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SHESHBAZZAR

EZR 1:1 **In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia (538/537 BC)**, that the word of the **LORD** by the mouth of **Jeremiah** might be accomplished, the **LORD** stirred up the spirit of **Cyrus king of Persia** so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

EZR 1:2 "Thus says **Cyrus king of Persia**: The **LORD**, the **God of heaven**, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at **Jerusalem**, which is in **Judah**.

EZR 1:3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his **God** be with him, and let him go up to **Jerusalem**, which is in **Judah**, and rebuild **the house of the LORD**, the **God of Israel** -- he is the **God** who is in **Jerusalem**;

EZR 1:4 and let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the **house of God** which is in **Jerusalem**."

EZR 1:5 Then rose up the heads of the **fathers'** houses of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and the **priests** and the **Levites**, every one whose spirit **God** had stirred to go up to rebuild **the house of the LORD** which is in **Jerusalem**;

EZR 1:6 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.

EZR 1:7 **Cyrus the king** also brought out the vessels of **the house of the LORD** which **Nebuchadnezzar** had carried away from **Jerusalem** and placed in the house of his gods.

EZR 1:8 **Cyrus king of Persia** brought these out in charge of **Mithredath** the treasurer, who counted them out to **Sheshbazzar** the prince of **Judah**.

EZR 1:9 And this was the number of them: a thousand basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, twenty-nine censers,

EZR 1:10 thirty bowls of gold, two thousand four hundred and ten bowls of silver, and a thousand other vessels;

EZR 1:11 all the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine. All these did **Sheshbazzar** bring up, when the exiles were brought up from **Babylonia** to **Jerusalem**.

EZR 5:14 And the gold and silver vessels of the **house of God**, which **Nebuchadnezzar** had taken out of the **temple** that was in **Jerusalem** and brought into the **temple** of **Babylon**, these **Cyrus the king** took out of the **temple** of **Babylon**, and they were delivered to one whose name was **Sheshbazzar**, whom he had made **governor**;

EZR 5:15 and he said to him, "Take these vessels, go and put them in the **temple** which is in **Jerusalem**, and let the **house of God** be rebuilt on its site."

EZR 5:16a **Then** this **Sheshbazzar** came and laid the foundations of the **house of God** which is in **Jerusalem**;

EZR 4:4 **Then** the **people of the land** discouraged the people of **Judah**, and made them afraid to build,

EZR 4:5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, **all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia**.

ZERUBBABEL & JESHUA

EZR 3:2a **Then** arose **Jeshua** the son of **Jozadak**, with his fellow **priests**, and **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel** with his kinsmen,

NEH 7:6 These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile; they returned to Jerusalem and Judah ,	EZR 2:1 Now these were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried captive to Babylonia ; they returned to Jerusalem and
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each to his town.	Judah , each to his own town.
NEH 7:7 They came with Zerubbabel , Jeshua , [Nehemiah,]	EZR 2:2a They came with Zerubbabel , Jeshua , [Nehemiah,]
NEH 7:7 Azariah,	EZR 2:2b Seraiah, Reelaiah,
NEH 7:7 Raamiah, Nahamani,	
NEH 7:7 Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel :	EZR 2:2c Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel :
NEH 7:8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand and a hundred and seventy-two.	EZR 2:3 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.
NEH 7:9 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.	EZR 2:4 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.
NEH 7:10 The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.	EZR 2:5 The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.
NEH 7:11 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.	EZR 2:6 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
NEH 7:12 The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	EZR 2:7 The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
NEH 7:13 The sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five.	EZR 2:8 The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.
NEH 7:14 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.	EZR 2:9 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.
NEH 7:15 The sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight.	EZR 2:10 The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two.
NEH 7:16 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight.	EZR 2:11 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.

NEH 7:17 The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.	EZR 2:12 The sons of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two.
NEH 7:18 The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven.	EZR 2:13 The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six.
NEH 7:19 The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven.	EZR 2:14 The sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six.
NEH 7:20 The sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five.	EZR 2:15 The sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four.
NEH 7:21 The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.	EZR 2:16 The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
NEH 7:23 The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four.	EZR 2:17 The sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three.
NEH 7:24 The sons of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.	EZR 2:18 The sons of Jorah, one hundred and twelve.
NEH 7:22 The sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight.	EZR 2:19 The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three.
NEH 7:25 The sons of Gibeon, ninety-five.	EZR 2:20 The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five.
NEH 7:26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, a hundred and eighty-eight.	EZR 2:21 The sons of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three.
	EZR 2:22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.
NEH 7:27 The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.	EZR 2:23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight.
NEH 7:28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty-two.	EZR 2:24 The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two.
NEH 7:29 The men of Kiriathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.	EZR 2:25 The sons of Kiriatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.
NEH 7:30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.	EZR 2:26 The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.

NEH 7:31 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two.	EZR 2:27 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.
NEH 7:32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three.	EZR 2:28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three.
NEH 7:33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two.	EZR 2:29 The sons of Nebo, fifty-two.
	EZR 2:30 The sons of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six.
NEH 7:34 The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	EZR 2:31 The sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
NEH 7:35 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.	EZR 2:32 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
	EZR 2:33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.
NEH 7:36 The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.	EZR 2:34 The sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.
NEH 7:37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one.	
NEH 7:38 The sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.	EZR 2:35 The sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
NEH 7:39 The priests : the sons of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua , nine hundred and seventy-three.	EZR 2:36 The priests : the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua , nine hundred and seventy-three.
NEH 7:40 The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two.	EZR 2:37 The sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two.
NEH 7:41 The sons of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	EZR 2:38 The sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.
NEH 7:42 The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.	EZR 2:39 The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.
NEH 7:43 The Levites : the sons of	EZR 2:40 The Levites : the sons of Jeshua

Jeshua , namely of Kadmiel of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four.	and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
NEH 7:44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight.	EZR 2:41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
NEH 7:45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-eight.	EZR 2:42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, in all one hundred and thirty-nine.
NEH 7:46 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,	EZR 2:43 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
NEH 7:47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,	EZR 2:44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
NEH 7:48a the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba,	EZR 2:45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah,
	EZR 2:46a the sons of Akkub,
	EZR 2:46b the sons of Hagab,
NEH 7:48b the sons of Shalmal,	EZR 2:46c the sons of Shamlai,
NEH 7:49 the sons of Hanan,	the sons of Hanan,
the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,	EZR 2:47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
NEH 7:50a the sons of Reaiah,	the sons of Reaiah,
NEH 7:50b the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,	EZR 2:48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,
NEH 7:51a the sons of Gazzam,	the sons of Gazzam,
NEH 7:51b the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,	EZR 2:49a the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,
NEH 7:52a the sons of Besai,	EZR 2:49b the sons of Besai,

NEH 7:52b the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim,	EZR 2:50a the sons of Asnah,
NEH 7:53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,	EZR 2:50b the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephisim,
NEH 7:54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,	EZR 2:51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
NEH 7:55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,	EZR 2:52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
NEH 7:56 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.	EZR 2:53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,
NEH 7:57 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,	EZR 2:54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of Hatipha.
NEH 7:58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,	EZR 2:55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Hassophereth, the sons of Peruda,
NEH 7:59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim, the sons of Amon.	EZR 2:56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
NEH 7:60 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.	EZR 2:57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim, and the sons of Ami.
NEH 7:61 The following were those who came up from Telmelah, Telharsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to Israel :	EZR 2:58 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.
NEH 7:62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah , the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.	EZR 2:59 The following were those who came up from Telmelah, Telharsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, though they could not prove their fathers' houses or their descent, whether they belonged to Israel :
	EZR 2:60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah , and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.

<p>NEH 7:63 Also, of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name).</p> <p>NEH 7:64 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>NEH 7:65 the governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise.</p> <p>NEH 7:66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>NEH 7:67 besides their menservants and maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five singers, male and female.</p> <p>NEH 7:68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>NEH 7:69 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and their asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p>	<p>EZR 2:61 Also, of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, and the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name).</p> <p>EZR 2:62 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>EZR 2:63 the governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until there should be a priest to consult Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>EZR 2:64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>EZR 2:65 besides their menservants and maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred male and female singers.</p> <p>EZR 2:66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules were two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>EZR 2:67 their camels were four hundred and thirty-five, and their asses were six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>EZR 2:68 Some of the heads of families, when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site;</p> <p>EZR 2:69 according to their ability they</p>
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<p>NEH 7:70 Now some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.</p> <p>NEH 7:71 And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold and two thousand two hundred minas of silver.</p> <p>NEH 7:72 And what the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments.</p> <p>NEH 7:73a So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.</p>	<p>gave to the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.</p> <p>EZR 2:70 The priests, the Levites, and some of the people lived in Jerusalem and its vicinity; and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their towns, and all Israel in their towns.</p>
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NEH 12:1a These are the **priests** and the **Levites** who came up with **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel**, and **Jeshua**:

NEH 12:1b Seraiah, **Jeremiah**, **Ezra**,

NEH 12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

NEH 12:3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

NEH 12:4 **Iddo**, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

NEH 12:5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

NEH 12:6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

NEH 12:7a Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah.

NEH 12:7b These were the chiefs of the **priests** and of their brethren in the days of **Jeshua**.

NEH 12:8a And the **Levites**:

NEH 12:8b **Jeshua**, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, **Judah**,

NEH 12:8b and Mattaniah, who with his brethren was in charge of the songs of thanksgiving.

NEH 12:9 And Bakbukiah and Unno their brethren stood opposite them in the service.

NEH 12:10a And **Jeshua** was the father of **Joiakim**,

NEH 12:10b **Joiakim** the father of **Eliashib**,

NEH 12:10c **Eliashib** the father of Joiada,

NEH 12:11a Joiada the father of Jonathan,

NEH 12:11b and Jonathan the father of Jaddua.

NEH 12:12a And in the days of **Joiakim** were **priests**, heads of **fathers'** houses:

NEH 12:12b of Seraiah, Meraiah; of **Jeremiah**, Hananiah;

NEH 12:13 of **Ezra**, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

NEH 12:14 of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

NEH 12:15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

NEH 12:16 of **Iddo**, **Zechariah**; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

NEH 12:17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, [lacunae]; of Moadiah, Piltai;

NEH 12:18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

NEH 12:19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

NEH 12:20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

NEH 12:21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

NEH 12:22 As for the **Levites**, in the days of **Eliashib**, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of **fathers'** houses; also the **priests** until the reign of **Darius** [III?] the Persian.

NEH 12:23 The sons of Levi, heads of **fathers'** houses, were written in the *Book of the Chronicles* until the days of Johanan the son of **Eliashib**.

NEH 12:24 And the chiefs of the **Levites**: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and **Jeshua** the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of **God**, watch corresponding to watch.

NEH 12:25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers standing guard at the storehouses of the gates.

NEH 12:26 These were in the days of **Joiakim** the son of **Jeshua** son of **Jozadak**, and **in the days of Nehemiah the governor** and of **Ezra** the priest the scribe.

EZR 5:1 **Now** the **prophets, Haggai** and **Zechariah** the son of **Iddo**, prophesied to the **Judeans** who were in **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, in the name of the **God of Israel** who was over them.

HAG 1:1 In **the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month (Aug 29, 529 BCE)**, the word of the **LORD** came by **Haggai** the prophet to **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel, governor of Judah**, and to **Joshua** the son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest,

HAG 1:2 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: This people say the time has not yet come to rebuild **the house of the LORD**."

HAG 1:3 **Then** the word of the **LORD** came by **Haggai** the prophet,

HAG 1:4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

HAG 1:5 Now therefore thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Consider how you have fared.

HAG 1:6 You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes.

HAG 1:7 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Consider how you have fared.

HAG 1:8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may appear in my glory, says the **LORD**.

HAG 1:9 You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the **LORD of hosts**. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while you busy yourselves each with his own house.

HAG 1:10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

HAG 1:11 And I have called for a drought upon the land and the hills, upon the grain, the new wine, the oil, upon what the ground brings forth, upon men and cattle, and upon all their labors."

EZR 5:2 **Then Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel** and **Jeshua** the son of **Jozadak** arose and began to rebuild the **house of God** which is in **Jerusalem**; and with them were the **prophets of God**, helping them.

HAG 1:12 **Then Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel**, and **Joshua** the son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the **LORD** their **God**, and the words of **Haggai** the prophet, as the **LORD** their **God** had sent him; and the people feared before the **LORD**.

HAG 1:13 **Then Haggai**, the messenger of the **LORD**, spoke to the people with the **lord's** message, "I am with you, says the **LORD**."

HAG 1:14 And the **LORD** stirred up the spirit of **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel**, **governor of Judah**, and the spirit of **Joshua** the son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on **the house of the LORD of hosts**, their **God**,

HAG 1:15a **on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month** (of Darius I, [Sep 21, 520 BCE](#)).

EZR 3:1 **When the seventh month** came, and the sons of **Israel** were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to **Jerusalem**.

EZR 3:2b and they built the altar of the **God of Israel**, to offer burnt offerings upon it, as it is written in the law of **Moses** the man of **God**.

EZR 3:3 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 **LORD**, burnt offerings morning and evening.

EZR 3:4b and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinance, as each day required,

EZR 3:5 and after that the continual burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the **LORD**, and the offerings of every one who made a freewill offering to the **LORD**.

EZR 3:6a **From the first day of the seventh month** ([Sep 27, 520 BCE](#)) they began to offer burnt offerings to the **LORD**.

EZR 3:4a And they kept the feast of booths, as it is written.

HAG 1:15b **In the second year of Darius the king,**

HAG 2:1 **in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month** ([Oct 18, 529 BCE](#)), the word of the **LORD** came by **Haggai** the prophet,

HAG 2:2 "Speak now to **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel**, **governor of Judah**, and to **Joshua** the son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say,

HAG 2:3 "Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?

HAG 2:4 Yet now take courage, O **Zerubbabel**, says the **LORD**; take courage, O **Joshua**, son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest; take courage, all you **people of the land**, says the **LORD**; work, for I am with you, says the **LORD of hosts**,

HAG 2:5 according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My **Spirit** abides among you; fear not.

HAG 2:6 For thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land;

HAG 2:7 and I will shake all **nations**, so that the treasures of all **nations** shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the **LORD of hosts**.

HAG 2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the **LORD of hosts**.

HAG 2:9 The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the **LORD of hosts**; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the **LORD of hosts**."

ZEC 1:1 **In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius**, the word of the **LORD** came to **Zechariah** the son of **Berechiah**, son of **Iddo**, the prophet, saying,

ZEC 1:2 "The **LORD** was very angry with your **fathers**.

ZEC 1:3 Therefore say to them, Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Return to me, says the **LORD of hosts**, and I will return to you, says the **LORD of hosts**.

ZEC 1:4 Be not like your **fathers**, to whom the former **prophets** cried out, 'Thus says the **LORD of hosts**, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.' But they did not hear or heed me, says the **LORD**.

ZEC 1:5 Your **fathers**, where are they? And the **prophets**, do they live for ever?

ZEC 1:6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the **prophets**, did they not overtake your **fathers**? So they repented and said, As the **LORD of hosts** purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us."

HAG 2:10 **On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius** ([Dec 19, 520 BCE](#)), the word of the **LORD** came by **Haggai** the prophet,

HAG 2:11 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Ask the **priests** to decide this question,

HAG 2:12 'If one carries holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and touches with his skirt bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, does it become holy?'" The **priests** answered, "No."

HAG 2:13 Then said **Haggai**, "If one who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?" The **priests** answered, "It does become unclean."

HAG 2:14 Then **Haggai** said, "So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, says the **LORD**; and so with every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean. [should this be in the past tense?]

HAG 2:15 Pray now, consider what will come to pass from this day onward. Before a stone was placed upon a stone in the **temple** of the **LORD**,

HAG 2:16 how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the winevat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty.

HAG 2:17 I smote you and all the products of your toil with blight and mildew and hail; yet you did not return to me, says the **LORD**.

HAG 2:18 Consider from this day onward, **from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month (Dec 19, 520 BCE)**. Since the day that the foundation of the **lord's temple** was laid, consider:

HAG 2:19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Do the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree still yield nothing? From this day on I will bless you."

HAG 2:20 The word of the **LORD** came a second time to **Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month (Dec 19, 520 BCE)**,

HAG 2:21 "Speak to **Zerubbabel, governor of Judah**, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth,

HAG 2:22 and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the **nations**, and overthrow the chariots and their riders; and the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his fellow.

HAG 2:23 On that day, says the **LORD of hosts**, I will take you, O **Zerubbabel** my servant, the son of **Shealtiel**, says the **LORD**, and make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you, says the **LORD of hosts**."

ZEC 1:7 **On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius (Feb 16, 521 BCE)**, the word of the **LORD** came to **Zechariah** the son of **Berechiah**, son of **Iddo**, the prophet; and **Zechariah** said,

ZEC 1:8 "I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding upon a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen; and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.

ZEC 1:9 Then I said, 'What are these, my **lord**?' The angel who talked with me said to me, 'I will show you what they are.'

ZEC 1:10 So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, 'These are they whom the **LORD** has sent to patrol the earth.'

ZEC 1:11 And they answered the angel of the **LORD** who was standing among the myrtle trees, 'We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.'

ZEC 1:12 Then the angel of the **LORD** said, 'O **LORD of hosts**, how long wilt thou have no mercy on **Jerusalem** and the cities of **Judah**, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years?'

ZEC 1:13 And the **LORD** answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

ZEC 1:14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, 'Cry out, Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: I am exceedingly jealous for **Jerusalem** and for **Zion**.

ZEC 1:15 And I am very angry with the **nations** that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little they furthered the disaster.

ZEC 1:16 Therefore, thus says the **LORD**, I have returned to **Jerusalem** with compassion; my house shall be built in it, says the **LORD of hosts**, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over **Jerusalem**.

ZEC 1:17 Cry again, Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the **LORD** will again comfort **Zion** and again choose **Jerusalem**."

ZEC 1:18 And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns!

ZEC 1:19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" And he answered me, "These are the horns which have scattered **Judah**, **Israel**, and **Jerusalem**."

ZEC 1:20 Then the **LORD** showed me four smiths.

ZEC 1:21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" He answered, "These are the horns which scattered **Judah**, so that no man raised his head; and these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the **nations** who lifted up their horns against the land of **Judah** to scatter it."

ZEC 2:1 And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand!

ZEC 2:2 Then I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure **Jerusalem**, to see what is its breadth and what is its length."

ZEC 2:3 And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him,

ZEC 2:4 and said to him, "Run, say to that young man, '**Jerusalem** shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and cattle in it.

ZEC 2:5 For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the **LORD**, and I will be the glory within her."

ZEC 2:6 Ho! ho! Flee from the land of the north, says the **LORD**; for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, says the **LORD**.

ZEC 2:7 Ho! Escape to **Zion**, you who dwell with the daughter of **Babylon**.

ZEC 2:8 For thus said the **LORD of hosts**, after his glory sent me to the **nations** who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye:

ZEC 2:9 "Behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall become plunder for those who served them. Then you will know that the **LORD of hosts** has sent me.

ZEC 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of **Zion**; for lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the **LORD**.

ZEC 2:11 And many **nations** shall join **themselves** to the **LORD** in that day, and shall be **my people**; and I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know that the **LORD of hosts** has sent me to you.

ZEC 2:12 And the **LORD** will inherit **Judah** as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose **Jerusalem**."

ZEC 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before the **LORD**; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

ZEC 3:1 Then he showed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before the angel of the **LORD**, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to accuse him.

ZEC 3:2 And the **LORD** said to **Satan**, "The **LORD** rebuke you, O **Satan**! The **LORD** who has chosen **Jerusalem** rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

ZEC 3:3 Now **Joshua** was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.

ZEC 3:4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with rich apparel."

ZEC 3:5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments; and the angel of the **LORD** was standing by.

ZEC 3:6 And the angel of the **LORD** enjoined **Joshua**,

ZEC 3:7 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.

ZEC 3:8 Hear now, O **Joshua** the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men of good omen: behold, I will bring my servant the **Branch**.

ZEC 3:9 For behold, upon the stone which I have set before **Joshua**, upon a single stone with seven facets, I will engrave its inscription, says the **LORD of hosts**, and I will remove the guilt of this land in a single day.

ZEC 3:10 In that day, says the **LORD of hosts**, every one of you will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree."

ZEC 4:1 And the angel who talked with me came again, and waked me, like a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

ZEC 4:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps which are on the top of it.

ZEC 4:3 And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."

ZEC 4:4 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my **lord**?"

ZEC 4:5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my **lord**."

ZEC 4:6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the **LORD** to **Zerubbabel**: Not by might, nor by power, but by my **Spirit**, says the **LORD of hosts**.

ZEC 4:7 What are you, O great **mountain**? Before **Zerubbabel** you shall become a plain; and he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

ZEC 4:8 Moreover the word of the **LORD** came to me, saying,

ZEC 4:9 "The hands of **Zerubbabel** have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the **LORD of hosts** has sent me to you.

ZEC 4:10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of **Zerubbabel**. "These seven are the eyes of the **LORD**, which range through the whole earth."

ZEC 4:11 Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?"

ZEC 4:12 And a second time I said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the oil is poured out?"

ZEC 4:13 He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my **lord**."

ZEC 4:14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed who stand by the **Lord** of the whole earth."

ZEC 5:1 Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll!

ZEC 5:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits."

ZEC 5:3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land; for every one who steals shall be cut off henceforth according to it, and every one who swears falsely shall be cut off henceforth according to it.

ZEC 5:4 I will send it forth, says the **LORD of hosts**, and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name; and it shall abide in his house and consume it, both timber and stones."

ZEC 5:5 Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, "Lift your eyes, and see what this is that goes forth."

ZEC 5:6 And I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the ephah that goes forth." And he said, "This is their iniquity in all the land."

ZEC 5:7 And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the ephah!

ZEC 5:8 And he said, "This is Wickedness." And he thrust her back into the ephah, and thrust down the leaden weight upon its mouth.

ZEC 5:9 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings; they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between earth and heaven.

ZEC 5:10 Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?"

ZEC 5:11 He said to me, "To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it; and when this is prepared, they will set the ephah down there on its base."

ZEC 6:1 And again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze.

ZEC 6:2 The first chariot had red horses, the second black horses,

ZEC 6:3 the third white horses, and the fourth chariot dappled gray horses.

ZEC 6:4 Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my **lord**?"

ZEC 6:5 And the angel answered me, "These are going forth to the four winds of heaven, after presenting **themselves** before the **LORD** of all the earth.

ZEC 6:6 The chariot with the black horses goes toward the north country, the white ones go toward the west country, and the dappled ones go toward the south country."

ZEC 6:7 When the steeds came out, they were impatient to get off and patrol the earth. And he said, "Go, patrol the earth." So they patrolled the earth.

ZEC 6:8 Then he cried to me, "Behold, those who go toward the north country have set my **Spirit** at rest in the north country."

ZEC 6:9 And the word of the **LORD** came to me:

ZEC 6:10 "Take from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have arrived from **Babylon**; and go the same day to the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah.

ZEC 6:11 Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it upon the head of **Joshua**, the son of **Jehozadak**, the high priest;

ZEC 6:12 and say to him, "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**, "Behold, the man whose name is the **Branch**: for he shall grow up in his place, and he shall build the **temple** of the **LORD**.

ZEC 6:13 It is he who shall build the **temple** of the **LORD**, and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule upon his throne. And there shall be a priest by his throne, and peaceful understanding shall be between them both."

ZEC 6:14 And the crown shall be in the **temple** of the **LORD** as a reminder to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

ZEC 6:15 "And those who are far off shall come and help to build the **temple** of the **LORD**; and you shall know that the **LORD of hosts** has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the **LORD** your **God**."

EZR 4:1 Now **when** the adversaries of **Judah** and **Benjamin** heard that the **returned exiles** were building a **temple** to the **LORD**, the **God** of **Israel**,

EZR 4:2 they approached **Zerubbabel** and the heads of **fathers'** houses and said to them, "Let us build with you; for we worship your **God** as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon **king** of **Assyria** who brought us here."

EZR 4:3 But **Zerubbabel**, **Jeshua**, and the rest of the heads of **fathers'** houses in **Israel** said to them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our **God**; but we alone will build to the **LORD**, the **God** of **Israel**, as **King Cyrus** the **king** of **Persia** has commanded us."

EZR 3:6b But the foundation of the **temple** of the **LORD** was not yet laid.

EZR 3:7 So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the **Sidonians** and the **Tyrians** to bring cedar trees from **Lebanon** to the sea, to **Joppa**, according to the grant which they had from **Cyrus king** of **Persia**.

EZR 3:8 Now **in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, [i.e., the 4th year of Darius] in the second month (May 10-Jun 8, 518 BCE)**, **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel** and **Jeshua** the son of **Jozadak** made a beginning, together with the rest of their brethren, the **priests** and the **Levites** and all who had come to **Jerusalem** from the captivity. They appointed the **Levites**, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of **the house of the LORD**.

EZR 3:9 And **Jeshua** with his sons and his kinsmen, and **Kadmiel** and his sons, the sons of **Judah**, together took the oversight of the workmen in the **house of God**, along with the sons of **Henadad** and the **Levites**, their sons and kinsmen.

EZR 3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the **temple** of the **LORD**, the **priests** in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the **Levites**, the sons of

Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the **LORD**, according to the directions of David **king of Israel**;

EZR 3:11 and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the **LORD**, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward **Israel**." And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the **LORD**, because the foundation of **the house of the LORD** was laid.

EZR 3:12 But many of the **priests** and **Levites** and heads of **fathers'** houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy;

EZR 3:13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard afar.

ZEC 7:1 In **the fourth year of King Darius**, the word of the **LORD** came to **Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev** ([Dec 8, 518 BCE](#)).

ZEC 7:2 Now the people of **Bethel** had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech and their men, to entreat the favor of the **LORD**,

ZEC 7:3 and to ask the **priests of the house of the LORD of hosts** and the **prophets**, "Should I mourn and fast **in the fifth month**, as I have done for so many years?"

ZEC 7:4 Then the word of the **LORD of hosts** came to me;

ZEC 7:5 "Say to all the **people of the land** and the **priests**, When you fasted and mourned in **the fifth month** and in **the seventh**, for these **seventy years**, was it for me that you fasted?

ZEC 7:6 And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?

ZEC 7:7 When **Jerusalem** was inhabited and in prosperity, with her cities round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited, were not these the words which the **LORD** proclaimed by the former **prophets**?"

ZEC 7:8 And the word of the **LORD** came to **Zechariah**, saying,

ZEC 7:9 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy each to his brother,

ZEC 7:10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart."

ZEC 7:11 But they refused to hearken, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and stopped their ears that they might not hear.

ZEC 7:12 They made their hearts like adamant lest they should hear the law and the words which the **LORD of hosts** had sent by his **Spirit** through the former **prophets**. Therefore great wrath came from the **LORD of hosts**.

ZEC 7:13 "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the **LORD of hosts**,

ZEC 7:14 "and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the **nations** which they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the **pleasant land** was made desolate."

ZEC 8:1 And the word of the **LORD of hosts** came to me, saying,

ZEC 8:2 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: I am jealous for **Zion** with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath.

ZEC 8:3 Thus says the **LORD**: I will return to **Zion**, and will dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**, and **Jerusalem** shall be called the faithful city, and the **mountain** of the **LORD of hosts**, the holy **mountain**.

ZEC 8:4 Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of **Jerusalem**, each with staff in hand for very age.

ZEC 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

ZEC 8:6 Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: If it is marvelous in the sight of **the remnant of this people** in these days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, says the **LORD of hosts**?

ZEC 8:7 Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Behold, I will save **my people** from the east country and from the west country;

ZEC 8:8 and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**; and they shall be **my people** and I will be their **God**, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

ZEC 8:9 Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: "Let your hands be strong, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the **prophets**, since the day that

the foundation of **the house of the LORD of hosts** was laid, that the **temple** might be built.

ZEC 8:10 For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for beast, neither was there any safety from the foe for him who went out or came in; for I set every man against his fellow.

ZEC 8:11 But now I will not deal with **the remnant of this people** as in the former days, says the **LORD of hosts**.

ZEC 8:12 For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause **the remnant of this people** to possess all these things.

ZEC 8:13 And as you have been a byword of cursing among the **nations**, O **house of Judah** and **house of Israel**, so will I save you and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong."

ZEC 8:14 For thus says the **LORD of hosts**: "As I purposed to do evil to you, when your **fathers** provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the **LORD of hosts**,

ZEC 8:15 so again have I purposed in these days to do good to **Jerusalem** and to the **house of Judah**; fear not.

ZEC 8:16 These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace,

ZEC 8:17 do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, says the **LORD**."

ZEC 8:18 And the word of the **LORD of hosts** came to me, saying,

ZEC 8:19 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: The fast of **the fourth month**, and the fast of **the fifth**, and the fast of **the seventh**, and the fast of **the tenth**, shall be to the **house of Judah** seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace.

ZEC 8:20 "Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities;

ZEC 8:21 the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the **LORD**, and to seek the **LORD of hosts**; I am going.'

ZEC 8:22 Many **peoples** and strong **nations** shall come to seek the **LORD of hosts** in **Jerusalem**, and to entreat the favor of the **LORD**.

ZEC 8:23 Thus says the **LORD of hosts**: In those days ten men from the **nations** of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a **Judean**, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that **God** is with you.'

EZR 5:3 **At the same time Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai** and their associates came to them and spoke to them thus, "Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?"

EZR 5:4 They also asked them this, "What are the names of the men who are building this building?"

EZR 5:5 But the eye of their **God** was upon the **elders** of the **Judeans**, and they did not stop them till a report should reach **Darius** and then answer be returned by letter concerning it.

EZR 5:6 The copy of the letter which **Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai** and his associates the governors who were in the **province Beyond the River** sent to **Darius the king**;

EZR 5:7 they sent him a report, in which was written as follows: "To **Darius the king**, all peace.

EZR 5:8 Be it known to the **king** that we went to the **province of Judah**, to the **house of the great God**. It is being built with huge stones, and timber is laid in the walls; this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.

EZR 5:9 Then we asked those **elders** and spoke to them thus, 'Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?'

EZR 5:10 We also asked them their names, for your information, that we might write down the names of the men at their head.

EZR 5:11 And this was their reply to us: 'We are the servants of the **God of heaven** and earth, and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great **king of Israel** built and finished.

EZR 5:12 But because our **fathers** had angered the **God of heaven**, he gave them into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon**, the **Chaldean**, who destroyed this house and carried away the people to **Babylonia**.

EZR 5:13 However in **the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon**, **Cyrus** the **king** made a decree that this **house of God** should be rebuilt.

EZR 5:16b and from that time until now it has been in building, and it is not yet finished.'

EZR 5:17 Therefore, if it seem good to the **king**, let search be made in the royal archives there in **Babylon**, to see whether a decree was issued by **Cyrus** the **king** for the rebuilding of this **house of God** in **Jerusalem**. And let the **king** send us his pleasure in this matter."

EZR 6:1 **Then Darius** the **king** made a decree, and search was made in **Babylonia**, in the house of the archives where the documents were stored.

EZR 6:2 And in **Ecbatana**, the **capital** which is in the **province** of **Media**, a scroll was found on which this was written: "A record.

EZR 6:3 In the **first year of Cyrus the king**, **Cyrus** the **king** issued a decree: Concerning the **house of God** at **Jerusalem**, let the house be rebuilt, the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt offerings are brought; its height shall be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits,

EZR 6:4 with three courses of great stones and one course of timber; let the cost be paid from the royal treasury.

EZR 6:5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the **house of God**, which **Nebuchadnezzar** took out of the **temple** that is in **Jerusalem** and brought to **Babylon**, be restored and brought back to the **temple** which is in **Jerusalem**, each to its place; you shall put them in the **house of God**."

EZR 6:6 "Now therefore, **Tattenai**, **governor** of the **province Beyond the River**, **Shetharbozenai**, and your associates the governors who are in the **province Beyond the River**, keep away;

EZR 6:7 let the work on this **house of God** alone; let the **governor** of the **Judeans** and the **elders** of the **Judeans** rebuild this **house of God** on its site.

EZR 6:8 Moreover I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these **elders** of the **Judeans** for the rebuilding of this **house of God**; the cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the **province** from **Beyond the River**.

EZR 6:9 And whatever is needed--young bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to the **God of heaven**, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the **priests** at **Jerusalem** require--let that be given to them day by day without fail,

EZR 6:10 that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the **God of heaven**, and pray for the life of the **king** and his sons.

EZR 6:11 Also I make a decree that if any one alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled upon it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.

EZR 6:12 May the **God** who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any **king** or people that shall put forth a hand to alter this, or to destroy this **house of God** which is in **Jerusalem**. I **Darius** make a decree; let it be done with all diligence."

EZR 6:13 **Then**, according to the word sent by **Darius** the **king**, **Tattenai**, the **governor** of the **province Beyond the River**, **Shetharbozenai**, and their associates did with all diligence what **Darius** the **king** had ordered.

EZR 6:14 And the **elders** of the **Judeans** built and prospered, through the prophesying of **Haggai** the prophet and **Zechariah** the son of **Iddo**. They finished their building by command of the **God of Israel** and by decree of **Cyrus** and **Darius** and **Artaxerxes king of Persia**;

EZR 6:15 and this house was finished on **the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius** the **king** ([Mar 13, 515 BCE](#)).

EZR 6:16 And **the people of Israel**, the **priests** and the **Levites**, and the rest of the **returned exiles**, celebrated the dedication of this **house of God** with joy.

EZR 6:17 They offered at the dedication of this **house of God** one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all **Israel** twelve he-goats, according to the number of the **tribes of Israel**.

EZR 6:18 And they set the **priests** in their divisions and the **Levites** in their courses, for the service of **God** at **Jerusalem**, as it is written in the book of **Moses**.

EZR 6:19 **On the fourteenth day of the first month** (of Darius year 7, [Apr 22, 515 BCE](#)) the **returned exiles** kept the **passover**.

EZR 6:20 For the **priests** and the **Levites** had purified **themselves** together; all of them were clean. So they killed the **passover** lamb for all the **returned exiles**, for their fellow **priests**, and for **themselves**;

EZR 6:21 it was eaten by **the people of Israel** who had returned 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 **LORD**, the **God of Israel**.

EZR 6:22 And they kept the **feast of unleavened bread** seven days with joy; for the **LORD** had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the **king of Assyria** to them, so that he aided them in the work of the **house of God**, the **God of Israel**.

EZR 4:6 And **in the reign of Ahasuerus [i.e., Xerxes I, 485-464 BCE], in the beginning of his reign**, they [i.e., the “**People of the Land**”] wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.

EZR 4:7 And in **the days of Artaxerxes (I?, 464-423 BCE)** Bishlam and **Mithredath** and Tabeel and the rest of their associates wrote to **Artaxerxes king of Persia**; the letter was written in Aramaic and translated.

EZR 4:8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against **Jerusalem** to **Artaxerxes the king** as follows--

EZR 4:9 then wrote Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates, the judges, the governors, the officials, the Persians, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,

EZR 4:10 and the rest of the **nations** whom the great and noble Osnappar deported and settled in the cities of Samaria and in the rest of the **province Beyond the River**, and now

EZR 4:11 this is a copy of the letter that they sent--"To **Artaxerxes the king**: Your servants, the men of the **province Beyond the River**, send greeting. And now

EZR 4:12 be it known to the **king** that the **Judeans** who came up from you to us have gone to **Jerusalem**. They are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city; they are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.

EZR 4:13 Now be it known to the **king** 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.

EZR 4:14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the **king's** dishonor, therefore we send and inform the **king**,

EZR 4:15 in order that search may be made in the book of the records of your **fathers**. You will find in the book of the records and learn that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful

to kings and provinces, and that sedition was stirred up in it from of old. That was why this city was laid waste.

EZR 4:16 We make known to the **king** that, if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished, you will then have no possession in the **province Beyond the River**."

EZR 4:17 The **king** sent an answer: "To Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their associates who live in Samaria and in the rest of the **province Beyond the River**, greeting. And now

EZR 4:18 the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.

EZR 4:19 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, and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.

EZR 4:20 And mighty kings have been over **Jerusalem**, who ruled over the whole **province Beyond the River**, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid.

EZR 4:21 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.

EZR 4:22 And take care not to be slack in this matter; why should damage grow to the hurt of the **king**?"

EZR 4:23 Then, when the copy of **King Artaxerxes'** letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their associates, they went in haste to the **Judeans at Jerusalem** and by force and power made them cease.

EZR 4:24 Then the work on the **house of God** which is in **Jerusalem** stopped; [and it ceased until the **second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia**. (this date is out of sequence)]

NEHEMIAH

NEH 1:1 The words of **Nehemiah** the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in **the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year [i.e., of Artaxerxes** (see below for proposed dates)], as I was in Susa the **capital**,

NEH 1:2 that Hanani, one of my brethren, came with certain men out of **Judah**; and I asked them concerning the **Judeans** that survived, who had escaped exile, and concerning **Jerusalem**.

NEH 1:3 And they said to me, "The survivors there in the **province** who escaped exile are in great trouble and shame; the wall of **Jerusalem** is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

NEH 1:4 When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days; and I continued fasting and praying before the **God of heaven**.

NEH 1:5 And I said, "O **LORD God of heaven**, the great and terrible **God** who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments;

NEH 1:6 let thy ear be attentive, and thy eyes open, to hear the prayer of thy servant which I now pray before thee day and night for **the people of Israel** thy servants, confessing the sins of **the people of Israel**, which we have sinned against thee. Yea, I and my father's house have sinned.

NEH 1:7 We have acted very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances which thou didst command thy servant **Moses**.

NEH 1:8 Remember the word which thou didst command thy servant **Moses**, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the **peoples**;

NEH 1:9 but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your dispersed be under the farthest skies, I will gather them thence and bring them to the place which I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'

NEH 1:10 They are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power and by thy strong hand.

NEH 1:11 O **Lord**, let thy ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants who delight to fear thy name; and give success to thy servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cupbearer to the **king**.

NEH 2:1 In **the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes**, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the **king**. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

NEH 2:2 And the **king** said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing else but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid.

NEH 2:3 I said to the **king**, "Let the **king** live for ever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my **fathers'** sepulchres, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

NEH 2:4 Then the **king** said to me, "For what do you make request?" So I prayed to the **God of heaven**.

NEH 2:5 And I said to the **king**, "If it pleases the **king**, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to **Judah**, to the city of my **fathers'** sepulchres, that I may rebuild it."

NEH 2:6 And the **king** said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the **king** to send me; and I set him a time.

NEH 2:7 And I said to the **king**, "If it pleases the **king**, let letters be given me to the governors of the **province Beyond the River**, that they may let me pass through until I come to **Judah**;

NEH 2:8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the **king's** forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the **temple**, and for the wall of the city, and for the house which I shall occupy." And the **king** granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my **God** was upon me.

NEH 2:9 Then I came to the governors of the **province Beyond the River**, and gave them the **king's** letters. Now the **king** had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

NEH 2:10 But when Sanballat the Horonite and **Tobiah** the servant, the Ammonite, heard this, it displeased them greatly that some one had come to seek the welfare of the children of **Israel**.

NEH 2:11 So I came to **Jerusalem** and was there **three days**.

NEH 2:12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; and I told no one what my **God** had put into my heart to do for **Jerusalem**. There was no beast with me but the beast on which I rode.

NEH 2:13 I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Jackal's Well and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of **Jerusalem** which were broken down and its gates which had been destroyed by fire.

NEH 2:14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the **King's** Pool; but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

NEH 2:15 Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall; and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

NEH 2:16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; and I had not yet told the **Judeans**, the **priests**, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

NEH 2:17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how **Jerusalem** lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of **Jerusalem**, that we may no longer suffer disgrace."

NEH 2:18 And I told them of the hand of my **God** which had been upon me for good, and also of the words which the **king** had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

NEH 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite and **Tobiah** the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they derided us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the **king**?"

NEH 2:20 Then I replied to them, "The **God of heaven** will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build; but you have no portion or right or memorial in **Jerusalem**."

NEH 3:1 Then **Eliashib** the high priest rose up with his brethren the **priests** and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors; they consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.

NEH 3:2 And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

NEH 3:3 And the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

NEH 3:4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of **Berechiah**, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired.

NEH 3:5 And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their **Lord**.

NEH 3:6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

NEH 3:7 And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, who were under the jurisdiction of the **governor** of the **province Beyond the River**.

NEH 3:8 Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired; and they restored **Jerusalem** as far as the Broad Wall.

NEH 3:9 Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of **Jerusalem**, repaired.

NEH 3:10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house; and next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired.

NEH 3:11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahathmoab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.

NEH 3:12 Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of **Jerusalem**, repaired, he and his daughters.

NEH 3:13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate; they rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

NEH 3:14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Bethhaccherem, repaired the Dung Gate; he rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

NEH 3:15 And Shallum the son of Colhozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars; and he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the **king's** garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David.

NEH 3:16 After him **Nehemiah** the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Bethzur, repaired to a point opposite the sepulchres of David, to the artificial pool, and to the house of the mighty men.

NEH 3:17 After him the **Levites** repaired: Rehum the son of Bani; next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district.

NEH 3:18 After him their brethren repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah;

NEH 3:19 next to him Ezer the son of **Jeshua**, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the Angle.

NEH 3:20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the Angle to the door of the house of **Eliashib** the high priest.

NEH 3:21 After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of **Eliashib** to the end of the house of **Eliashib**.

NEH 3:22 After him the **priests**, the men of the Plain, repaired.

NEH 3:23 After them **Benjamin** and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house.

NEH 3:24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the Angle

NEH 3:25 and to the corner. Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the **king** at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh

NEH 3:26 and the **temple** servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower.

NEH 3:27 After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

NEH 3:28 Above the Horse Gate the **priests** repaired, each one opposite his own house.

NEH 3:29 After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired.

NEH 3:30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of **Berechiah** repaired opposite his chamber.

NEH 3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the **temple** servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner.

NEH 3:32 And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

NEH 4:1 Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he ridiculed the **Judeans**.

NEH 4:2 And he said in the presence of his brethren and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble **Judeans** doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?"

NEH 4:3 **Tobiah** the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building-- if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!

NEH 4:4 Hear, O our **God**, for we are despised; turn back their taunt upon their own heads, and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives.

NEH 4:5 Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from thy sight; for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

NEH 4:6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height. For the people had a mind to work.

NEH 4:7 But when Sanballat and **Tobiah** and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of **Jerusalem** was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry;

NEH 4:8 and they all plotted together to come and fight against **Jerusalem** and to cause confusion in it.

NEH 4:9 And we prayed to our **God**, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

NEH 4:10 But **Judah** said, "The strength of the burden-bearers is failing, and there is much rubbish; we are not able to work on the wall."

NEH 4:11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come into the midst of them and kill them and stop the work."

NEH 4:12 When the **Judeans** who lived by them came they said to us ten times, "From all the places where they live they will come up against us."

NEH 4:13 So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

NEH 4:14 And I looked, and arose, and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the **Lord**, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

NEH 4:15 When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that **God** had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work.

NEH 4:16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the **house of Judah**,

NEH 4:17 who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were laden in such a way that each with one hand labored on the work and with the other held his weapon.

NEH 4:18 And each of the builders had his sword girded at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

NEH 4:19 And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another.

NEH 4:20 In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our **God** will fight for us."

NEH 4:21 So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn till the stars came out.

NEH 4:22 I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within **Jerusalem**, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day."

NEH 4:23 So neither I nor my brethren nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon in his hand.

NEH 5:1 Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brethren.

NEH 5:2 For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many; let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive."

NEH 5:3 There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine."

NEH 5:4 And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the **king's** tax upon our fields and our vineyards.

NEH 5:5 Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children are as their children; yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved; but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

NEH 5:6 I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words.

NEH 5:7 I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them,

NEH 5:8 and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brethren who have been sold to the **nations**; but you even sell your brethren that they may be sold to us!" They were silent, and could not find a word to say.

NEH 5:9 So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our **God** to prevent the taunts of the **nations** our enemies?"

NEH 5:10 Moreover I and my brethren and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us leave off this interest.

NEH 5:11 Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the hundredth of money, grain, wine, and oil which you have been exacting of them."

NEH 5:12 Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the **priests**, and took an oath of them to do as they had promised.

NEH 5:13 I also shook out my lap and said, "So may **God** shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not perform this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praised the **LORD**. And the people did as they had promised.

NEH 5:14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their **governor** in the land of **Judah**, **from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years**, neither I nor my brethren ate the food allowance of the **governor**.

NEH 5:15 The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens upon the people, and took from them food and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of **God**.

NEH 5:16 I also held to the work on this wall, and acquired no land; and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

NEH 5:17 Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty men, **Judeans** and officials, besides those who came to us from the **nations** which were about us.

NEH 5:18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; fowls likewise were prepared for me, and every ten days skins of wine in abundance; yet with all this I did not demand the food allowance of the **governor**, because the servitude was heavy upon this people.

NEH 5:19 Remember for my good, O my **God**, all that I have done for this people.

NEH 6:1 Now when it was reported to Sanballat and **Tobiah** and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),

NEH 6:2 Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm.

NEH 6:3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

NEH 6:4 And they sent to me four times in this way and I answered them in the same manner.

NEH 6:5 In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand.

NEH 6:6 In it was written, "It is reported among the **nations**, and Geshem also says it, that you and the **Judeans** intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall; and you wish to become their **king**, according to this report.

NEH 6:7 And you have also set up **prophets** to proclaim concerning you in **Jerusalem**, 'There is a **king** in **Judah**.' And now it will be reported to the **king** according to these words. So now come, and let us take counsel together."

NEH 6:8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind."

NEH 6:9 For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." But now, O **God**, strengthen thou my hands.

NEH 6:10 Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was shut up, he said, "Let us meet together in the **house of God**, within the **temple**, and let us close the doors of the **temple**; for they are coming to kill you, at night they are coming to kill you."

NEH 6:11 But I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And what man such as I could go into the **temple** and live? I will not go in."

NEH 6:12 And I understood, and saw that **God** had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because **Tobiah** and Sanballat had hired him.

NEH 6:13 For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me an evil name, in order to taunt me.

NEH 6:14 Remember **Tobiah** and Sanballat, O my **God**, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the **prophets** who wanted to make me afraid.

NEH 6:15 So the wall was finished **on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.**

NEH 6:16 And when all our enemies heard of it, all the **nations** round about us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem; for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our **God**.

NEH 6:17 Moreover in those days the nobles of **Judah** sent many letters to **Tobiah**, and **Tobiah's** letters came to them.

NEH 6:18 For many in **Judah** were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of **Berechiah** as his wife.

NEH 6:19 Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence, and reported my words to him. And **Tobiah** sent letters to make me afraid.

NEH 7:1 Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the **Levites** had been appointed,

NEH 7:2 I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the **governor** of the castle charge over **Jerusalem**, for he was a more faithful and Godfearing man than many.

NEH 7:3 And I said to them, "Let not the gates of **Jerusalem** be opened until the sun is hot; and while they are still standing guard let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, each to his station and each opposite his own house."

NEH 7:4 The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few and no houses had been built.

NEH 7:5 Then **God** put it into my mind to assemble the nobles and the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found written in it: [see NEH 7:6-73 above].

NEH 11:1 Now the leaders of the people lived in **Jerusalem**; and the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in **Jerusalem** the holy city, while nine tenths remained in the other towns.

NEH 11:2 And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in **Jerusalem**.

NEH 11:3 These are the chiefs of the **province** who lived in **Jerusalem**; but in the towns of **Judah** every one lived on his property in their towns: **Israel**, the **priests**, the **Levites**, the **temple** servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants.

NEH 11:4a And in **Jerusalem** lived certain of the sons of **Judah** and of the sons of **Benjamin**.

NEH 11:4b Of the sons of **Judah**: Athaiah the son of Uzziiah, son of **Zechariah**, son of Amariah, son of Shephatiah, son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez;

NEH 11:5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, son of Colhozeh, son of Hazaiah, son of Adaiah, son of Joiarib, son of **Zechariah**, son of the Shilonite.

NEH 11:6 All the sons of Perez who lived in **Jerusalem** were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

NEH 11:7 And these are the sons of **Benjamin**: Sallu the son of Meshullam, son of Joed, son of Pedaiah, son of Kolaiah, son of Maaseiah, son of Ithiel, son of Jeshaiah.

NEH 11:8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

NEH 11:9 Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and **Judah** the son of Hassenuah was second over the city.

NEH 11:10 Of the **priests**: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

NEH 11:11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, ruler of the **house of God**,

NEH 11:12 and their brethren who did the work of the house, eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, son of Pelaliah, son of Amzi, son of **Zechariah**, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah,

NEH 11:13 and his brethren, heads of **fathers'** houses, two hundred and forty-two; and Amashsai, the son of Azarel, son of Ahzai, son of Meshillemoth, son of Immer,

NEH 11:14 and their brethren, mighty men of valor, a hundred and twenty-eight; their overseer was Zabdiel the son of Haggadolim.

NEH 11:15 And of the **Levites**: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, son of Bunni;

NEH 11:16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the **Levites**, who were over the outside work of the **house of God**;

NEH 11:17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, son of Zabdi, son of Asaph, who was the leader to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun.

NEH 11:18 All the **Levites** in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

NEH 11:19 The gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon and their brethren, who kept watch at the gates, were a hundred and seventy-two.

NEH 11:20 And the rest of **Israel**, and of the **priests** and the **Levites**, were in all the towns of **Judah**, every one in his inheritance.

NEH 11:21 But the **temple** servants lived on Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were over the **temple** servants.

NEH 11:22 The overseer of the **Levites in Jerusalem** was Uzzi the son of Bani, son of Hashabiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the work of the **house of God**.

NEH 11:23 For there was a command from the **king** concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required.

NEH 11:24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of **Judah**, was at the **king's** hand in all matters concerning the people.

NEH 11:25 And as for the villages, with their fields, some of the people of **Judah** lived in Kiriatharba and its villages, and in Dibon and its villages, and in Jekabzeel and its villages,

NEH 11:26 and in **Jeshua** and in Moladah and Bethpelet,

NEH 11:27 in Hazarshual, in Beersheba and its villages,

NEH 11:28 in Ziklag, in Meconah and its villages,

NEH 11:29 in Enrimmon, in Zorah, in Jarmuth,

NEH 11:30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, and Azekah and its villages. So they encamped from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

NEH 11:31 The people of **Benjamin** also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash, Aiya, **Bethel** and its villages,

NEH 11:32 Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

NEH 11:33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

NEH 11:34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

NEH 11:35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

NEH 11:36 And certain divisions of the **Levites** in **Judah** were joined to **Benjamin**.

NEH 12:27 And at the dedication of the wall of **Jerusalem** they sought the **Levites** in all their places, to bring them to **Jerusalem** to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres.

NEH 12:28 And the sons of the singers gathered together from the circuit round **Jerusalem** and from the villages of the Netophathites;

NEH 12:29 also from Bethgilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built for **themselves** villages around **Jerusalem**.

NEH 12:30 And the **priests** and the **Levites** purified **themselves**; and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

NEH 12:31 Then I brought up the princes of **Judah** upon the wall, and appointed two great companies which gave thanks and went in procession. One went to the right upon the wall to the Dung Gate;

NEH 12:32 and after them went Hoshaiiah and half of the princes of **Judah**,

NEH 12:33 and Azariah, **Ezra**, Meshullam,

NEH 12:34 **Judah**, **Benjamin**, Shemaiah, and **Jeremiah**,

NEH 12:35 and certain of the **priests'** sons with trumpets: **Zechariah** the son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, son of Asaph;

NEH 12:36 and his kinsmen, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, **Judah**, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of **God**; and **Ezra** the scribe went before them.

NEH 12:37 At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.

NEH 12:38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to the left, and I followed them with half of the people, upon the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall,

NEH 12:39 and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Old Gate, and by the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard.

NEH 12:40 So both companies of those who gave thanks stood in the **house of God**, and I and half of the officials with me;

NEH 12:41 and the **priests** Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, **Zechariah**, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

NEH 12:42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader.

NEH 12:43 And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for **God** had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of **Jerusalem** was heard afar off.

NEH 12:44 On that day men were appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the law for the **priests** and for the **Levites** according to the fields of the towns; for **Judah** rejoiced over the **priests** and the **Levites** who ministered.

NEH 12:45 And they performed the service of their **God** and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon.

NEH 12:46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to **God**.

NEH 12:47 [And all **Israel** in the days of **Zerubbabel** and in the days of **Nehemiah** gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the **Levites**; and the **Levites** set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.]

NEH 13:4 Now [before this,] **Eliashib** the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our **God**, and who was connected with **Tobiah**,

NEH 13:5 prepared for **Tobiah** a large chamber where they had previously put the cereal offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the **Levites**, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the **priests**.

NEH 13:6 While this was taking place I was not in **Jerusalem**, for in the **thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon** I went to the **king**. And after some time I asked leave of the **king**

NEH 13:7 and came to **Jerusalem**, and I then discovered the evil that **Eliashib** had done for **Tobiah**, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the **house of God**.

NEH 13:8 And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of **Tobiah** out of the chamber.

NEH 13:9 Then I gave orders and they cleansed the chambers; and I brought back thither the vessels of the **house of God**, with the cereal offering and the frankincense.

NEH 13:10 I also found out that the portions of the **Levites** had not been given to them; so that the **Levites** and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field.

NEH 13:11 So I remonstrated with the officials and said, "Why is the **house of God** forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

NEH 13:12 Then all **Judah** brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

NEH 13:13 And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the **Levites**, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were counted faithful; and their duty was to distribute to their brethren.

NEH 13:14 Remember me, O my **God**, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my **God** and for his service.

NEH 13:15 In those days I saw in **Judah** men treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on asses; and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into **Jerusalem** on the sabbath day; and I warned them on the day when they sold food.

NEH 13:16 Men of Tyre also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of wares and sold them on the sabbath to the people of **Judah**, and in **Jerusalem**.

NEH 13:17 Then I remonstrated with the nobles of **Judah** and said to them, "What is this evil thing which you are doing, profaning the sabbath day?"

NEH 13:18 Did not your **fathers** act in this way, and did not our **God** bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon **Israel** by profaning the sabbath."

NEH 13:19 When it began to be dark at the gates of **Jerusalem** before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates, that no burden might be brought in on the sabbath day.

NEH 13:20 Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside **Jerusalem** once or twice.

NEH 13:21 But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you lodge before the wall? If you do so again I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

NEH 13:22 And I commanded the **Levites** that they should purify **themselves** and come and guard the gates, to keep the sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my **God**, and spare me according to the greatness of thy steadfast love.

NEH 13:23 In those days also I saw the **Judeans** who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab;

NEH 13:24 and half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of **Judah**, but the language of each people.

NEH 13:25 And I contended with them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair; and I made them take oath in the name of **God**, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.

NEH 13:26 Did not Solomon **king** of **Israel** sin on account of such women? Among the many **nations** there was no **king** like him, and he was beloved by his **God**, and **God** made him **king** over all **Israel**; nevertheless foreign women made even him to sin.

NEH 13:27 Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our **God** by marrying foreign women?"

NEH 13:28 And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of **Eliashib** the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him from me.

NEH 13:29 Remember them, O my **God**, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the **Levites**.

NEH 13:30 Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the **priests** and **Levites**, each in his work;

NEH 13:31 and I provided for the wood offering, at appointed times, and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my **God**, for good.

NEH 9:38 Because of all this we make a firm covenant and write it, and our princes, our **Levites**, and our **priests** set their seal to it.

NEH 10:1 Those who set their seal are [**Nehemiah** the **governor**,] the son of Hacaliah, Zedekiah,

NEH 10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, **Jeremiah**,

NEH 10:3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

NEH 10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

NEH 10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

NEH 10:6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

NEH 10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

NEH 10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these are the **priests**.

NEH 10:9 And the **Levites: Jeshua** the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

NEH 10:10 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

NEH 10:11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

NEH 10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

NEH 10:13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

NEH 10:14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

NEH 10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

NEH 10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

NEH 10:17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

NEH 10:18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

NEH 10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

NEH 10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

NEH 10:21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

NEH 10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

NEH 10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

NEH 10:24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

NEH 10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

NEH 10:26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

NEH 10:27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

NEH 10:28 The rest of the people, the **priests**, the **Levites**, the gatekeepers, the singers, the **temple** servants, and all who have separated **themselves** from the **peoples** of the lands to the law of **God**, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding,

NEH 10:29 join with their brethren, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in **God's** law which was given by **Moses** the servant of **God**, and to observe and do all the commandments of the **LORD** our **Lord** and his ordinances and his statutes.

NEH 10:30 We will not give our daughters to the **peoples** of the land or take their daughters for our sons;

NEH 10:31 and if the **peoples** of the land bring in wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or on a holy day; and we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

NEH 10:32 We also lay upon ourselves the obligation to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our **God**:

NEH 10:33 for the showbread, the continual cereal offering, the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for **Israel**, and for all the work of the house of our **God**.

NEH 10:34 We have likewise cast lots, the **priests**, the **Levites**, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our **God**, according to our **fathers'** houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the **LORD** our **God**, as it is written in the law.

NEH 10:35 We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to **the house of the LORD**;

NEH 10:36 also to bring to the house of our **God**, to the **priests** who minister in the house of our **God**, the first-born of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks;

NEH 10:37 and to bring the first of our coarse meal, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the **priests**, to the chambers of the house of our **God**; and to bring to the **Levites** the tithes from our ground, for it is the **Levites** who collect the tithes in all our rural towns.

NEH 10:38 And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the **Levites** when the **Levites** receive the tithes; and the **Levites** shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our **God**, to the chambers, to the storehouse.

NEH 10:39 For **the people of Israel** and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the **priests** that minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our **God**.

EZRA

EZR 7:1 Now after this, **in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia**, **Ezra** the son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,

EZR 7:2 son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,

EZR 7:3 son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,

EZR 7:4 son of Zerariah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,

EZR 7:5 son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest--

EZR 7:6 this **Ezra** went up from **Babylonia**. He was a scribe skilled in the law of **Moses** which the **LORD** the **God** of **Israel** had given; and the **king** granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the **LORD** his **God** was upon him.

EZR 7:11 This is a copy of the letter which **King Artaxerxes** gave to **Ezra** the priest, the scribe, learned in matters of the commandments of the **LORD** and his statutes for **Israel**:

EZR 7:12 "**Artaxerxes, king** of kings, to **Ezra** the priest, the scribe of the law of the **God of heaven**. And now

EZR 7:13 I make a decree that any one of **the people of Israel** or their **priests** or **Levites** in my kingdom, who freely offers to go to **Jerusalem**, may go with you.

EZR 7:14 For you are sent by the **king** and his seven counselors to make inquiries about **Judah** and **Jerusalem** according to the law of your **God**, which is in your hand,

EZR 7:15 and also to convey the silver and gold which the **king** and his counselors have freely offered to the **God** of **Israel**, whose dwelling is in **Jerusalem**,

EZR 7:16 with all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole **province** of **Babylonia**, and with the freewill offerings of the people and the **priests**, vowed willingly for the house of their **God** which is in **Jerusalem**.

EZR 7:17 With this money, then, you shall with all diligence buy bulls, rams, and lambs, with their cereal offerings and their drink offerings, and you shall offer them upon the altar of the house of your **God** which is in **Jerusalem**.

EZR 7:18 Whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do, according to the will of your **God**.

EZR 7:19 The vessels that have been given you for the service of the house of your **God**, you shall deliver before the **God of Jerusalem**.

EZR 7:20 And whatever else is required for the house of your **God**, which you have occasion to provide, you may provide it out of the **king's** treasury.

EZR 7:21 "And I, **Artaxerxes** the **king**, make a decree to all the treasurers in the **province Beyond the River**: Whatever **Ezra** the priest, the scribe of the law of the **God of heaven**, requires of you, be it done with all diligence,

EZR 7:22 up to a hundred talents of silver, a hundred cors of wheat, a hundred baths of wine, a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

EZR 7:23 Whatever is commanded by the **God of heaven**, let it be done in full for the house of the **God of heaven**, lest his wrath be against the realm of the **king** and his sons.

EZR 7:24 We also notify you that it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll upon any one of the **priests**, the **Levites**, the singers, the doorkeepers, the **temple** servants, or other servants of this **house of God**.

EZR 7:25 "And you, **Ezra**, according to the wisdom of your **God** which is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the **province Beyond the River**, all such as know the laws of your **God**; and those who do not know them, you shall teach.

EZR 7:26 Whoever will not obey the law of your **God** and the law of the **king**, let judgment be strictly executed upon him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of his goods or for imprisonment."

EZR 7:27 Blessed be the **LORD**, the **God** of our **fathers**, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the **king**, to beautify **the house of the LORD** which is in **Jerusalem**,

EZR 7:28 and who extended to me his steadfast love before the **king** and his counselors, and before all the **king's** mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the **LORD** my **God** was upon me, and I gathered leading men from **Israel** to go up with me.

EZR 7:7 And there went up also to **Jerusalem**, in **the seventh year of Artaxerxes** the **king**, some of **the people of Israel**, and some of the **priests** and **Levites**, the singers and gatekeepers, and the **temple** servants.

EZR 8:15 I gathered them to the river that runs to Ahava, and there we encamped three days. As I reviewed the people and the **priests**, I found there none of the sons of Levi.

EZR 8:16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, **Zechariah**, and Meshullam, leading men, and for Joiarib and Elnathan, who were men of insight,

EZR 8:17 and sent them to **Iddo**, the leading man at the place Casiphia, telling them what to say to **Iddo** and his brethren the **temple** servants at the place Casiphia, namely, to send us ministers for the house of our **God**.

EZR 8:18 And by the good hand of our **God** upon us, they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, son of **Israel**, namely Sherebiah with his sons and kinsmen, eighteen;

EZR 8:19 also Hashabiah and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, with his kinsmen and their sons, twenty;

EZR 8:20 besides two hundred and twenty of the **temple** servants, whom David and his officials had set apart to attend the **Levites**. These were all mentioned by name.

EZR 8:1 These are the heads of their **fathers'** houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from **Babylonia**, in the reign of **Artaxerxes** the **king**:

EZR 8:2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush,

EZR 8:3 of the sons of Shecaniah. Of the sons of Parosh, **Zechariah**, with whom were registered one hundred and fifty men.

EZR 8:4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred men.

EZR 8:5 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred men.

EZR 8:6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty men.

EZR 8:7 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy men.

EZR 8:8 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty men.

EZR 8:9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen men.

EZR 8:10 Of the sons of Bani, Shelomith the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty men.

EZR 8:11 Of the sons of Bebai, **Zechariah**, the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight men.

EZR 8:12 Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten men.

EZR 8:13 Of the sons of Adonikam, those who came later, their names being Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty men.

EZR 8:14 Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them seventy men.

EZR 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our **God**, to seek from him a straight way for ourselves, our children, and all our goods.

EZR 8:22 For I was ashamed to ask the **king** for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way; since we had told the **king**, "The hand of our **God** is for good upon all that seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all that forsake him."

EZR 8:23 So we fasted and besought our **God** for this, and he listened to our entreaty.

EZR 8:24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading **priests**: Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their kinsmen with them.

EZR 8:25 And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our **God** which the **king** and his counselors and his lords and all **Israel** there present had offered;

EZR 8:26 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,

EZR 8:27 twenty bowls of gold worth a thousand darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze as precious as gold.

EZR 8:28 And I said to them, "You are holy to the **LORD**, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the **LORD**, the **God** of your **fathers**."

EZR 8:29 Guard them and keep them until you weigh them before the chief **priests** and the **Levites** and the heads of **fathers'** houses in **Israel** at **Jerusalem**, within the chambers of **the house of the LORD**."

EZR 8:30 So the **priests** and the **Levites** took over the weight of the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring them to **Jerusalem**, to the house of our **God**.

EZR 8:31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on **the twelfth day of the first month**, to go to **Jerusalem**; the hand of our **God** was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.

EZR 8:32 We came to **Jerusalem**, and there we remained three days.

EZR 7:8 And he came to **Jerusalem** in **the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king**;

EZR 7:9 for **on the first day of the first month** he began to go up from **Babylonia**, and **on the first day of the fifth month** he came to **Jerusalem**, for the good hand of his **God** was upon him.

EZR 7:10 For **Ezra** had set his heart to study the law of the **LORD**, and to do it, and to teach his statutes and ordinances in **Israel**.

EZR 8:33 On the fourth day, within the house of our **God**, the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed into the hands of Meremoth the priest, son of Uriah, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them were the **Levites**, Jozabad the son of **Jeshua** and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

EZR 8:34 The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of everything was recorded.

EZR 8:35 At that time those who had come from captivity, the **returned exiles**, offered burnt offerings to the **God** of **Israel**, twelve bulls for all **Israel**, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and as a sin offering twelve he-goats; all this was a burnt offering to the **LORD**.

EZR 8:36 They also delivered the **king's** commissions to the **king's** satraps and to the governors of the **province Beyond the River**; and they aided the people and the **house of God**.

NEH 8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate; and they told **Ezra** the scribe to bring the book of the law of **Moses** which the **LORD** had given to **Israel**.

NEH 8:2 And **Ezra** the priest 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**.

NEH 8:3 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.

NEH 8:4 And **Ezra** the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, **Zechariah**, and Meshullam on his left hand.

NEH 8:5 And **Ezra** opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood.

NEH 8:6 And **Ezra** blessed the **LORD**, the great **God**; and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the **LORD** with their faces to the ground.

NEH 8:7 Also **Jeshua**, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the **Levites**, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places.

NEH 8:8 And they read from the book, from the law of **God**, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

NEH 8:9 And [**Nehemiah**, who was the **governor**, and] **Ezra** the priest and scribe, and the **Levites** who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the **LORD** your **God**; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

NEH 8:10 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; for this day is holy to our **Lord**; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the **LORD** is your strength."

NEH 8:11 So the **Levites** stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

NEH 8:12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

NEH 8:13 On the second day the heads of **fathers'** houses of all the people, with the **priests** and the **Levites**, came together to **Ezra** the scribe in order to study the words of the law.

NEH 8:14 And they found it written in the law that the **LORD** had commanded by **Moses** that **the people of Israel** should dwell in booths during the **feast of the seventh month**,

NEH 8:15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns and in **Jerusalem**, "Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written."

NEH 8:16 So the people went out and brought them and made booths for **themselves**, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the **house of God**, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

NEH 8:17 And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and dwelt in the booths; for from the days of **Jeshua** the son of Nun to that day **the people of Israel** had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing.

NEH 8:18 And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the book of the law of **God**. They kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

NEH 9:1 Now on **the twenty-fourth day of this month** **the people of Israel** were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads.

NEH 13:1 On that day they read from the book of **Moses** in the hearing of the people; and in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of **God**;

NEH 13:2 for they did not meet the children of **Israel** with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them--yet our **God** turned the curse into a blessing.

NEH 13:3 When the people heard the law, they separated from **Israel** all those of foreign descent.

NEH 9:2 And the Israelites separated **themselves** from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their **fathers**.

NEH 9:3 And they stood up in their place and read from the book of the law of the **LORD** their **God** for a fourth of the day; for another fourth of it they made confession and worshiped the **LORD** their **God**.

NEH 9:4 Upon the stairs of the **Levites** stood **Jeshua**, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the **LORD** their **God**.

NEH 9:5 Then the **Levites**, **Jeshua**, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the **LORD** your **God** from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be thy glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise."

NEH 9:6 And **Ezra** said: "Thou art the **LORD**, thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and thou preservest all of them; and the host of heaven worships thee.

NEH 9:7 Thou art the **LORD**, the **God** who didst choose Abram and bring him forth out of Ur of the Chaldeans and give him the name Abraham;

NEH 9:8 and thou didst find his heart faithful before thee, and didst make with him the covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite; and thou hast fulfilled thy promise, for thou art righteous.

NEH 9:9 "And thou didst see the affliction of our **fathers** in Egypt and hear their cry at the Red Sea,

NEH 9:10 and didst perform signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for thou knewest that they acted insolently against our **fathers**; and thou didst get thee a name, as it is to this day.

NEH 9:11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land; and thou didst cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters.

NEH 9:12 By a pillar of cloud thou didst lead them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go.

NEH 9:13 Thou didst come down upon Mount Sinai, and speak with them from heaven and give them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments,

NEH 9:14 and thou didst make known to them thy holy sabbath and command them commandments and statutes and a law by **Moses** thy servant.

NEH 9:15 Thou didst give them bread from heaven for their hunger and bring forth water for them from the rock for their thirst, and thou didst tell them to go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

NEH 9:16 "But they and our **fathers** acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey thy commandments;

NEH 9:17 they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders which thou didst perform among them; but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their bondage in Egypt. But thou art a **God** ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and didst not forsake them.

NEH 9:18 Even when they had made for **themselves** a molten calf and said, 'This is your **God** who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies,

NEH 9:19 thou in thy great mercies didst not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud which led them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night which lighted for them the way by which they should go.

NEH 9:20 Thou gavest thy good **Spirit** to instruct them, and didst not withhold thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

NEH 9:21 Forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

NEH 9:22 And thou didst give them kingdoms and **peoples**, and didst allot to them every corner; so they took possession of the land of Sihon **king** of Heshbon and the land of Og **king** of Bashan.

NEH 9:23 Thou didst multiply their descendants as the stars of heaven, and thou didst bring them into the land which thou hadst told their **fathers** to enter and possess.

NEH 9:24 So the descendants went in and possessed the land, and thou didst subdue before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and didst give them into their hands, with their kings and the **peoples** of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

NEH 9:25 And they captured fortified cities and a rich land, and took possession of houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, olive orchards and fruit trees in abundance; so they ate, and were filled and became fat, and delighted **themselves** in thy great goodness.

NEH 9:26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against thee and cast thy law behind their back and killed thy **prophets**, who had warned them in order to turn them back to thee, and they committed great blasphemies.

NEH 9:27 Therefore thou didst give them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer; and in the time of their suffering they cried to thee and thou didst hear them from heaven; and according to thy great mercies thou didst give them saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies.

NEH 9:28 But after they had rest they did evil again before thee, and thou didst abandon them to the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them; yet when they turned and cried to thee thou didst hear from heaven, and many times thou didst deliver them according to thy mercies.

NEH 9:29 And thou didst warn them in order to turn them back to thy law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey thy commandments, but sinned against thy ordinances, by the observance of which a man shall live, and turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey.

NEH 9:30 Many years thou didst bear with them, and didst warn them by thy **Spirit** through thy **prophets**; yet they would not give ear. Therefore thou didst give them into the hand of the **peoples** of the lands.

NEH 9:31 Nevertheless in thy great mercies thou didst not make an end of them or forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful **God**.

NEH 9:32 "Now therefore, our **God**, the great and mighty and terrible **God**, who keepest covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to thee that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our **priests**, our **prophets**, our **fathers**, and all thy people, since the time of the kings of **Assyria** until this day.

NEH 9:33 Yet thou hast been just in all that has come upon us, for thou hast dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly;

NEH 9:34 our kings, our princes, our **priests**, and our **fathers** have not kept thy law or heeded thy commandments and thy warnings which thou didst give them.

NEH 9:35 They did not serve thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness which thou gavest them, and in the large and rich land which thou didst set before them; and they did not turn from their wicked works.

NEH 9:36 Behold, we are slaves this day; in the land that thou gavest to our **fathers** to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves.

NEH 9:37 And its rich yield goes to the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins; they have power also over our bodies and over our cattle at their pleasure, and we are in great distress."

EZR 9:1 After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, "The people of **Israel** and the **priests** and the **Levites** have not separated **themselves** from the **peoples** of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

EZR 9:2 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."

EZR 9:3 When I heard this, I rent my garments and my mantle, and pulled hair from my head and beard, and sat appalled.

EZR 9:4 Then all who trembled at the words of the **God** of **Israel**, because of the faithlessness of the **returned exiles**, gathered round me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.

EZR 9:5 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 **LORD** my **God**,

EZR 9:6 saying: "O my **God**, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to thee, my **God**, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

EZR 9:7 From the days of our **fathers** to this day we have been in great guilt; and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our **priests** 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.

EZR 9:8 But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the **LORD** our **God**, to leave us a remnant, and to give us a secure hold within his holy place, that our **God** may brighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

EZR 9:9 For we are bondmen; yet our **God** has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of **Persia**, to grant us some reviving to set up the house of our **God**, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and **Jerusalem**.

EZR 9:10 "And now, O our **God**, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken thy commandments,

EZR 9:11 which thou didst command by thy servants the **prophets**, saying, '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.

EZR 9:12 Therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, 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.'

EZR 9:13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that thou, our **God**, hast punished us less than our iniquities deserved and hast given us such a remnant as this,

EZR 9:14 shall we break thy commandments again and intermarry with the **peoples** who practice these abominations? Wouldst thou not be angry with us till thou wouldst consume us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape?

EZR 9:15 O **LORD** the **God** of **Israel**, thou art just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as at this day. Behold, we are before thee in our guilt, for none can stand before thee because of this."

EZR 10:1 While **Ezra** prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the **house of God**, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of **Israel**; for the people wept bitterly.

EZR 10:2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed **Ezra**: "We have broken faith with our **God** and have married foreign women from the **peoples** of the land, but even now there is hope for **Israel** in spite of this.

EZR 10:3 Therefore let us make a covenant with our **God** to put away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my **lord** and of those who tremble at the commandment of our **God**; and let it be done according to the law.

EZR 10:4 Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it."

EZR 10:5 Then **Ezra** arose and made the leading **priests** and **Levites** and all **Israel** take oath that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.

EZR 10:6 Then **Ezra** withdrew from before the **house of God**, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of **Eliashib**, where he spent the night, neither eating bread nor drinking water; for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles.

EZR 10:7 And a proclamation was made throughout **Judah** and **Jerusalem** to all the **returned exiles** that they should assemble at **Jerusalem**,

EZR 10:8 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.

EZR 10:9a Then all the men of **Judah** and **Benjamin** assembled at **Jerusalem** within the three days;

EZR 10:9b it was **the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month**. And all the people sat in the open square before the **house of God**, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.

EZR 10:10 And **Ezra** the priest stood up and said to them, "You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of **Israel**.

EZR 10:11 Now then make confession to the **LORD** the **God** of your **fathers**, and do his will; separate yourselves from the **peoples** of the land and from the foreign wives."

EZR 10:12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "It is so; we must do as you have said.

EZR 10:13 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.

EZR 10:14 Let our officials stand for the whole assembly; let all in our cities who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times, and with them the **elders** and judges of every city, till the fierce wrath of our **God** over this matter be averted from us."

EZR 10:15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullum and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

EZR 10:16 Then the **returned exiles** did so. **Ezra** the priest 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;

EZR 10:17 and by **the first day of the first month** they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.

EZR 10:18 Of the sons of the **priests** who had married foreign women were found

Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah,

of the sons of **Jeshua** the son of **Jozadak** and his brethren.

EZR 10:19 They pledged **themselves** to put away their wives, and their guilt offering was a ram of the flock for their guilt.

EZR 10:20 Of the sons of Immer:

Hanani and Zebadiah.

EZR 10:21 Of the sons of Harim:

Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah.

EZR 10:22 Of the sons of Pashhur:

Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

EZR 10:23 Of the **Levites**:

Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, **Judah**, and Eliezer.

EZR 10:24 Of the singers:

Eliashib.

Of the gatekeepers:

Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

EZR 10:25 And of **Israel**:

of the sons of Parosh:

Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Hashabiah, and Benaiah.

EZR 10:26 Of the sons of Elam:

Mattaniah, **Zechariah**, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.

EZR 10:27 Of the sons of Zattu:

Elioenai, **Eliashib**, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.

EZR 10:28 Of the sons of Bebai were

Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

EZR 10:29 Of the sons of Bani were

Meshullum, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth.

EZR 10:30 Of the sons of Pahathmoab:

Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh.

EZR 10:31 Of the sons of Harim:

Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

EZR 10:32 **Benjamin**, Malluch, and Shemariah.

EZR 10:33 Of the sons of Hashum:

Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

EZR 10:34a Of the sons of Bani:

EZR 10:34b Maadai, Amram, Uel,

EZR 10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi,

EZR 10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, **Eliashib**,

EZR 10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu.

EZR 10:38a Of the sons of Binnui:

EZR 10:38b Shimei,

EZR 10:39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,

EZR 10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

EZR 10:41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

EZR 10:42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

EZR 10:43a Of the sons of Nebo:

EZR 10:43b Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.

EZR 10:44 All these had married foreign women, and they put them away with their children.

List of Kings of Babylon
Babylonian Chronology:

List of Median/Persian kings

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Median Timelines

According to Eusebius (e), Herodotus and Ctesias (Deioces united the Median tribes Busae, Paretaceni, Struchates, Arizanti, Budii, and Magi):

Reign BCE	Ruler Name: Median (*Old Persian)/Greek or Latin	Lineage
28 years	Arbaces (e)	
20 years	Maudaces (e)	
30 years	Sosarmus (e)	
30 years	Artycas (e)	
?	Other rulers Arbianes and Artseus	
?	Fravartish I/ Phraortes I (or Kyaxares ?)	
728-675	Dahyu-ka (?)/ Deioces	son of Kyaxares or Phraortes ? grandson of Deioces ?
675-653	Fravartish II/ Phraortes II	son of Deioces
653-625	?/ Madius - Scythian interregnum	
625-585	Hvakhshathra, Uvakhshtra*/ Cyaxares *Khusru/Kaikhusrou (Kurdish / Persian)	son of Phraortes
585-550	Rishti-Vaiga*/ Astyages *Ishtovigu	son of

	(Persian)	Uvakhshtra/ Cyaxares
550	Media under Persian king Cyrus II	

According to Assyrian cuneiform and local sources:

Reign BCE	Ruler Name: Median / Assyrian Lineage	
mid 700's-728	Kshatrita (ruler of Kar Kashi)/?	
709-656 r. 701-665	Dahyu-ka (?)/ Daiukku (Elamite Dayaukku)	
665/4-633	Fravartish (Pr. Kshatrita)/Kashtariti	son of Dayaukku
633-585	Hvakshatra or Uvakshatra /Uksatar	son of Fravartish
585-550	Rishti-Vaiga/ Ishtumegu	son of Uvakshatra
550	Media under Persian king Cyrus II	

Achaemenian Timelines

Reign BCE	Ruler Name: Persian/Greek or Latin	Lineage
? - 675	Hakhamanishiya (Hakhmanish)/ Achaemenes	founder
675-640	Chishpish (Chispaish)/ Teispes	son of Hakhamanishiya/ Achaemenes
640-590	Ariyaramna/ Ariaramnes -	founder first line, son of Chishpish/ Teispes
640-600	Kurush I/ Cyrus I -	founder second line, son of Chishpish/ Teispes
? - ?	Arshama/ Arsames -	first line, son of Ariyaramna/ Ariaramnes
600-559	Kabujiya I (later Kambiz)/ Cambyes I -	second line, son of Kurush/ Cyrus I
559-530	Kurush II/ Cyrus II (the Great) -	second line, son of Kabujiya/ Cambyes I
530-522	Kabujiya II/ Cambyes II	second line, son of Kurush/ Cyrus II . Murdered his brother Bardiya/ Smerdis & committed suicide ending the second line
522	Gaumata the Magus	Pretended to be Bardiya/ Smerdis son of Kurush II/ Cyrus II . Deposed by Darius I

522-486	Darayavahush/ Darius I (the Great)	first line, grandson of Arshama/ Arsames & son of Vishtasp (mother)
486-466	Khshayarsha I/ Xerxes I	son of Darayavahush/ Darius I
466-465	Artabanes/	
465-425	Artakhshassa I/ Artaxerxes I	son of Khshayarsha I/ Xerxes I
425-424	Khshayarsha II/ Xerxes II	son of Artakhshassa I/ Artaxerxes I
424-423	Secydianus/ Sogdianus	son of Artakhshassa I/ Artaxerxes I
423-404	Darayavahush II/ Darius II	son of Artakhshassa I/ Artaxerxes I
404-359	Artakhshassa II/ Artaxerxes II	son of Darayavahush II/ Darius II
359-338	Artakhshassa III/ Artaxerxes III	son of Artakhshassa II/ Artaxerxes II
338-336	Arsha/ Arses (Artaxerxes IV)	son of Artakhshassa III/ Artaxerxes III
336-330	Darayavahush/ Darius III	great grandson of Darayavahush II/ Darius II

Table of Dates

The following table has all possible key dates in the history of the Jewish returns from the Babylonian exile: (Dates are given according to the Babylonian civil calendar, which begins in the spring, and which also is the same as the Jewish Sacred year).

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).
 - 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.
- 5) Feast of booths observed (Ezra 3:4) No day or month specified, but likely the 2nd day of the 7th month.
 - **2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC)**. 2nd - 8th day of 7th month, as did Ezra = Sep 28th - Oct 4th, 520 BC.
 - **2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC)**. Traditionally held on 15th - 21st of the 7th month = Oct 11-17, 520 BC.

[See also the observance of this festival under the return of **Ezra** (Neh 8:13-18) in the **7th year of "Artaxerxes" (I = 458/457 BC; II = 398/397 BC; III = 352/351 BC)** both of which are claimed to be the first observance since the exile began.]

- 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 reestablished (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 (445/444 BC)** and **Ezra's** under **Artaxerxes II (385/384 BC)**.
- The alternative favored by evangelicals also puts **Ezra's** return under **Artaxerxes I. Artaxerxes III (352/351)** 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.
- Comment: Ezra 4:21 suggests that this decree to stop construction happened *before* **Nehemiah's** governorship. When Nehemiah established his Governorship, he then traveled to Babylon to seek a decree allowing rebuilding from "**Artaxerxes**." **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 445 BC.
 - **20th year of Artaxerxes II (385/384 BC)**. Nisan (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) = Sep 30, 445 BC.
 - **20th year of Artaxerxes II (385/384 BC)**. 25th of Elul (6th month) = Sep 29, 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 **the 33rd and the final year of Artaxerxes I (spring 432 to winter 423 BC).**
- Sometime between **the 33rd and the 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.

- 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 1st month = Apr 19, 458 BC.
- **7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397).** 12th of 1st month = Apr 16, 398 BC.
- **7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351).** 12th of 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.** Neh 8:13-18.

- **7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457)**. 2nd - 8th day of 7th month = Oct 3-9, 458 BC.
- **7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397)**. 2nd - 8th day of 7th month = Sep 29-Oct-5, 398 BC.
- **7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351)**. 2nd - 8th day of 7th month = Sep 30-Oct 6, 352 BC.

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.
- **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.

[See also the observance of this festival under the return of **Zerubbabel and Joshua** (Ezra 3:4) in the **2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC)**, both of which are claimed to be the first observance since the exile began].

- 6) **Ezra's** speech exhorting **Judeans** 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 **Judeans** 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.