the scribe,</p> <p>learned in matters of the commandments of the <b>LORD</b> and his statutes for <b>Israel</b>:</p> <p>12 "<b>Artaxerxes, king</b> of kings, to <b>Ezra</b></p> <p>the <b>priest</b>,</p> <p>the scribe of the law of the <b>God</b> of heaven.</p>	<p>10 For <b>Esdras</b> had determined in his heart to seek the law, and to do</p> <p>and teach the ordinances and judgments in <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>11 And this is the copy of the order which <b>Arthasastha</b> gave to <b>Esdras</b></p> <p>the <b>priest</b>,</p> <p>the scribe</p> <p>of the book of the words of the commandments of the <b>Lord</b>, and of his ordinances to <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>12 <b>Arthasastha, king</b> of kings, to <b>Esdras</b>,</p> <p>the scribe of the law of the <b>Lord God</b> of heaven,</p>	<p>7 For <b>Esdras</b> had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the law and commandments of the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>but taught all <b>Israel</b> the ordinances and judgments.</p> <p>8 Now the copy of the commission, which was written from <b>Artaxerxes</b> the <b>king</b>, and came to <b>Esdras</b></p> <p>the priest</p> <p>and reader of the law of the <b>Lord</b>,</p> <p>is this that followeth;</p> <p>9 <b>King Artaxerxes</b> unto <b>Esdras</b></p> <p>the priest</p> <p>and reader of the law of the <b>Lord</b></p>
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	<p>And now</p> <p>13 I make a decree that</p> <p>any one of the people of <b>Israel</b> or their <b>priests</b> or <b>Levites</b></p> <p>in my kingdom,</p> <p>who freely offers to go</p> <p>to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>may go with you.</p> <p>14 For you are sent by the <b>king</b></p>	<p>Let the order and the answer be accomplished.</p> <p>13 A decree is made by me, that every one who is willing in my kingdom of the people of <b>Israel</b>, and of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>to go to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>be permitted to go with thee.</p> <p>14 One has been sent from the</p>	<p>sendeth greeting:</p> <p>10 Having determined to deal graciously,</p> <p>I have given order,</p> <p>that such of the nation of the <b>Jews</b>, and of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b></p> <p>being within our realm,</p> <p>as are willing and desirous</p> <p>should go with thee</p> <p>unto <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>11 As many therefore as have a mind thereunto, let them depart with thee,</p> <p>as it hath seemed good both to</p>
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	<p>and his seven counselors</p> <p>to make inquiries about <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b></p> <p>according to the law of your <b>God</b>, which is in your hand,</p> <p>15 and also to convey the silver and gold</p> <p>which the <b>king</b> and his counselors have freely offered</p> <p>to the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>whose dwelling is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p>	<p><b>king</b> and the seven councillors,</p> <p>to visit <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>according to the law of their <b>God</b> that is in thine hand.</p> <p>15 And for the house of the <b>Lord</b></p> <p>there have been sent silver and gold,</p> <p>which the <b>king</b> and the councillors have freely given</p> <p>to the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b>,</p> <p>who dwells in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>	<p>me and my seven friends the <b>counsellors</b>;</p> <p>12 That they may look unto the affairs of <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>agreeably to that which is in the law of the <b>Lord</b>;</p> <p>13 And carry the gifts</p> <p>unto the <b>Lord</b> of <b>Israel</b> to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>which I and my friends have vowed,</p> <p>and all the gold and silver that in the country of <b>Babylon</b> can be found, to the <b>Lord</b></p> <p>in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p>
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	<p>16 with all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of <b>Babylonia</b>,</p> <p>and with the freewill offerings of the people and the <b>priests</b>, vowed willingly for the house of their <b>God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>17 With this money, then, you shall with all diligence buy bulls, rams, and lambs,</p> <p>with their cereal offerings and their drink offerings,</p> <p>and you shall offer them upon the altar of the house of your <b>God</b></p> <p>which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>18 Whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and gold,</p> <p>you may do, according to the</p>	<p>16 And all the silver and gold, whatsoever thou shalt find in all the land of <b>Babylon</b>,</p> <p>with the freewill-offering of the people, and the <b>priests</b> that offer freely for the <b>house of God</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>17 And as for every one that arrives there, speedily order him by this letter to bring calves, rams, lambs,</p> <p>and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings;</p> <p>and thou shalt offer them on the altar of the house of your <b>God</b></p> <p>which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>18 And whatever it shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold,</p> <p>do as it is pleasing to your</p>	<p>14 With that also which is given of the people for the <b>temple of the Lord</b> their <b>God</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>and that silver and gold may be collected for bullocks, rams, and lambs,</p> <p>and things thereunto appertaining;</p> <p>15 To the end that they may offer sacrifices unto the <b>Lord</b> upon the altar of the <b>Lord</b> their <b>God</b>,</p> <p>which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>16 And whatsoever thou and thy brethren will do with the silver and gold,</p> <p>that do, according to the will of</p>
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	<p>will of your <b>God</b>.</p> <p>19 The vessels that have been given you for the service of the house of your <b>God</b>,</p> <p>you shall deliver before the <b>God</b></p> <p>of <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>20 And whatever else is required for the house of your <b>God</b>, which you have occasion to provide, you may provide it out of the <b>king's</b> treasury.</p> <p>21 "And I, <b>Artaxerxes</b> the <b>king</b>, make a decree to all the <b>treasurers</b> in the province <b>Beyond the River</b>:</p>	<p><b>God</b>.</p> <p>19 And deliver</p> <p>the vessels that are given thee for the service of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>before <b>God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>20 And as to the rest of the need of the house of thy <b>God</b>, thou shalt give from the <b>king's</b> treasure-houses,</p> <p>21 and from me, whatever it shall seem good to thee to give.</p> <p>I <b>king Arthasastha</b> have made a decree for all the treasuries that are in the country <b>beyond the river</b>,</p>	<p>thy <b>God</b>.</p> <p>17 And the holy vessels of the <b>Lord</b>, which are given thee for the use of the temple of thy <b>God</b>,</p> <p>which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>thou shalt set before thy <b>God</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>18 And whatsoever thing else thou shalt remember for the use of the temple of thy <b>God</b>, thou shalt give it out of the <b>king's</b> treasury.</p> <p>19 And I <b>king Artaxerxes</b> have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in <b>Syria and Phenice</b>,</p>
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	<p>Whatever <b>Ezra</b> the <b>priest</b>, the scribe of the law of the <b>God</b> of heaven, requires of you, be it done with all diligence,</p> <p>22 up to a hundred talents of silver,</p> <p>a hundred cors of wheat,</p> <p>a hundred baths of wine,</p> <p>a hundred baths of oil,</p> <p>and salt without prescribing how much.</p> <p>23 Whatever is commanded by the <b>God</b> of heaven, let it be done in full for the house of the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>lest his wrath be against the</p>	<p>that whatever <b>Esdras</b> the <b>priest</b> and scribe of the <b>God</b> of heaven may ask you, it shall be done speedily,</p> <p>22 to the amount of a hundred talents of silver,</p> <p>and a hundred measures of wheat,</p> <p>and a hundred baths of wine,</p> <p>and a hundred baths of oil,</p> <p>and salt without reckoning.</p> <p>23 Let whatever is in the decree of the <b>God</b> of heaven, be done:</p> <p>take heed lest any one make an attack on the house of the <b>God</b> of heaven,</p> <p>lest at any time there shall be</p>	<p>that whatsoever <b>Esdras</b> the priest and the reader of the law of the most high <b>God</b> shall send for, they should give it him with speed,</p> <p>20 To the sum of an hundred talents of silver,</p> <p>likewise also of wheat even to an hundred cors,</p> <p>and an hundred pieces of wine,</p> <p>and other things in abundance.</p> <p>21 Let all things be performed after the law of <b>God</b> diligently unto the most high <b>God</b>,</p> <p>that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the <b>king</b> and his sons.</p>
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	<p>realm of the <b>king</b> and his sons.</p> <p>24 We also notify you</p> <p>that it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll</p> <p>upon any one of the <b>priests</b>, the <b>Levites</b>, the singers, the doorkeepers, the <b>temple servants</b>, or other servants of this <b>house of God</b>.</p> <p>25 "And you, <b>Ezra</b>,</p> <p>according to the wisdom of your <b>God</b> which is in your hand,</p> <p>appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the province <b>Beyond the River</b>,</p> <p>all such as know the laws of</p>	<p>wrath against the realm of the <b>king</b> and his sons.</p> <p>24 Also this has been declared to you,</p> <p>with respect to all the <b>priests</b>, and <b>Levites</b>, the singers, <b>porters, Nathinim</b> and ministers of the <b>house of God</b>,</p> <p>let no tribute be paid to thee; thou shalt not have power to oppress them.</p> <p>25 And thou, <b>Esdras</b>,</p> <p>as the wisdom of <b>God</b> is in thy hand,</p> <p>appoint scribes and judges, that they may judge for all the people <b>beyond the river</b>,</p> <p>all that know the law of the</p>	<p>22 I command you also,</p> <p>that ye require no tax, nor any other imposition,</p> <p>of any of the <b>priests</b>, or <b>Levites</b>, or holy singers, or <b>porters</b>, or ministers of the temple, or of any that have doings in this temple,</p> <p>and that no man have authority to impose any thing upon them.</p> <p>23 And thou, <b>Esdras</b>,</p> <p>according to the wisdom of <b>God</b></p> <p>ordain judges and justices, that they may judge in all <b>Syria and Phenice</b></p> <p>all those that know the law of</p>
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	<p>your <b>God</b>;</p> <p>and those who do not know them, you shall teach.</p> <p>26 Whoever will not obey the law of your <b>God</b> and the law of the <b>king</b>, let judgment be strictly executed upon him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of his goods or for imprisonment."</p> <p>27 Blessed be the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the <b>king</b>, to beautify the house of the <b>LORD</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>28 and who extended to me his steadfast love before the <b>king</b> and his counselors, and before all the <b>king's</b> mighty officers.</p> <p>I took courage, for the hand of the <b>LORD</b> my <b>God</b> was upon me, and I gathered leading men from <b>Israel</b> to go up with me.</p>	<p><b>Lord thy God</b>;</p> <p>and ye shall make it known to him that knows not.</p> <p>26 And whosoever shall not do the law of <b>God</b>, and the law of the <b>king</b> readily, judgment shall be taken upon him, whether for death or for chastisement, or for a fine of his property, or casting into prison.</p> <p>27 Blessed be the <b>Lord God</b> of our fathers, who has put it thus into the heart of the <b>king</b>, to glorify the house of the <b>Lord</b> which is in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p> <p>28 and has given me favour in the eyes of the <b>king</b>, and of his councillors, and all the <b>rulers</b> of the <b>king</b>, the exalted ones.</p> <p>And I was strengthened according to the good hand of <b>God</b> upon me, and I gathered chief men of <b>Israel</b> to go up with me.</p>	<p>thy <b>God</b>;</p> <p>and those that know it not thou shalt teach.</p> <p>24 And whosoever shall transgress the law of thy <b>God</b>, and of the <b>king</b>, shall be punished diligently, whether it be by death, or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment.</p> <p>25 Then said <b>Esdras</b> the scribe, Blessed be the only <b>Lord God</b> of my fathers, who hath put these things into the heart of the <b>king</b>, to glorify his house that is in <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>26 And hath honoured me in the sight of the <b>king</b>, and his <b>counsellors</b>, and all his friends and nobles.</p> <p>27 Therefore was I encouraged by the help of the <b>Lord</b> my <b>God</b>, and gathered together men of <b>Israel</b> to go up with me.</p>
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	<p><b>RSV Ezra 8:1</b> These are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from <b>Babylonia</b>, in the reign of <b>Artaxerxes the king</b>:</p> <p>2 Of the sons of <b>Phinehas, Gershom</b>.</p> <p>Of the sons of <b>Ithamar, Daniel</b>.</p> <p>Of the sons of <b>David</b>, Hattush,</p> <p>3 of the sons of <b>Shecaniah</b>.</p> <p>Of the sons of <b>Parosh, Zechariah</b>, with whom were registered one hundred and fifty men.</p> <p>4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred men.</p> <p>5 Of the sons of <b>Zattu</b>, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel,</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 8:1</b> And these are the heads of their families, the leaders that went up with me in the reign of <b>Arthasastha the king of Babylon</b>.</p> <p>2 Of the sons of <b>Phinees</b>; Gerson:</p> <p>of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel:</p> <p>of the sons of <b>David</b>; Attus.</p> <p>3 Of the sons of Sachania, and the sons of <b>Phoros; Zacharias</b>: and with him a company of a hundred and fifty.</p> <p>4 Of the sons of Phaath-Moab; Eliana the son of Saraia, and with him two hundred that were males.</p> <p>5 And of the sons of Zathoes; Sechenias the son of Aziel, and</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 8:28</b> And these are the chief according to their families and several dignities, that went up with me from <b>Babylon</b> in the reign of <b>king Artaxerxes</b>:</p> <p>29 Of the sons of <b>Phinees</b>, Gerson:</p> <p>of the sons of Ithamar, Gamael:</p> <p>of the sons of <b>David</b>, Lettus the son of Sechenias:</p> <p>30 Of the sons of Pharez, <b>Zacharias</b>; and with him were counted an hundred and fifty men:</p> <p>31 Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias, the son of Zariaas, and with him two hundred men:</p> <p>32 Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezelus,</p>

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	<p>and with him three hundred men.</p> <p>6 Of the sons of <b>Adin</b>, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty men.</p> <p>7 Of the sons of <b>Elam</b>, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy men.</p> <p>8 Of the sons of <b>Shephatiah</b>, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty men.</p> <p>9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of <b>Jehiel</b>, and with him two hundred and eighteen men.</p> <p>10 Of the sons of <b>Bani</b>, Shelomith the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty men.</p> <p>11 Of the sons of <b>Bebai</b>, <b>Zechariah</b>, the son of <b>Bebai</b>, and with him twenty-eight men.</p>	<p>with him three hundred males.</p> <p>6 And of the sons of <b>Adin</b>; Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.</p> <p>7 And of the sons of <b>Elam</b>; Isaeas the son of Athelia, and with him seventy males.</p> <p>8 And of the sons of <b>Saphatia</b>; Zabadias the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.</p> <p>9 And of the sons of Joab; Abadia the son of <b>Jeiel</b>, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.</p> <p>10 And of the sons of Baani; Selimuth the son of Josephia, and with him a hundred and sixty males.</p> <p>11 And of the sons of Babi; <b>Zacharias</b> the son of Babi, and with him twenty-eight males.</p>	<p>and with him three hundred men:</p> <p>of the sons of <b>Adin</b>, Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him two hundred and fifty men:</p> <p>33 Of the sons of <b>Elam</b>, <b>Josias</b> son of Gotholias, and with him seventy men:</p> <p>34 Of the sons of Saphatias, Zariaias son of Michael, and with him threescore and ten men:</p> <p>35 Of the sons of Joab, Abadias son of Jezelus, and with him two hundred and twelve men:</p> <p>36 Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of Josaphias, and with him an hundred and threescore men:</p> <p>37 Of the sons of Babi, <b>Zacharias</b> son of <b>Bebai</b>, and with him twenty and eight men:</p>
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	<p>12 Of the sons of <b>Azgad</b>, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten men.</p> <p>13 Of the sons of <b>Adonikam</b>, those who came later, their names being Eliphelet, Jeuel, and <b>Shemaiah</b>, and with them sixty men.</p> <p>14 Of the sons of <b>Bigvai</b>, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them seventy men.</p> <p>15 I gathered them to the river that runs to Ahava, and there we encamped three days. As I reviewed the people and the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>I found there none of the sons of Levi.</p> <p>16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, <b>Shemaiah</b>,</p> <p>Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan,</p>	<p>12 And of the sons of <b>Asgad</b>; Joanan the son of Accatan, and with him a hundred and ten males.</p> <p>13 And of the sons of <b>Adonicam</b> were the last, and these were their names, Eliphalat, Jeel, and Samaea, and with them sixty males.</p> <p>14 And of the sons of Bagueae, Uthai, and Zabud, and with him seventy males.</p> <p>15 And I gathered them to the river that comes to Evi, and we encamped there three days: and I reviewed the people and the <b>priests</b>,</p> <p>and found none of the sons of Levi there.</p> <p>16 And I sent men of understanding to Eleazar, to Ariel, to Semeias,</p> <p>and to Alonam, and to Jarib, and to Elnatham, and to</p>	<p>38 Of the sons of Astath, Johannes son of Acatan, and with him an hundred and ten men:</p> <p>39 Of the sons of <b>Adonikam</b> the last, and these are the names of them, Eliphalet, Jewel, and Samaias, and with them seventy men:</p> <p>40 Of the sons of Bago, Uthi the son of Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.</p> <p>41 And these I gathered together to the river called Theras, where we pitched our tents three days: and then I surveyed them.</p> <p>42 But when I had found there none of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>43 Then sent I unto Eleazar, and Iduel, and Masman,</p> <p>44 And Alnathan, and Mamaias, and Joribas, and</p>
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	<p><b>Zechariah</b>, and Meshullam, leading men,</p> <p>and for Joiarib and Elnathan, who were men of insight,</p> <p>17 and sent them to <b>Iddo</b>, the leading man at the place <b>Casiphia</b>,</p> <p>telling them what to say to <b>Iddo</b> and his brethren the <b>temple servants</b> at the place Casiphia, namely, to send us ministers for the house of our <b>God</b>.</p> <p>18 And by the good hand of our <b>God</b> upon us, they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, son of <b>Israel</b>, namely Sherebiah with his sons and kinsmen, eighteen;</p>	<p>Nathan,</p> <p>and to <b>Zacharias</b>, and to Mesollam,</p> <p>and to Joarim, and to Elnathan.</p> <p>17 And I forwarded them to the <b>rulers</b> with the money of the place,</p> <p>and I put words in their mouth to speak to their brethren the Athinim with the money of the place, that they should bring us singers for the house of our <b>God</b>.</p> <p>18 And they came to us, as the good hand of our <b>God</b> was upon us, even a man of understanding of the sons of Mooli, the son of Levi, the son of <b>Israel</b>, and at the commencement came his sons and his brethren, eighteen.</p>	<p>Nathan, Eunatan,</p> <p><b>Zacharias</b>, and Mosollamon, principal men and learned.</p> <p>45 And I bade them that they should go unto <b>Saddeus</b> the <b>captain</b>, who was in the place of the treasury:</p> <p>46 And commanded them that they should speak unto <b>Daddeus</b>, and to his brethren, and to the <b>treasurers</b> in that place, to send us such men as might execute the <b>priests'</b> office in the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>47 And by the mighty hand of our <b>Lord</b> they brought unto us skilful men of the sons of Moli the son of Levi, the son of <b>Israel</b>, Asebebia, and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen.</p>
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	<p>19 also <b>Hashabiah</b> and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, with his kinsmen and their sons, twenty;</p> <p>20 besides two hundred and twenty of the <b>temple servants</b>, whom <b>David</b> and his officials had set apart to attend the <b>Levites</b>. These were all mentioned by name.</p> <p>21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our <b>God</b>, to seek from him a straight way for ourselves, our children, and all our goods.</p> <p>22 For I was ashamed to ask the <b>king</b> for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way;</p> <p>since we had told the <b>king</b>, "The hand of our <b>God</b> is for good upon all that seek him,</p>	<p>19 And Asebia, and Isaia of the sons of Merari, his brethren and his sons, twenty.</p> <p>20 And of the <b>Nathinim</b>; whom <b>David</b> and the princes had appointed for the service of the <b>Levites</b> there were two hundred and twenty <b>Nathinim</b>; all were gathered by their names.</p> <p>21 And I proclaimed there a fast, at the river Aue, that we should humble ourselves before our <b>God</b>, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our children, and for all our property.</p> <p>22 For I was ashamed to ask of the <b>king</b> a guard and horsemen to save us from the enemy in the way:</p> <p>or we had spoken to the <b>king</b>, saying, The hand of our <b>God</b> is upon all that seek him, for</p>	<p>48 And Asebia, and Annuus, and Osaias his brother, of the sons of Channuneus, and their sons, were twenty men.</p> <p>49 And of the servants of the temple whom <b>David</b> had ordained, and the principal men for the service of the <b>Levites</b> to wit, the servants of the temple two hundred and twenty, the catalogue of whose names were shewed.</p> <p>50 And there I vowed a fast unto the young men before our <b>Lord</b>, to desire of him a prosperous journey both for us and them that were with us, for our children, and for the cattle:</p> <p>51 For I was ashamed to ask the <b>king</b> footmen, and horsemen, and conduct for safeguard against our adversaries.</p> <p>52 For we had said unto the <b>king</b>, that the power of the <b>Lord</b> our <b>God</b> should be with</p>
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	<p>and the power of his wrath is against all that forsake him."</p> <p>23 So we fasted and besought our <b>God</b> for this, and he listened to our entreaty.</p> <p>24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading <b>priests</b>: Sherebiah, <b>Hashabiah</b>, and ten of their kinsmen with them.</p> <p>25 And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our <b>God</b> which the <b>king</b> and his counselors and his <b>lords</b> and all <b>Israel</b> there present had offered;</p> <p>26 I weighed out into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels worth a hundred talents, and a hundred talents of gold,</p> <p>27 twenty bowls of gold worth</p>	<p>good; but his power and his wrath are upon all that forsake him.</p> <p>23 So we fasted, and asked of our <b>God</b> concerning this; and he hearkened to us.</p> <p>24 And I gave charge to twelve of the chiefs of the <b>priests</b>, to Saraia, to Asabia, and ten of their brethren with them.</p> <p>25 And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of the first-fruits of the house of our <b>God</b>, which the <b>king</b>, and his councillors, and his princes, and all <b>Israel</b> that were found, had dedicated.</p> <p>26 I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and a hundred silver vessels, and a hundred talents of gold;</p> <p>27 and twenty golden bowls,</p>	<p>them that seek him, to support them in all ways.</p> <p>53 And again we besought our <b>Lord</b> as touching these things, and found him favourable unto us.</p> <p>54 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the <b>priests</b>, Esebrias, and Assanias, and ten men of their brethren with them:</p> <p>55 And I weighed them the gold, and the silver, and the holy vessels of the house of our <b>Lord</b>, which the <b>king</b>, and his council, and the princes, and all <b>Israel</b>, had given.</p> <p>56 And when I had weighed it, I delivered unto them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of an hundred talents, and an hundred talents of gold,</p> <p>57 And twenty golden vessels,</p>
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	<p>a thousand darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze as precious as gold.</p> <p>28 And I said to them, "You are holy to the <b>LORD</b>, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the <b>LORD</b>, the <b>God</b> of your fathers.</p> <p>29 Guard them and keep them until you weigh them before the chief <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> and the heads of fathers' houses in <b>Israel</b> at <b>Jerusalem</b>, within the chambers of the house of the <b>LORD</b>."</p> <p>30 So the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> took over the weight of the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring them to <b>Jerusalem</b>, to the house of our <b>God</b>.</p> <p>31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to</p>	<p>weighing about a thousand drachms, and superior vessels of fine shining brass, precious as gold.</p> <p>28 And I said to them, Ye are holy to the <b>Lord</b>; and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are freewill-offerings to the <b>Lord God</b> of our fathers.</p> <p>29 Be watchful and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, and the chiefs of families in <b>Jerusalem</b>, at the chambers of the house of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>30 So the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring to <b>Jerusalem</b> into the house of our <b>God</b>.</p> <p>31 And we departed from the river of Aue on the twelfth day of the first month, to come to</p>	<p>and twelve vessels of brass, even of fine brass, glittering like gold.</p> <p>58 And I said unto them, Both ye are holy unto the <b>Lord</b>, and the vessels are holy, and the gold and the silver is a vow unto the <b>Lord</b>, the <b>Lord</b> of our fathers.</p> <p>59 Watch ye, and keep them till ye deliver them to the chief of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>, and to the principal men of the families of <b>Israel</b>, in <b>Jerusalem</b>, into the chambers of the house of our <b>God</b>.</p> <p>60 So the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b>, who had received the silver and the gold and the vessels, brought them unto <b>Jerusalem</b>, into the <b>temple of the Lord</b>.</p> <p>61 And from the river Theras we departed the twelfth day of the first month, and came to</p>
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	<p><b>Jerusalem</b>; the hand of our <b>God</b> was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.</p> <p>32 We came to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and there we remained three days.</p> <p>33 On the fourth day, within the house of our <b>God</b>, the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed</p> <p>into the hands of Meremoth the <b>priest</b>, son of Uriah,</p> <p>and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas,</p> <p>and with them were the <b>Levites</b>, <b>Jozabad</b> the son of <b>Jeshua</b> and Noadiah the son of <b>Binnui</b>.</p> <p>34 The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of</p>	<p><b>Jerusalem</b>: and the hand of our <b>God</b> was upon us, and delivered us from the hand of the enemy and adversary in the way.</p> <p>32 And we came to <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>and abode there three days.</p> <p>33 And it came to pass on the fourth day that we weighed the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, in the house of our <b>God</b>,</p> <p>Into the hand of Merimoth the son of Uria the <b>priest</b>;</p> <p>and with him was Eleazar the son of <b>Phinees</b>,</p> <p>and with them <b>Jozabad</b> the son of <b>Jesus</b>, and Noadia the son of Banaia, the <b>Levites</b>.</p> <p>34 All things were reckoned by number and weight, and the</p>	<p><b>Jerusalem</b> by the mighty hand of our <b>Lord</b>, which was with us: and from the beginning of our journey the <b>Lord</b> delivered us from every enemy,</p> <p>and so we came to <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>62 And when we had been there three days,</p> <p>the gold and silver that was weighed was delivered in the house of our <b>Lord</b> on the fourth day</p> <p>unto Marmoth the priest the son of Iri.</p> <p>63 And with him was Eleazar the son of <b>Phinees</b>,</p> <p>and with them were Josabad the son of Jesu and Moeth the son of Sabban, <b>Levites</b>:</p> <p>all was delivered them by number and weight. 64 And all</p>
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	<p>everything was recorded.</p> <p>35 At that time those who had come from captivity, the returned exiles, offered burnt offerings to the <b>God of Israel</b>, twelve bulls for all <b>Israel</b>, ninety-six rams,</p> <p>seventy-seven lambs, and as a sin offering twelve he-goats; all this was a burnt offering to the <b>LORD</b>.</p> <p>36 They also delivered the <b>king's</b> commissions to the <b>king's</b> satraps and to the <b>governors</b> of the province <b>Beyond the River</b>; and they aided the people and the <b>house of God</b>.</p> <p><b>RSV Ezra 9:1</b> After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said,</p> <p>"The people of <b>Israel</b> and the <b>priests</b> and the <b>Levites</b> have</p>	<p>whole weight was written down.</p> <p>35 At that time the children of the banishment that came from the captivity offered whole-burnt-offerings to the <b>God of Israel</b>, twelve calves for all <b>Israel</b>, ninety-six rams,</p> <p>seventy-seven lambs, twelve goats for a sin-offering; all whole-burnt-offerings to the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>36 And they gave the <b>king's</b> mandate to the <b>king's lieutenants</b>, and the <b>governors beyond the river</b>: and they honoured the people and the <b>house of God</b>.</p> <p><b>LXE Ezra 9:1</b> And when these things were finished, the princes drew near to me, saying,</p> <p>The people of <b>Israel</b>, and the <b>priests</b>, and the <b>Levites</b>, have not separated themselves from</p>	<p>the weight of them was written up the same hour.</p> <p>65 Moreover they that were come out of the captivity offered sacrifice unto the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>, even twelve bullocks for all <b>Israel</b>, fourscore and sixteen rams,</p> <p>66 Threescore and twelve lambs, goats for a peace offering, twelve; all of them a sacrifice to the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>67 And they delivered the <b>king's</b> commandments unto the <b>king's</b> stewards' and to the <b>governors of Celosyria and Phenice</b>; and they honoured the people and the temple of <b>God</b>.</p> <p>68 Now when these things were done, the <b>rulers</b> came unto me, and said,</p> <p>69 The nation of <b>Israel</b>, the princes, the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>, have not put away from them the strange people</p>
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	<p>not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the <b>Moabites</b>, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.</p> <p>2 For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons; so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost."</p> <p>3 When I heard this, I rent my garments and my mantle, and pulled hair from my head and beard, and sat appalled.</p> <p>4 Then all who trembled at the words of the <b>God of Israel</b>, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered round me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.</p>	<p>the people of the lands in their abominations, even the Chananite, the Ethite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, the Ammonite, the Moabite, and the Moserite and the Amorite.</p> <p>2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and their sons; and the holy seed has passed among the nations of the lands, and the hand of the <b>rulers</b> has been first in this transgression.</p> <p>3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garments, and trembled, and plucked some of the hairs of my head and of my beard, and sat down mourning.</p> <p>4 Then there assembled to me all that followed the word of the <b>God of Israel</b>, on account of the transgression of the captivity; and I remained mourning until the evening sacrifice.</p>	<p>of the land, nor the pollutions of the Gentiles to wit, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Pheresites, Jebusites, and the <b>Moabites</b>, Egyptians, and <b>Edomites</b>.</p> <p>70 For both they and their sons have married with their daughters, and the holy seed is mixed with the strange people of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the <b>rulers</b> and the great men have been partakers of this iniquity.</p> <p>71 And as soon as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holy garment, and pulled off the hair from off my head and beard, and sat me down sad and very heavy.</p> <p>72 So all they that were then moved at the word of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b> assembled unto me, whilst I mourned for the iniquity: but I sat still full of heaviness until the evening sacrifice.</p>
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	<p>5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle rent, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the <b>LORD my God,</b></p> <p>6 saying: "O my <b>God,</b> I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to thee, my <b>God,</b></p> <p>for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.</p> <p>7 From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt;</p> <p>and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our <b>priests</b> have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as at this day.</p>	<p>5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from my humiliation; and when I had rent my garments, then I trembled, and I bow myself on my knees, and spread out my hands to the <b>Lord God,</b></p> <p>6 and I said, O <b>Lord,</b> I am ashamed and confounded, O my <b>God,</b> to lift up my face to thee:</p> <p>for our transgressions have abounded over our head, and our trespasses have increased even to heaven.</p> <p>7 From the days of our fathers we have been in a great trespass until this day:</p> <p>and because of our iniquities we, and our kings, and our children, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the Gentiles by the sword, and by captivity, and by spoil, and with shame of our face, as at</p>	<p>73 Then rising up from the fast with my clothes and the holy garment rent, and bowing my knees, and stretching forth my hands unto the <b>Lord,</b></p> <p>74 I said, O <b>Lord,</b> I am confounded and ashamed before thy face;</p> <p>75 For our sins are multiplied above our heads, and our ignorances have reached up unto heaven.</p> <p>76 For ever since the time of our fathers we have been and are in great sin, even unto this day.</p> <p>77 And for our sins and our fathers' we with our brethren and our kings and our <b>priests</b> were given up unto the kings of the earth, to the sword, and to captivity, and for a prey with shame, unto this day.</p>
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	<p>8 But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the <b>LORD</b> our <b>God</b>, to leave us a remnant, and to give us a secure hold within his holy place,</p> <p>that our <b>God</b> may brighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.</p> <p>9 For we are bondmen; yet our <b>God</b> has not forsaken us in our bondage,</p> <p>but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of <b>Persia</b>, to grant us some reviving</p> <p>to set up the house of our <b>God</b>, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in <b>Judea</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>10 "And now, O our <b>God</b>, what shall we say after this?</p>	<p>this day.</p> <p>8 And now our <b>God</b> has dealt mercifully with us, so as to leave us to escape, and to give us an establishment in the place of his sanctuary,</p> <p>to enlighten our eyes, and to give a little quickening in our servitude.</p> <p>9 For we are slaves, yet in our servitude the <b>Lord</b> our <b>God</b> has not deserted us;</p> <p>and he has extended favour to us in the sight of the kings of the <b>Persians</b>, to give us a quickening,</p> <p>that they should raise up the house of our <b>God</b>, and restore the desolate places of it, and to give us a fence in <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>10 What shall we say, our <b>God</b>, after this? for we have</p>	<p>78 And now in some measure hath mercy been shewed unto us from thee, O <b>Lord</b>, that there should be left us a root and a name in the place of thy sanctuary;</p> <p>79 And to discover unto us a light in the house of the <b>Lord</b> our <b>God</b>, and to give us food in the time of our servitude.</p> <p>80 Yea, when we were in bondage, we were not forsaken of our <b>Lord</b>;</p> <p>but he made us gracious before the kings of <b>Persia</b>, so that they gave us food;</p> <p>81 Yea, and honoured the temple of our <b>Lord</b>, and raised up the desolate Sion, that they have given us a sure abiding in Jewry and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>82 And now, O <b>Lord</b>, what shall we say, having these</p>
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	<p>For we have forsaken thy commandments,</p> <p>11 which thou didst command by thy servants the <b>prophets</b>, saying,</p> <p>‘The land which you are entering, to take possession of it, is a land unclean with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from end to end with their uncleanness.</p> <p>12 Therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons,</p> <p>and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.’</p> <p>13 And after all that has come</p>	<p>forsaken thy commandments,</p> <p>11 which thou hast given us by the hand of thy servants the <b>prophets</b>, saying,</p> <p>The land, into which ye go to inherit it, is a land subject to disturbance by the removal of the people of the nations for their abominations, wherewith they have filled it from one end to the other by their uncleanness.</p> <p>12 And now give not your daughters to their sons, and take not of their daughters for your sons,</p> <p>neither shall ye seek their peace or their good for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and transmit it as an inheritance to your children for ever.</p> <p>13 And after all that is come</p>	<p>things? for we have transgressed thy commandments,</p> <p>which thou gavest by the hand of thy servants the <b>prophets</b>, saying,</p> <p>83 That the land, which ye enter into to possess as an heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the strangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.</p> <p>84 Therefore now shall ye not join your daughters unto their sons, neither shall ye take their daughters unto your sons.</p> <p>85 Moreover ye shall never seek to have peace with them, that ye may be strong, and eat the good things of the land, and that ye may leave the inheritance of the land unto your children for evermore.</p> <p>86 And all that is befallen is</p>
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	<p>upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that thou, our <b>God</b>, hast punished us less than our iniquities deserved</p> <p>and hast given us such a remnant as this,</p> <p>14 shall we break thy commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations?</p> <p>Wouldst thou not be angry with us till thou wouldst consume us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape?</p> <p>15 O <b>LORD</b> the <b>God</b> of <b>Israel</b>, thou art just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as at this day.</p> <p>Behold, we are before thee in our guilt, for none can stand before thee because of this."</p>	<p>upon us because of our evil deeds, and our great trespass, it is clear that there is none such as our <b>God</b>, for thou has lightly visited our iniquities,</p> <p>and given us deliverance;</p> <p>14 whereas we have repeatedly broken thy commandments, and intermarried with the people of the lands:</p> <p>be not very angry with us to our utter destruction, so that there should be no remnant or escaping one.</p> <p>15 O <b>Lord God of Israel</b>, thou art righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as at this day:</p> <p>behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee on this account.</p>	<p>done unto us for our wicked works and great sins; for thou, <b>O Lord</b>, didst make our sins light,</p> <p>87 And didst give unto us such a root:</p> <p>but we have turned back again to transgress thy law, and to mingle ourselves with the uncleanness of the nations of the land.</p> <p>88 Mightest not thou be angry with us to destroy us, till thou hadst left us neither root, seed, nor name?</p> <p>89 O <b>Lord</b> of <b>Israel</b>, thou art true: for we are left a root this day.</p> <p>90 Behold, now are we before thee in our iniquities, for we cannot stand any longer by reason of these things before thee.</p>
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	<p><b>RSV Ezra 10:1</b> While <b>Ezra</b> prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the <b>house of God</b>, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of <b>Israel</b>; for the people wept bitterly.</p> <p>2 And Shecaniah the son of <b>Jehiel</b>, of the sons of <b>Elam</b>, addressed <b>Ezra</b>: "We have broken faith with our <b>God</b> and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for <b>Israel</b> in spite of this.</p> <p>3 Therefore let us make a covenant with our <b>God</b> to put away all these wives and their children,</p> <p>according to the counsel of my <b>lord</b> and of those who tremble</p>	<p><b>LXE Ezra 10:1</b> So when <b>Esdras</b> had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and praying before the <b>house of God</b>, a very great assembly of <b>Israel</b> came together to him, men and women and youths; for the people wept, and wept aloud.</p> <p>2 And Sechenias the son of Jeel, of the sons of <b>Elam</b>, answered and said to <b>Esdras</b>, We have broken covenant with our <b>God</b>, and have taken strange wives of the nations of the land: yet now there is patience of hope to <b>Israel</b> concerning this thing.</p> <p>3 Now then let us make a covenant with our <b>God</b>, to put away all the wives, and their offspring,</p> <p>as thou shalt advise: 4 arise, and alarm them with the</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 8:91</b> And as <b>Esdras</b> in his prayer made his confession, weeping, and lying flat upon the ground before the temple, there gathered unto him from <b>Jerusalem</b> a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude.</p> <p>92 Then <b>Jechonias</b> the son of Jeelus, one of the sons of <b>Israel</b>, called out, and said, O <b>Esdras</b>, we have sinned against the <b>Lord God</b>, we have married strange women of the nations of the land, and now is all <b>Israel</b> aloft.</p> <p>93 Let us make an oath to the <b>Lord</b>, that we will put away all our wives, which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,</p> <p>94 Like as thou hast decreed, and as many as do obey the</p>

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	<p>at the commandment of our <b>God</b>; and let it be done according to the law.</p> <p>4 Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it."</p> <p>5 Then <b>Ezra</b> arose and made the leading <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b> and all <b>Israel</b> take oath that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.</p> <p>6 Then <b>Ezra</b> withdrew from before the <b>house of God</b>, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib,</p> <p>where he spent the night, neither eating bread nor drinking water; for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles.</p> <p>7 And a proclamation was made throughout <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b> to all the returned exiles that they should</p>	<p>commands of our <b>God</b>; and let it be done according to the law.</p> <p>Rise up, for the matter is upon thee; and we are with thee: be strong and do.</p> <p>5 Then <b>Esdras</b> arose, and caused the <b>rulers</b>, the <b>priests</b>, and <b>Levites</b>, and all <b>Israel</b>, to swear that they would do according to this word: and they swore.</p> <p>6 And <b>Esdras</b> rose up from before the <b>house of God</b>, and went to the treasury of Joanan the son of Elisub;</p> <p>he even went thither: he ate no bread, and drank no water; for he mourned over the unfaithfulness of them of the captivity.</p> <p>7 And they made proclamation throughout <b>Juda</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b> to all the children of the captivity, that they</p>	<p>law of the <b>Lord</b>.</p> <p>95 Arise and put in execution: for to thee doth this matter appertain, and we will be with thee: do valiantly.</p> <p>96 So <b>Esdras</b> arose, and took an oath of the chief of the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b> of all <b>Israel</b> to do after these things; and so they sware.</p> <p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 9:1</b> Then <b>Esdras</b> rising from the court of the temple went to the chamber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,</p> <p>2 And remained there, and did eat no meat nor drink water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude.</p> <p>3 And there was a proclamation in all Jewry and <b>Jerusalem</b> to all them that were of the captivity, that they</p>
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	<p>assemble at <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p> <p>8 and that if any one did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all his property should be forfeited, and he himself banned from the congregation of the exiles.</p> <p>9 Then all the men of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> assembled at <b>Jerusalem</b> within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month.</p> <p>And all the people sat in the open square before the <b>house of God</b>, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.</p> <p>10 And <b>Ezra</b> the <b>priest</b> stood up and said to them, "You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of <b>Israel</b>.</p>	<p>should assemble at <b>Jerusalem</b>, saying,</p> <p>8 Every one who shall not arrive within three days, as is the counsel of the <b>rulers</b> and the elders, all his substance shall be forfeited, and he shall be separated from the congregation of the captivity.</p> <p>9 So all the men of <b>Juda</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> assembled at <b>Jerusalem</b> within the three days. This was the ninth month: on the twentieth day of the month</p> <p>all the people sat down in the street of the house of the <b>Lord</b>, because of their alarm concerning the word, and because of the storm.</p> <p>10 And <b>Esdras</b> the <b>priest</b> arose, and said to them, Ye have broken covenant, and have taken strange wives, to add to the trespass of <b>Israel</b>.</p>	<p>should be gathered together at <b>Jerusalem</b>:</p> <p>4 And that whosoever met not there within two or three days according as the elders that bare rule appointed, their cattle should be seized to the use of the temple, and himself cast out from them that were of the captivity.</p> <p>5 And in three days were all they of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin gathered together at <b>Jerusalem</b> the twentieth day of the ninth month.</p> <p>6 And all the multitude sat trembling in the broad court of the temple because of the present foul weather.</p> <p>7 So <b>Esdras</b> arose up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed the law in marrying strange wives, thereby to increase the sins of <b>Israel</b>.</p>
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	<p>11 Now then make confession to the <b>LORD</b> the <b>God</b> of your fathers,</p> <p>and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."</p> <p>12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "It is so; we must do as you have said.</p> <p>13 But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a work for one day or for two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let our officials stand for the whole assembly; let all in our cities who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them the elders and</p>	<p>11 Now therefore give praise to the <b>Lord God</b> of our fathers,</p> <p>and do that which is pleasing in his sight: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange wives.</p> <p>12 Then all the congregation answered and said, This thy word is powerful upon us to do it.</p> <p>13 But the people is numerous, and the season is stormy, and there is no power to stand without, and the work is more than enough for one day or for two; for we have greatly sinned in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let now our <b>rulers</b> stand, and for all those in our cities who have taken strange wives, let them come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them elders from</p>	<p>8 And now by confessing give glory unto the <b>Lord God</b> of our fathers,</p> <p>9 And do his will, and separate yourselves from the heathen of the land, and from the strange women.</p> <p>10 Then cried the whole multitude, and said with a loud voice, Like as thou hast spoken, so will we do.</p> <p>11 But forasmuch as the people are many, and it is foul weather, so that we cannot stand without, and this is not a work of a day or two, seeing our sin in these things is spread far:</p> <p>12 Therefore let the <b>rulers</b> of the multitude stay, and let all them of our habitations that have strange wives come at the time appointed,</p> <p>13 And with them the <b>rulers</b></p>
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	<p>judges of every city, till the fierce wrath of our <b>God</b> over this matter be averted from us."</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullum and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.</p> <p>16 Then the returned exiles did so.</p> <p><b>Ezra</b> the <b>priest</b> selected men, heads of fathers' houses, according to their fathers' houses, each of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to examine the matter;</p> <p>17 and by the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.</p> <p>18 Of the sons of the <b>priests</b></p>	<p>every several city, and judges, to turn away the fierce wrath of our <b>God</b> from us concerning this matter.</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asael, and Jazias the son of Thecoe were with me concerning this; and Mesollam, and Sabbathai the Levite helped them.</p> <p>16 And the children of the captivity did thus:</p> <p>and <b>Esdras</b> the <b>priest</b>, and heads of families according to their house were separated, and all by their names, for they returned in the first day of the tenth month to search out the matter.</p> <p>17 And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.</p> <p>18 And there were found some</p>	<p>and judges of every place, till we turn away the wrath of the <b>Lord</b> from us for this matter.</p> <p>14 Then Jonathan the son of Azael and Ezechias the son of Theocanus accordingly took this matter upon them: and Mosollam and Levis and Sabbathaus helped them.</p> <p>15 And they that were of the captivity did according to all these things.</p> <p>16 And <b>Esdras</b> the priest chose unto him the principal men of their families, all by name: and in the first day of the tenth month they sat together to examine the matter.</p> <p>17 So their cause that held strange wives was brought to an end in the first day of the first month.</p> <p>18 And of the <b>priests</b> that were</p>
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	<p>who had married foreign women were found</p> <p>Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah, of the sons of <b>Jeshua the son of Jozadak</b> and his brethren.</p> <p>19 They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and their guilt offering was a ram of the flock for their guilt.</p> <p>20 Of the sons of <b>Immer</b>: Hanani and Zebadiah.</p> <p>21 Of the sons of <b>Harim</b>: Maaseiah, Elijah, <b>Shemaiah</b>, <b>Jehiel</b>, and Uzziah.</p> <p>22 Of the sons of <b>Pashhur</b>: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, <b>Nethanel</b>, <b>Jozabad</b>, and Elasah.</p> <p>23 Of the <b>Levites</b>: <b>Jozabad</b>, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, <b>Judah</b>, and Eliezer.</p>	<p>of the sons of the <b>priests</b> who had taken strange wives:</p> <p>of the sons of <b>Jesus the son of Josedec</b>, and his brethren; Maasia, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gadalia.</p> <p>19 And they pledged themselves to put away their wives, and offered a ram of the flock for a trespass-offering because of their trespass.</p> <p>20 And of the sons of <b>Emmer</b>; Anani, and Zabdia.</p> <p>21 And of the sons of Eram; Masael, and Elia, and Samaia, and Jeel, and Ozia.</p> <p>22 And of the sons of Phasur; Elionai, Maasia, and Ismael, and <b>Nathanael</b>, and <b>Jozabad</b>, and Elasa.</p> <p>23 And of the <b>Levites</b>; <b>Jozabad</b>, and Samu, and Colia (he is Colitas,) and Phetheia, and Judas, and Eliezer.</p>	<p>come together, and had strange wives, there were found:</p> <p>19 Of the sons of <b>Jesus</b> the son of <b>Josedec</b>, and his brethren; Matthelas and Eleazar, and Joribus and Joadanus.</p> <p>20 And they gave their hands to put away their wives and to offer rams to make reconciliation for their errors.</p> <p>21 And of the sons of <b>Emmer</b>; <b>Ananias</b>, and Zabdeus, and Eanes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and Azarias.</p> <p>22 And of the sons of Phaisur; Elionas, Massias <b>Israel</b>, and <b>Nathanael</b>, and Ocidelus and Talsas.</p> <p>23 And of the <b>Levites</b>; <b>Jozabad</b>, and Semis, and Colius, who was called Calitas, and Patheus, and Judas, and Jonas. 2</p>
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	<p>2 4 Of the singers: Eliashib.</p> <p>Of the gatekeepers: <b>Shallum</b>, Telem, and Uri.</p> <p>25 And of <b>Israel</b>: of the sons of <b>Parosh</b>: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, <b>Hashabiah</b>, and Benaiah.</p> <p>26 Of the sons of <b>Elam</b>: Mattaniah, <b>Zechariah</b>, <b>Jehiel</b>, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.</p> <p>27 Of the sons of <b>Zattu</b>: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.</p> <p>28 Of the sons of <b>Bebai</b> were Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.</p> <p>29 Of the sons of <b>Bani</b> were Meshullum, Malluch, Adaiyah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth.</p>	<p>24 And of the singers; Elisab: and of the <b>porters</b>; Solmen, and Telmen, and Oduth.</p> <p>25 Also of <b>Israel</b>: of the sons of <b>Phoros</b>; Ramia, and Azia, and Melchia, and Meamin, and Eleazar, and Asabia, and Banaia.</p> <p>26 And of the sons of Helam; Matthania, and Zacharia, and Jaiel, and Abdia, and Jarimoth, and Elia.</p> <p>27 And of the sons of Zathua; Elionai, Elisub, Matthanai, and Armoth, and Zabad, and Oziza.</p> <p>28 And of the sons of Babei; Joanan, Anania, and Zabu, and Thali.</p> <p>29 And of the sons of <b>Banui</b>; Mosollam, Maluch, Adaias, Jasub, and Saluia, and Remoth.</p>	<p>4 Of the holy singers; Eleazurus, Bacchurus.</p> <p>25 Of the <b>porters</b>; Sallumus, and Tolbanes.</p> <p>26 Of them of <b>Israel</b>, of the sons of <b>Phoros</b>; Hiermas, and Eddias, and Melchias, and Maelus, and Eleazar, and Asibias, and Baanias.</p> <p>27 Of the sons of Ela; Matthanias, <b>Zacharias</b>, and Hierielus, and Hieremoth, and Aedias.</p> <p>28 And of the sons of Zamoth; Eliadas, Elisimus, Othonias, Jarimoth, and Sabatus, and Sardeus.</p> <p>29 Of the sons of <b>Babai</b>; Johannes, and <b>Ananias</b> and Josabad, and Amatheis.</p> <p>30 Of the sons of Mani; Olamus, Mamuchus, Jedeus, Jasubus, Jasael, and Hieremoth.</p>
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	<p>30 Of the sons of Pahathmoab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, <b>Binnui</b>, and Manasseh.</p> <p>31 Of the sons of <b>Harim</b>: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, <b>Shemaiah</b>, Shimeon, 32 <b>Benjamin</b>, Malluch, and Shemariah.</p> <p>33 Of the sons of <b>Hashum</b>: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.</p> <p>34 Of the sons of <b>Bani</b>: Maadai, Amram, Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu.</p> <p>38 Of the sons of <b>Binnui</b>: Shimei, 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,</p>	<p>30 And of the sons of Phaath Moab; Edne, and Chalel, and Banaia, Maasia, Matthania, Beseleel, and <b>Banui</b>, and Manasse.</p> <p>31 And of the sons of Eram; Eliezer, Jesia, Melchia, <b>Samaias</b>, Semeon, 32 <b>Benjamin</b>, Baluch, <b>Samaria</b>.</p> <p>33 And of the sons of Asem; Metthania, Matthatha, Zadab, Eliphalet, Jerami, Manasse, Semei.</p> <p>34 And of the sons of <b>Bani</b>; Moodia, Amram, Uel, 35 Banaia, Badaia, Chelkia, 36 Uvania, Marimoth, Eliasiph, 37 Matthania, Matthanai:</p> <p>38 and so did the children of <b>Banui</b>, and the children of Semei, 39 and Selemia, and Nathan, and Adaia, 40 Machadnabu, Sesei, Sariu,</p>	<p>31 And of the sons of Addi; Naathus, and Moosias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and Sesthel, Balnuus, and Manasseas.</p> <p>32 And of the sons of <b>Annas</b>; Elionas and Aseas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Chosameus.</p> <p>33 And of the sons of Asom; Altaneus, and Matthias, and Baanaia, Eliphalet, and <b>Manasses</b>, and Semei.</p> <p>34 And of the sons of Maani; <b>Jeremias</b>, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabasion, and Enasibus, and Mamnitanimus, Eliasis,</p> <p>Bannus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathanias:</p>
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	41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,  42 <b>Shallum</b> , Amariah, and Joseph.  43 Of the sons of <b>Nebo</b> : <b>Jeiel</b> , Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.  44 All these had married foreign women, and they put them away with their children.	41 Ezriel, and Selemia, and <b>Samaria</b> ,  42 and <b>Sellum</b> , Amaria, Joseph.  43 Of the sons of <b>Nabu</b> ; Jael, Matthanias, Zabad, Zebennas, Jadai, and Joel, and Banaia.  44 All these had taken strange wives, and had begotten sons of them.	and of the sons of Ozora; Sesis, Esril, Azaelus,  Samatus, Zambis, Josephus.  35 And of the sons of Ethma; Mazitias, Zabadaias, Edes, Juel, Banaias.  36 All these had taken strange wives, and they put them away with their children.
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<p><b>RSV Nehemiah 7:73</b> So the <b>priests</b>, the <b>Levites</b>, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the <b>temple servants</b>, and all <b>Israel</b>, lived in their towns.</p> <p>And <b>when the seventh month had come</b>, the children of <b>Israel</b> were in their towns.</p> <p>Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the</p>		<p><b>LXE Nehemiah 7:73</b> And the <b>priests</b>, and <b>Levites</b>, and <b>porters</b>, and singers, and some of the people, and the <b>Nathinim</b>, and all <b>Israel</b>, dwelt in their cities.</p> <p>LXE Nehemiah 8:1 <b>And the seventh month arrived</b>, and the children of <b>Israel</b> were settled in their cities;</p> <p>and all the people were gathered as one man to the broad place before the water-gate,</p>	<p><b>LXA 1 Esdras 9:37</b> And the <b>priests</b> and <b>Levites</b>, and they that were of <b>Israel</b>, dwelt in <b>Jerusalem</b>, and in the country,</p> <p>in the first day of the seventh month: so the children of <b>Israel</b> were in their habitations.</p> <p>38 And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the holy porch toward the east:</p>

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<p>Water Gate;</p> <p>and they told <b>Ezra</b> the scribe to bring the book of the law of <b>Moses</b> which the <b>LORD</b> had given to <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>2 And <b>Ezra</b> the <b>priest</b> brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.</p> <p>3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And <b>Ezra</b> the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose;</p> <p>and beside him stood</p>	<p>and they told <b>Esdras</b> the scribe to bring the book of the law of <b>Moses</b>, which the <b>Lord</b> commanded <b>Israel</b>.</p> <p>2 So <b>Esdras</b> the <b>priest</b> brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and every one who had understanding was present to hearken, on the first day of the seventh month.</p> <p>3 And he read in it from the time of sun-rise to the middle of the day, before the men and the women; and they understood it, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And <b>Esdras</b> the scribe stood on a wooden stage,</p> <p>and there stood next to him</p>	<p>39 And they spake unto <b>Esdras</b> the priest and reader, that he would bring the law of <b>Moses</b>, that was given of the <b>Lord God of Israel</b>.</p> <p>40 So <b>Esdras</b> the chief priest brought the law unto the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the <b>priests</b>, to hear law in the first day of the seventh month.</p> <p>41 And he read in the broad court before the holy porch from morning unto midday, before both men and women; and the multitude gave heed unto the law.</p> <p>42 And <b>Esdras</b> the priest and reader of the law stood up upon a pulpit of wood, which was made for that purpose.</p> <p>43 And there stood up by him</p>
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<p>Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiiah, Uriah, <b>Hilkiah</b>, and Maaseiah on his right hand;</p> <p>and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, <b>Hashum</b>, Hashbaddanah, <b>Zechariah</b>, and Meshullam on his left hand.</p> <p>5 And <b>Ezra</b> opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people;</p> <p>and when he opened it all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And <b>Ezra</b> blessed the <b>LORD</b>, the great <b>God</b>;</p> <p>and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the <b>LORD</b> with their faces to the ground.</p>		<p>Mattathias, and <b>Samaeas</b>, and <b>Ananias</b>, and Urias, and Chelcia, and Massia, on his right hand;</p> <p>and on his left Phadaeas, and Misael, and Melchias, and Asom, and Asabadma, and <b>Zacharias</b>, and Mesollam.</p> <p>5 And <b>Esdras</b> opened the book before all the people, for he was above the people;</p> <p>and it came to pass when he had opened it, that all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And <b>Esdras</b> blessed the <b>Lord</b>, the great <b>God</b>:</p> <p>and all the people answered, and said, Amen, lifting up their hands: and they bowed down and worshipped the <b>Lord</b> with their face to the ground.</p>	<p>Mattathias, Sammus, <b>Ananias</b>, Azarias, Urias, Ezeccias, Balasamus, upon the right hand:</p> <p>44 And upon his left hand stood Phaldaius, Misael, Melchias, Lothasubus, and Nabarias.</p> <p>45 Then took <b>Esdras</b> the book of the law before the multitude: for he sat honourably in the first place in the sight of them all.</p> <p>46 And when he opened the law, they stood all straight up.</p> <p>So <b>Esdras</b> blessed the <b>Lord God</b> most High, the <b>God</b> of hosts, Almighty.</p> <p>47 And all the people answered, Amen; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worshipped the <b>Lord</b>.</p>
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<p>7 Also <b>Jeshua, Bani</b>, Sherebiah, Jamin, <b>Akkub</b>, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, <b>Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan</b>, Pelaiah, the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>helped the people to understand the law,</p> <p>while the people remained in their places.</p> <p>8 And they read from the book, from the law of <b>God</b>, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.</p> <p>9 And <b>Nehemiah</b>, who was the <b>governor</b>, and <b>Ezra</b> the <b>priest</b> and scribe, and the <b>Levites</b> who taught the people said to all the people,</p> <p>"This day is holy to the <b>LORD</b> your <b>God</b>; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept</p>		<p>7 And <b>Jesus</b> and Banaias and Sarabias</p> <p>instructed the people in the law,</p> <p>and the people stood in their place.</p> <p>8 And they read in the book of the law of <b>God</b>, and <b>Esdras</b> taught, and instructed them distinctly in the knowledge of the <b>Lord</b>, and the people understood the law in the reading.</p> <p>9 And <b>Neemias</b>, and <b>Esdras</b> the <b>priest</b> and scribe, and the <b>Levites</b>, and they that instructed the people, spoke and said to all the people,</p> <p>It is a holy day to the <b>Lord</b> our <b>God</b>; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept when</p>	<p>48 Also <b>Jesus</b>, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacobus, Sabateas, Auteas, Maianeas, and Calitas, Azarias, and Joazabodus, and <b>Ananias</b>, Biatas, the <b>Levites</b>,</p> <p>taught the law of the <b>Lord</b>, making them wital to understand it.</p> <p>49 Then spake <b>Attharates</b> unto <b>Esdras</b> the chief priest. and reader, and to the <b>Levites</b> that taught the multitude, even to all, saying,</p> <p>50 This day is holy unto the <b>Lord</b>; (for they all wept when they heard the law).</p>
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<p>when they heard the words of the law.</p> <p>10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared;</p> <p>for this day is holy to our <b>Lord</b>; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the <b>LORD</b> is your strength."</p> <p>11 So the <b>Levites</b> stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."</p> <p>12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing,</p> <p>because they had understood the words that were declared to them.</p>		<p>they heard the words of the law.</p> <p>10 And the <b>governor</b> said to them, Go, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them that have nothing;</p> <p>for the day is holy to our <b>Lord</b>: and faint not, for the <b>Lord</b> is our strength.</p> <p>11 And the <b>Levites</b> caused all the people to be silent, saying, Be silent, for it is a holy day, and despond not.</p> <p>12 So all the people departed to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth,</p> <p>for they understood the words which he made known to them.</p>	<p>51 Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send part to them that have nothing;</p> <p>52 For this day is holy unto the <b>Lord</b>: and be not sorrowful; for the <b>Lord</b> will bring you to honour.</p> <p>53 So the <b>Levites</b> published all things to the people, saying, This day is holy to the <b>Lord</b>; be not sorrowful.</p>
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The following table has all possible key dates in the history of the Jewish returns from the Babylonian exile (Dates are from *Babylonian Chronology 626 B.C. - A.D. 75* by Parker & Dubberstein, Brown U. Press, 1956, which reconstructs the Babylonian civil calendar, spring epoch):

A) Return under Sheshbazzar, prince of **Judah**:

- 1) Departure from **Babylon** and arrival in Yahud as **Governor** (Ezra 1:1-10 & 5:14).

Sometime in 1st year of **Cyrus** (538/537 BC). Exact dates not recorded.

- 2) Started rebuilding the temple. Foundation set (Ezra 1:3 & 5:14-16).

Sometime in 1st year of **Cyrus** (538/537 BC). Exact date not recorded.

B) Return under leadership of prince Zerubbabel and high **priest** Joshua:

- 1) Departure from **Babylon** and arrival in Yahud (Ezra 3:2 & Hag 2:1-4).

Sometime in 2nd year of **Darius** I (520/519 BC). Exact dates not recorded.

- 2) The prophet Haggai exhorts Zerubbabel to resume rebuilding the temple (Hag 1:1f & Ezra 5:1-2).

2nd year of **Darius** I (520/519 BC). 1st day of the 6th month = Aug 29, 520 BC.

- 3) Rebuilding of Temple, started by Sheshbazzar but not completed, resumes (Hag 1:15).

2nd year of **Darius** I (520/519 BC). 24th day of the 6th month = Sep 21, 520 BC.

- 4) Alter erected and sacrifices made (Ezra 3:1-7).

2nd year of **Darius** I (520/519 BC). 1st of the 7th month = Sep 27, 520 BC.

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- 5) Feast of booths observed (Ezra 3:4).  
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 15th-21st of the 7th month = Oct 11-17, 520 BC.
- 6) **Zechariah's** address was given (Zech 1:1 & Ezra 5:1-2).  
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 8th month = Oct/Nov, 520 BC.
- 7) Foundation of the temple laid, and official temple hierarchy re-established (Ezra 3:8-13).  
2nd year from arrival, i.e., 3rd year of **Darius I** (519/518 BC). 2nd month = Apr/May 519 BC.
- 8) The temple was completed (Ezra 6:15).  
6th year of **Darius I** (516/515 BC). 3rd of Adar (12th month) = Mar 12, 515 BC.

For the returns under Nehemiah and Ezra, there are a couple of alternatives. The usual academic reconstruction puts Nehemiah's 2 returns under **Artaxerxes I** and Ezra's under **Artaxerxes II**. The alternative favored by evangelicals also puts Ezra's return under **Artaxerxes I**. **Artaxerxes III** did not rule long enough to be a possibility for Nehemiah, but is a candidate for Ezra. A **ban** on building of the city wall was in effect during the reign of "**Artaxerxes**" (Ezra 4:7-24a) but who made the attempt to build them that caused the **ban** is not stated. If Nehemiah was recalled for his wall building activity, then how did he maintain his governorship for 12 years? Ezra 4:21 suggests that it happened before Nehemiah's governorship, as a decree from **Artaxerxes** is required to allow rebuilding. Nehemiah's return was a result of such a decree. Nehemiah then completed the construction as fast as possible to prevent it from being ordered stopped again.

- C) Return under Nehemiah:
  - 1) Arrives as **Governor** of Yahud (Neh 2:1-11).  
20th year of **Artaxerxes I** (445/444 BC). Nisan (1st Month) = Apr/May or Oct/Nov 445 BC.

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20th year of **Artaxerxes II** (385/384 BC). 1st Month = Apr/May or Oct/Nov 385 BC.

- 2) Completion of city wall in 52 days (Neh 6:15).

20th year of **Artaxerxes I** (445/444 BC). 25th of Elul (6th month) = Aug 16 to Oct 7, 445 BC.

20th year of **Artaxerxes II** (385/384 BC). 25th of Elul (6th month) = Sep 30, 385 BC.

- 3) Nehemiah's recall to **Babylon** (Neh 13:6).

32nd year of **Artaxerxes I** (433/432 BC).

32nd year of **Artaxerxes II** (373/372 BC).

- 4) 2nd return of Nehemiah and possible limits for that governorship (Neh 13:6-7).

Sometime between 33rd and final year of **Artaxerxes I** (spring 432 to winter 423 BC).

Sometime between 33rd and final year of **Artaxerxes II** (spring 372 to winter 358 BC).

- D) Return under Ezra:

- 1) Departure from **Babylon** for **Jerusalem** (Ezra 7:1-10)

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 1st of 1st month = Apr 8, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 1st of 1st month = Apr 5, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 1st of 1st month = Apr 6, 352 BC.

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- 2) Resumes journey for **Jerusalem** (Ezra 8:31-32) after stopping at river Ahava to pick up **Levites** (Ezra 8:15-20).  
7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 19, 458 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 16, 398 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 17, 352 BC.
- 3) Arrives at **Jerusalem** (Ezra 7:8-9).  
7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 1st of 5th month = Aug 4, 458 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 1st of 5th month = Jul 31, 398 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 1st of 5th month = Aug 2, 352 BC.
- 4) Public reading of Law (Neh 8:1-12).  
7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 1st day of 7th month = Oct 2, 458 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 28, 398 BC.  
7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 30, 352 BC.
- 5) Celebrates the feast of Booths (The decision was made to celebrate the festival on the 2nd day of the 7th month = Oct 3, 458 BC or Sep 29, 398 BC. Neh 8:13-18. See also the observance of this festival under the return of Zerubbabel and Joshua in the 2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC), both of which are claimed to be the first observance since the exile began. The dates below are the traditional dates for this feast).  
7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 17-23, 458 BC.

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7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 12-18, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 14-20, 352 BC.

- 6) Ezra's speech exhorting **Jews** to separate from foreigners (Neh 9:1-37).

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 26, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 21, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 23, 352 BC.

- 7) Ezra decrees that all **Jews** of Yahud divorce their foreign wives (Ezra 10:9).

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 20th of 9th month = Dec 19, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 20th of 9th month = Dec 16, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 20th of 9th month = Dec 16, 352 BC