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

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

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	MT Ezra	LXX 2 Chronicles	
	<p>RSV Ezra 1:1a In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <p>that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished,</p> <p>1b the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia</p> <p>so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom</p> <p>and also put it in writing:</p> <p>2a "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.</p> <p>3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him,</p>	<p>LXA 2 Chronicles 36:22 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>after the fulfillment of the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias,</p> <p>the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>and told him to make proclamation in writing throughout all his kingdom,</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>23 Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians to all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>The Lord God of heaven has given me power, and he has commanded me to build a house to him in Jerusalem, in Judea.</p> <p>Who is there of you of all his people? His God shall be with him, and let</p>	

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	and let him go up ... [see below]	him go up.	
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	<p>RSV Ezra 1:1a In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <p>that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished,</p> <p>1b 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:</p> <p>2a "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.</p> <p>3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias might be fulfilled,</p> <p>the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and he issued a proclamation through all his kingdom, and that in writing, saying,</p> <p>2a Thus said Cyrus king of the Persians, The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has given me a charge to build him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judea.</p> <p>3 Who is there among you of all his people? for his God</p>	<p>LXA 1 Esdras 2:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>that the word of the Lord might be accomplished, that he had promised by the mouth of Jeremy;</p> <p>2 The Lord raised up the spirit of Cyrus the king of the Persians, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing,</p> <p>3 Saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians; The Lord of Israel, the most high Lord, hath made me king of the whole world,</p> <p>4 And commanded me to build him an house at Jerusalem in Jewry.</p> <p>5 If therefore there be any of you that are of his people, let</p>

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	<p>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;</p> <p>4a and let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold,</p> <p>4b with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem."</p> <p>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;</p> <p>6 and all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold,</p>	<p>shall be with him, and he shall go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and let him build the house of the God of Israel: he is the God that is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>4 And let every Jew that is left go from every place where he sojourns, and the men of his place shall help him with silver, and gold,</p> <p>and goods, and cattle, together with the voluntary offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>5 Then the chiefs of the families of Juda and Benjamin arose, and the priests, and the Levites, all whose spirit the Lord stirred up to go up to build the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>6 And all that were round about strengthened their hands with vessels</p>	<p>the Lord, even his Lord, be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord of Israel: for he is the Lord that dwelleth in Jerusalem.</p> <p>6 Whosoever then dwell in the places about, let them help him, those, I say, that are his neighbours, with gold, and with silver,</p> <p>7 With gifts, with horses, and with cattle, and other things, which have been set forth by vow, for the temple of the Lord at Jerusalem.</p> <p>8 Then the chief of the families of Judea and of the tribe of Benjamin stood up; the priests also, and the Levites, and all they whose mind the Lord had moved to go up, and to build an house for the Lord at Jerusalem,</p> <p>9 And they that dwelt round about them, and helped them in all things</p>
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	<p>with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8a Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in charge of Mithredath the treasurer,</p> <p>8b who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.</p> <p>9 And this was the number of them: a thousand basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, twenty-nine censers,</p> <p>10 thirty bowls of gold, two thousand four hundred and ten bowls of silver, and a thousand other vessels;</p>	<p>of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and with presents, besides the voluntary offerings.</p> <p>7 And king Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nabuchodonosor had brought from Jerusalem, and put in the house of his god.</p> <p>8 And Cyrus king of the Persians brought them out by the hand of Mithradates the treasurer,</p> <p>and he numbered them to Sasabasar, the chief man of Juda.</p> <p>9 And this is their number: thirty gold basons, and a thousand silver basons, nine and twenty changes, thirty golden goblets,</p> <p>10 and four hundred and ten double silver vessels, and a thousand other vessels.</p>	<p>with silver and gold, with horses and cattle, and with very many free gifts of a great number whose minds were stirred up thereto.</p> <p>10 King Cyrus also brought forth the holy vessels, which Nabuchodonosor had carried away from Jerusalem, and had set up in his temple of idols.</p> <p>11 Now when Cyrus king of the Persians had brought them forth, he delivered them to Mithridates his treasurer:</p> <p>12 And by him they were delivered to Sanabassar the governor of Judea.</p> <p>13a And this was the number of them; A thousand golden cups, and a thousand of silver, censers of silver twenty nine,</p> <p>13b vials of gold thirty, and of silver two thousand four hundred and ten, and a thousand other vessels.</p>
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	<p>11a all the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine.</p> <p>11c All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>11a All the gold and silver vessels were five thousand four hundred,</p> <p>11b even all that went up with Sasabasar from the place of transportation, from Babylon to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>14a So all the vessels of gold and of silver, which were carried away, were five thousand four hundred 4b threescore and nine.</p> <p>15 These were brought back by Sanabassar, together with them of the captivity, from Babylon to Jerusalem.</p>
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	<p>RSV Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus [Xerxes], in the beginning of his reign,</p> <p>they [i.e., the “People of the Land”] wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>7a And in the days of Artaxerxes,</p> <p>7b Bishlam</p> <p>and Mithredath and Tabeel</p> <p>and the rest of their associates</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Assuerus, even in the beginning of his reign,</p> <p>they wrote a letter against the inhabitants of Juda and Jerusalem.</p> <p>7a And in the days of Arthasastha,</p> <p>7b Tabeel wrote peaceably to Mithradates</p> <p>and to the rest of his fellow-servants:</p>	<p>16a But in the time of Artaxerxes king of the Persians</p> <p>16b Belemus,</p> <p>and Mithridates, and Tabellius,</p> <p>and Rathumus, and Beeltethmus, and</p>

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	<p>7c wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia;</p> <p>the letter was written in Aramaic and translated.</p> <p>8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows--</p> <p>9 then wrote Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe,</p> <p>and the rest of their associates,</p> <p>the judges, the governors, the officials, the Persians, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,</p> <p>10 and the rest of</p>	<p>the tribute-gatherer wrote to Arthasastha king of the Persians</p> <p>a writing in the Syrian tongue, and the same interpreted.</p> <p>8 Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe wrote an epistle against Jerusalem to King Arthasastha, saying,</p> <p>9 Thus has judged Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe,</p> <p>and the rest of our fellow-servants,</p> <p>the Dinaeans, the Apharsathachaeans, the Tarphalaeans, the Apharsaeans, the Archyaeans, the Babylonians, the Susanachaeans, Davaeans,</p> <p>10 and the rest of</p>	<p>Semellius the secretary, with others that were in commission with them, dwelling in Samaria and other places,</p> <p>16c wrote unto him against them that dwelt in Judea and Jerusalem</p> <p>these letters following;</p>
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	<p>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</p> <p>11a this is a copy of the letter that they sent—</p> <p>11b "To Artaxerxes the king:</p> <p>11c Your servants, the men</p> <p>of the province Beyond the River, send greeting.</p> <p>11d And now 12 be it known to the king that the Jews 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</p>	<p>the nations whom the great and noble Assenaphar removed, and settled them in the cities of Somoron, and the rest of them beyond the river.</p> <p>11a This is the purport of the letter, which they sent to him:</p> <p>11b Thy servants the men beyond the river</p> <p>11d to king Arthasastha.</p> <p>12 Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from thee to us have come to Jerusalem the rebellious and wicked city, which they are building, and its walls are set in order, and they have established the</p>	<p>17a To king Artaxerxes our lord,</p> <p>17b Thy servants,</p> <p>Rathumus the storywriter, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest of their council, and the judges</p> <p>17c that are in Celosityria and Phenice.</p> <p>18 Be it now known to the lord king, that the Jews that are up from you to us, being come into Jerusalem, that rebellious and wicked city, do build the marketplaces, and repair the walls of it</p>
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	<p>the foundations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14a Now because we eat the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor,</p> <p>14b therefore we send and inform the king,</p> <p>15a in order that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers.</p> <p>15b You will find in the book of the records and learn that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces,</p>	<p>foundations of it.</p> <p>13 Now then be it known to the king, that if that city be built up, and its walls completed, thou shalt have no tribute, neither will they pay anything, and this injures kings.</p> <p>14a And it is not lawful for us to see the dishonour of the king:</p> <p>14b therefore have we sent and made known the matter to the king;</p> <p>15a That examination may be made in thy fathers' book of record;</p> <p>15b and thou shalt find, and thou shalt know that city is rebellious, and does harm to kings and countries,</p>	<p>and do lay the foundation of the temple.</p> <p>19 Now if this city and the walls thereof be made up again, they will not only refuse to give tribute, but also rebel against kings.</p> <p>20 And forasmuch as the things pertaining to the temple are now in hand, we think it meet not to neglect such a matter,</p> <p>21a But to speak unto our lord the king,</p> <p>21b to the intent that, if it be thy pleasure it may be sought out in the books of thy fathers:</p> <p>22 And thou shalt find in the chronicles what is written concerning these things, and shalt understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities:</p>
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	<p>15c and that sedition was stirred up in it from of old.</p> <p>15d That was why this city was laid waste.</p> <p>16a We make known to the king</p> <p>that, if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished,</p> <p>16b you will then have no possession</p> <p>in the province Beyond the River."</p> <p>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</p> <p>18 the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.</p>	<p>15c and there are in the midst of it from very old time refuges for runaway slaves:</p> <p>15d therefore this city has been made desolate.</p> <p>16a We therefore declare to the king,</p> <p>that, if that city be built, and its walls be set up,</p> <p>16b thou shalt not have peace.</p> <p>17 Then the king sent to Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and the rest of their fellow-servants who dwelt in Samaria, and the rest beyond the river, saying, Peace; and he says,</p> <p>18 The tribute-gatherer whom ye sent to us, has been called before me.</p>	<p>23a And that the Jews were rebellious, and raised always wars therein;</p> <p>23b for the which cause even this city was made desolate.</p> <p>24a Wherefore now we do declare unto thee, O lord the king,</p> <p>that if this city be built again, and the walls thereof set up anew,</p> <p>24b thou shalt from henceforth have no passage</p> <p>into Celosyria and Phenice.</p> <p>25 Then the king wrote back again to Rathumus the storywriter, to Beeltethmus, to Semellius the scribe, and to the rest that were in commission, and dwellers in Samaria and Syria and Phenice, after this manner;</p> <p>26a I have read the epistle which ye have sent unto me:</p>
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	<p>19a And I made a decree, and search has been made, and it has been found that this city from of old has risen against kings,</p> <p>19b and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.</p> <p>20 And mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, who ruled over the whole province Beyond the River, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid.</p> <p>21 Therefore make a decree that these men be made to cease, and that this city be not rebuilt, until a decree is made by me.</p> <p>22 And take care not to be slack in this matter; why should damage grow to the hurt of the king?"</p> <p>23 Then, when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum and</p>	<p>19a And a decree has been made by me, and we have examined, and found that city of old time exalts itself against kings,</p> <p>19b and that rebellions and desertions take place within it.</p> <p>20 And there were powerful kings in Jerusalem, and they ruled over all the country beyond the river, and abundant revenues and tribute were given to them.</p> <p>21 Now therefore make a decree to stop the work of those men, and that city shall no more be built.</p> <p>22 See that ye be careful of the decree, not to be remiss concerning this matter, lest at any time destruction should abound to the harm of kings.</p> <p>23 Then the tribute-gatherer of king Arthasastha read the letter before Reum the</p>	<p>26b therefore I commanded to make diligent search, and it hath been found that that city was from the beginning practising against kings;</p> <p>27a And the men therein were given to rebellion and war:</p> <p>27b and that mighty kings and fierce were in Jerusalem, who reigned and exacted tributes in Celosyria and Phenice.</p> <p>28 Now therefore I have commanded to hinder those men from building the city, and heed to be taken that there be no more done in it;</p> <p>29 And that those wicked workers proceed no further to the annoyance of kings,</p> <p>30a Then king Artaxerxes his letters being read, Rathumus, and Semellius the</p>
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	<p>Shimshai the scribe and their associates,</p> <p>they went in haste to the Jews at Jerusalem and by force and power made them cease.</p> <p>24a Then the work on the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped;</p> <p>24b [and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.]</p>	<p>chancellor, and Sampsas the scribe, and his fellow-servants:</p> <p>and they went in haste to Jerusalem and through Juda, and caused them to cease with horses and an armed force.</p> <p>24a Then ceased the work of the house of God in Jerusalem,</p> <p>24b and it was at a stand until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>	<p>scribe, and the rest that were in commission with them,</p> <p>removing in haste toward Jerusalem with a troop of horsemen and a multitude of people in battle array, began to hinder the builders;</p> <p>30b and the building of the temple in Jerusalem ceased</p> <p>30c until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>
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			<p>LXA 1st Esdras 3:1 Now when Darius reigned,</p> <p>he made a great feast unto all his subjects,</p> <p>and unto all his household,</p> <p>and unto all the princes of Media and Persia,</p> <p>2 And to all the governors and captains and</p>

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

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			<p>the son of Josedec, the son of Saraias, and Joacim the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiel, of the house of David, out of the kindred of Phares, of the tribe of Judah;</p> <p>6 Who spake wise sentences before Darius the king of Persia in the second year of his reign, in the month Nisan, which is the first month.</p>
MT Nehemiah	MT Ezra	LXX 2 Esdras	LXX 1 Esdras
<p>RSV Nehemiah 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;</p> <p>they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town.</p> <p>7 They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>7 Azariah,</p>	<p>RSV Ezra 2:1a 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;</p> <p>1b they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town.</p> <p>2a They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>2b Seraiah,</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 2:1 And these are the people of the land that went up, of the number of prisoners who were removed, whom Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon carried away to Babylon,</p> <p>and they returned to Juda and Jerusalem, every man to his city;</p> <p>2 who came with Zorobabel: Jesus, Neemias,</p> <p>Saraias,</p>	<p>LXA 1st Esdras 5:7 And these are they of Jewry that came up from the captivity, where they dwelt as strangers, whom Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon.</p> <p>8a And they returned unto Jerusalem, and to the other parts of Jewry, every man to his own city,</p> <p>8b who came with Zorobabel, with Jesus, Nehemias,</p> <p>8c and Zacharias,</p>

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<p>Raamiah,</p> <p>Nahamani,</p> <p>7 Mordecai,</p> <p>Bilshan,</p> <p>Mispereth,</p> <p>Bigvai,</p> <p>Nehum,</p> <p>Baanah.</p> <p>7 The number of the men of the people of Israel:</p> <p>8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand a hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>9 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>10 The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>11 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.</p>	<p>Reelaiah,</p> <p>2c Mordecai,</p> <p>Bilshan,</p> <p>Mispar,</p> <p>Bigvai,</p> <p>Rehum,</p> <p>and Baanah.</p> <p>2d The number of the men of the people of Israel:</p> <p>3 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>4 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>5 The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.</p> <p>6 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.</p>	<p>Reelias,</p> <p>Mardocheus,</p> <p>Balasan,</p> <p>Masphar,</p> <p>Baguai,</p> <p>Reum,</p> <p>Baana.</p> <p>The number of the people of Israel:</p> <p>3 the children of Phares, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>4 The children of Saphatia, three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>5 The children of Ares, seven hundred and seventy-five. 6</p> <p>The children of Phaath Moab, belonging to the sons of Jesue and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.</p>	<p>and Reesaias,</p> <p>Enenius,</p> <p>Mardocheus,</p> <p>Beelsarus,</p> <p>Aspharasus,</p> <p>Reelius,</p> <p>Roimus,</p> <p>and Baana,</p> <p>their guides.</p> <p>9 The number of them of the nation, and their governors,</p> <p>sons of Phoros, two thousand an hundred seventy and two;</p> <p>the sons of Saphat, four hundred seventy and two:</p> <p>10 The sons of Ares, seven hundred fifty and six:</p> <p>11 The sons of Phaath Moab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve:</p>
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12 The sons of Elam , a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	7 The sons of Elam , one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	7 The children of Aelam , a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	12 The sons of Elam , a thousand two hundred fifty and four:
13 The sons of Zattu , eight hundred and forty-five.	8 The sons of Zattu , nine hundred and forty-five.	8 The children of Zatthua , nine hundred and forty-five. 9	the sons of Zathui , nine hundred forty and five:
14 The sons of Zaccai , seven hundred and sixty.	9 The sons of Zaccai , seven hundred and sixty.	The children of Zacchu , seven hundred and sixty.	the sons of Corbe , seven hundred and five:
15 The sons of Binnui , six hundred and forty-eight.	10 The sons of Bani , six hundred and forty-two.	10 The children of Banui , six hundred and forty-two.	the sons of Bani , six hundred forty and eight:
16 The sons of Bebai , six hundred and twenty-eight.	11 The sons of Bebai , six hundred and twenty-three.	11 The children of Babai , six hundred and twenty-three.	13 The sons of Bebai , six hundred twenty and three:
17 The sons of Azgad , two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.	12 The sons of Azgad , one thousand two hundred and twenty-two.	12 The children of Asgad , a thousand two hundred and twenty-two.	the sons of Sadas , three thousand two hundred twenty and two:
18 The sons of Adonikam , six hundred and sixty-seven.	13 The sons of Adonikam , six hundred and sixty-six.	13 The children of Adonicam , six hundred and sixty-six.	14 The sons of Adonikam , six hundred sixty and seven:
19 The sons of Bigvai , two thousand and sixty-seven.	14 The sons of Bigvai , two thousand and fifty-six.	14 The children of Bague , two thousand and fifty-six.	the sons of Bagoi , two thousand sixty and six:
20 The sons of Adin , six hundred and fifty-five.	15 The sons of Adin , four hundred and fifty-four.	15 The children of Addin , four hundred and fifty-four. 16	the sons of Adin , four hundred fifty and four:
21 The sons of Ater , namely of Hezekiah , ninety-	16 The sons of Ater , namely of Hezekiah , ninety-	The children of Ater the son of Ezekias , ninety	15 The sons of Aterezias , ninety and two:

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eight.	eight.	eight.	the sons of Ceilan and Azetas threescore and seven:
23 The sons of Bezai , three hundred and twenty-four.	17 The sons of Bezai , three hundred and twenty-three.	17 The children of Bassu , three hundred and twenty-three.	the sons of Azuran , four hundred thirty and two:
24 The sons of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.	18 The sons of Jorah, one hundred and twelve.	18 The children of Jora , a hundred and twelve.	16 The sons of Ananias , an hundred and one:
22 The sons of Hashum , three hundred and twenty-eight.	19 The sons of Hashum , two hundred and twenty-three.	19 The children of Asum , two hundred and twenty-three.	the sons of Arom , thirty two:
25 The sons of Gibeon , ninety-five.	20 The sons of Gibbar , ninety-five.	20 The children of Gaber , ninety-five.	and the sons of Bassa , three hundred twenty and three:
26 The men of Bethlehem	21 The sons of Bethlehem ,	21 The children of Bethlaem ,	the sons of Azephurith , an hundred and two:
and Netophah ,	one hundred and twenty-three.	a hundred and twenty-three.	17 The sons of Meterus , three thousand and five:
	22 The men of	22 The children of	
			the sons of Bethlomon ,
			an hundred twenty and three:
			18 They of

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	Netophah,	Netopha,	Netophah,
a hundred and eighty-eight.	fifty-six.	fifty-six.	fifty and five:
27 The men of Anathoth , a hundred and twenty-eight.	23 The men of Anathoth , one hundred and twenty-eight.	23 The children of Anathoth , a hundred and twenty-eight.	they of Anathoth , an hundred fifty and eight:
28 The men of Bethazmaveth , forty-two.	24 The sons of Azmaveth , forty-two.	24 The children of Azmoth , forty-three.	they of Bethsamoss , forty and two:
29 The men of Kiriathjearim ,	25 The sons of Kiriatharim ,	25 The children of Cariathiarim ,	19 They of Kiriatharius ,
Chephirah , and Beeroth ,	Chephirah , and Beeroth ,	Chaphira , and Beroth ,	twenty and five:
seven hundred and forty-three.	seven hundred and forty-three.	seven hundred and forty-three.	they of Caphira and Beroth ,
			seven hundred forty and three:
			they of Pira , seven hundred:
			20 They of Chadiah and Ammidoh , four hundred twenty and two:
30 The men of Ramah and Geba , six hundred and twenty-one.	26 The sons of Ramah and Geba , six hundred and twenty-one.	26 The children of Rama and Gabaa , six hundred and twenty-one.	they of Cirama and Gabdes , six hundred twenty and one:
31 The men of Michmas , a hundred and twenty-two.	27 The men of Michmas , one hundred and twenty-two.	27 The men of Machmas , a hundred and twenty-two.	21 They of Macalon , an hundred twenty and two:
32 The men of Bethel and Ai , a hundred and twenty-	28 The men of Bethel and Ai , two hundred and twenty-	28 The men of Baethel and Aia , four hundred and	

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three.	three.	twenty-three.	
33 The men of the other Nebo , fifty-two.	29 The sons of Nebo , fifty-two.	29 The children of Nabu , fifty-two.	they of Betolius , fifty and two:
	30 The sons of Magbish , one hundred and fifty-six.	30 The children of Magebis , a hundred and fifty-six.	the sons of Nephis , an hundred fifty and six:
34 The sons of the other Elam , a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	31 The sons of the other Elam , one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	31 The children of Elamar , a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	
35 The sons of Harim , three hundred and twenty.	32 The sons of Harim , three hundred and twenty.	32 The children of Elam , three hundred and twenty.	
	33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono , seven hundred and twenty-five.	33 The children of Lodadi and Ono , seven hundred and twenty-five.	22 The sons of Calamolalus and Onus , seven hundred twenty and five:
36 The sons of Jericho , three hundred and forty-five.	34 The sons of Jericho , three hundred and forty-five.	34 The children of Jericho , three hundred and forty-five.	the sons of Jerechus , two hundred forty and five:
37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono , seven hundred and twenty-one.			
38 The sons of Senaah , three thousand nine hundred and thirty.	35 The sons of Senaah , three thousand six hundred and thirty.	35 The children of Senaa , three thousand six hundred and thirty.	23 The sons of Annas , three thousand three hundred and thirty.
39 The priests : the sons of Jedaiah , namely the house of Jeshua , nine	36 The priests : the sons of Jedaiah , of the house of Jeshua , nine	36 And the priests , the sons of Jedua , belonging to the house of Jesus ,	24 The priests : the sons of Jeddu , the son of Jesus among the sons of Sanasib ,

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hundred and seventy-three.	hundred and seventy-three.	were nine hundred and seventy-three.	nine hundred seventy and two:
40 The sons of Immer , a thousand and fifty-two.	37 The sons of Immer , one thousand and fifty-two.	37 The children of Emmer , a thousand and fifty-two.	the sons of Meruth , a thousand fifty and two:
41 The sons of Pashhur , a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	38 The sons of Pashhur , one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	38 The children of Phassur , a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.	25 The sons of Phassarou , a thousand forty and seven:
42 The sons of Harim , a thousand and seventeen.	39 The sons of Harim , one thousand and seventeen.	39 The children of Erem , a thousand and seven.	the sons of Carme , a thousand and seventeen.
43 The Levites : the sons of Jeshua , namely of Kadmiel of the sons of Hodevah , seventy-four.	40 The Levites : the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel , of the sons of Hodaviah , seventy-four.	40 And the Levites , the sons of Jesus and Cadmiel , belonging to the sons of Oduia , seventy-four.	26 The Levites : the sons of Jessue , and Cadmiel , and Banuas , and Sudias , seventy and four.
44 The singers: the sons of Asaph , a hundred and forty-eight.	41 The singers: the sons of Asaph , one hundred and twenty-eight.	41 The sons of Asaph , singers, a hundred and twenty-eight.	27 The holy singers: the sons of Asaph , an hundred twenty and eight.
45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum , the sons of Ater , the sons of Talmon , the sons of Akkub , the sons of Hatita ,	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 ,	42 The children of the porters , the children of Sellum , the children of Ater , the children of Telmon , the children of Acub , the children of	28 The porters : the sons of Salum , the sons of Jatal , the sons of Talmon , the sons of Dacobi , the sons of Teta ,

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the sons of Shobai ,	and the sons of Shobai ,	Atita ,	the sons of Sami ,
a hundred and thirty-eight.	in all one hundred and thirty-nine.	the children of Sobai ,	in all an hundred thirty and nine.
46 The temple servants :	43 The temple servants :	43 The Nathinim :	29 The servants of the temple:
the sons of Ziha ,	the sons of Ziha ,	the children of Suthia ,	the sons of Esau ,
the sons of Hasupha ,	the sons of Hasupha ,	the children of Asupha ,	the sons of Asipha ,
the sons of Tabbaoth ,	the sons of Tabbaoth ,	the children of Tabaoth ,	the sons of Tabaoth ,
47 the sons of Keros ,	44 the sons of Keros ,	44 the sons of Cades ,	the sons of Ceras ,
the sons of Sia ,	the sons of Siaha ,	the children of Siaa ,	the sons of Sud ,
the sons of Padon ,	the sons of Padon ,	the children of Phadon ,	the sons of Phaleas ,
48a the sons of Lebana ,	45 the sons of Lebanah ,	45 the children of Labano ,	the sons of Labana ,
the sons of Hagaba ,	the sons of Hagabah ,	the children of Agaba ,	the sons of Graba ,
	46a the sons of Akkub ,	the sons of Acub ,	30 The sons of Acua ,
	46b the sons of Hagab ,	46 the children of Agab ,	the sons of Uta ,
			the sons of Cetab ,
48b the sons of Shalmal ,	46c the sons of Shamlai ,	the children of Selami ,	the sons of Agaba ,
			the sons of Subai ,

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49 the sons of Hanan,	the sons of Hanan,	the children of Anan,	the sons of Anan,
the sons of Giddel,	47 the sons of Giddel,	47 the children of Geddel,	the sons of Cathua,
the sons of Gahar,	the sons of Gahar,	the children of Gaar,	the sons of Geddur,
50a the sons of Reaiah,	the sons of Reaiah,	the children of Raia,	31 The sons of Airus,
50b the sons of Rezin,	48 the sons of Rezin,	48 the children of Rason,	the sons of Daisan,
the sons of Nekoda,	the sons of Nekoda,	the children of Necoda,	the sons of Noeba,
			the sons of Chaseba,
51a the sons of Gazzam,	the sons of Gazzam,	the children of Gazem,	the sons of Gazera,
51b the sons of Uzza,	49a the sons of Uzza,	49 the children of Azo,	the sons of Azia,
the sons of Paseah,	the sons of Paseah,	the children of Phase,	the sons of Phinees,
			the sons of Azara,
52a the sons of Besai,	49b the sons of Besai,	the children of Basi,	the sons of Bastai,
	50a the sons of Asnah,	50 the children of Asena,	the sons of Asana,
52b the sons of Meunim,	50b the sons of Meunim,	the children of Mounim,	the sons of Meani,
the sons of Nephushesim,	the sons of Nephisim,	the children of Nephusim,	the sons of Naphisi,
53 the sons of Bakbuk,	51 the sons of Bakbuk,	51 the children of Bacbuk,	the sons of Acub,

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the sons of Hakupha,	the sons of Hakupha,	the children of Acupha,	the sons of Acipha,
the sons of Harhur,	the sons of Harhur,	the children of Arur,	the sons of Assur,
54 the sons of Bazlith,	52 the sons of Bazluth,	52 the children of Basaloth,	the sons of Pharacim,
the sons of Mehida,	the sons of Mehida,	the children of Mauda,	the sons of Basaloth,
the sons of Harsha,	the sons of Harsha,	the children of Arsa,	32 The sons of Meeda,
55 the sons of Barkos,	53 the sons of Barkos,	53 the children of Barcos,	the sons of Coutha,
the sons of Sisera,	the sons of Sisera,	the children of Sisara,	the sons of Charea,
the sons of Temah,	the sons of Temah,	the children of Thema,	the sons of Charcus,
56 the sons of Neziah,	54 the sons of Neziah,	54 the children of Nasthie,	the sons of Aserer,
the sons of Hatipha.	and the sons of Hatipha.	the children of Atupha.	the sons of Thomoi,
57 The sons of Solomon's servants:	55 The sons of Solomon's servants:	55 The children of the servants of Solomon:	the sons of Nasith,
the sons of Sotai,	the sons of Sotai,	the children of Sotai,	the sons of Atipha.
the sons of Sophereth,	the sons of Hassophereth,	the children of Sephera,	33 The sons of the servants of Solomon:
			the sons of Azaphion,

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the sons of Perida ,	the sons of Peruda ,	the children of Phadura ,	the sons of Pharira ,
58 the sons of Jaala ,	56 the sons of Jaalah ,	56 the children of Jeela ,	the sons of Jeeli ,
the sons of Darkon ,	the sons of Darkon ,	the children of Darcon ,	the sons of Lozon ,
the sons of Giddel ,	the sons of Giddel ,	the children of Gedel ,	the sons of Israel ,
59 the sons of Shephatiah ,	57 the sons of Shephatiah ,	57 the children of Saphatia ,	the sons of Sapheth ,
the sons of Hattil ,	the sons of Hattil ,	the children of Atil ,	34 The sons of Hagia ,
the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim ,	the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim ,	the children of Phacherath ,	the sons of Pharacareth ,
			the sons of Sabi ,
			the sons of Sarothie ,
			the sons of Masias ,
			the sons of Gar ,
			the sons of Addus ,
			the sons of Suba ,
			the sons of Apherra ,
			the sons of Barodis ,
			the sons of Sabat ,
			the sons of Allom .
		the children of Aseboim ,	

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<p>the sons of Amon.</p> <p>60 All the temple servants</p> <p>and the sons of Solomon's servants</p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>61 The following were those who came up from</p> <p>Telmelah,</p> <p>Telharsha,</p> <p>Cherub,</p> <p>Addon,</p> <p>and Immer,</p> <p>but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to Israel:</p> <p>62 the sons of Delaiah,</p> <p>the sons of Tobiah,</p> <p>the sons of Nekoda,</p>	<p>and the sons of Ami.</p> <p>58 All the temple servants</p> <p>and the sons of Solomon's servants</p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 The following were those who came up from</p> <p>Telmelah,</p> <p>Telharsha,</p> <p>Cherub,</p> <p>Addan,</p> <p>and Immer,</p> <p>though they could not prove their fathers' houses or their descent, whether they belonged to Israel:</p> <p>60 the sons of Delaiah,</p> <p>the sons of Tobiah,</p> <p>and the sons of Nekoda,</p>	<p>the children of Emei.</p> <p>58 All the Nathanim,</p> <p>and the sons of Abdeselma</p> <p>were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 And these are they that went up from</p> <p>Thelmelech,</p> <p>Thelaresa,</p> <p>Cherub,</p> <p>Hedan,</p> <p>Emmer:</p> <p>and they were not able to tell the house of their fathers, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:</p> <p>60 the children of Dalaea,</p> <p>the children of Bua,</p> <p>the children of Tobias,</p> <p>the children of Necoda,</p>	<p>35 All the ministers of the temple,</p> <p>and the sons of the servants of Solomon,</p> <p>were three hundred seventy and two.</p> <p>36 These came up from</p> <p>Thermeleth</p> <p>and Thelersas,</p> <p>Charaathalar leading them,</p> <p>and Aalar;</p> <p>37 Neither could they shew their families, nor their stock, how they were of Israel:</p> <p>the sons of Ladan,</p> <p>the son of Ban,</p> <p>the sons of Necodan,</p>
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<p>six hundred and forty-two.</p> <p>63 Also, of the priests:</p> <p>the sons of Hobaiah,</p> <p>the sons of Hakkoz,</p> <p>the sons of Barzillai</p> <p>(who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite</p> <p>and was called by their name).</p> <p>64 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>65 the governor</p> <p>told them that they were not to partake</p>	<p>six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>61 Also, of the sons of the priests:</p> <p>the sons of Habaiah,</p> <p>the sons of Hakkoz,</p> <p>and the sons of Barzillai</p> <p>(who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,</p> <p>and was called by their name).</p> <p>62 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but they were not found there, and so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>63 the governor</p> <p>told them that they were not to partake</p>	<p>six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>61 And of the children of the priests,</p> <p>the children of Labeia,</p> <p>the children of Akkus,</p> <p>the children of Berzellai,</p> <p>who took a wife of the daughter of Berzellai the Galaadite,</p> <p>and was called by their name.</p> <p>62 These sought their genealogy as though they had been reckoned, but they were not found; and they were removed, as polluted, from the priesthood.</p> <p>63 And the Athersastha</p> <p>told them that they should not eat of the</p>	<p>six hundred fifty and two.</p> <p>38 And of the priests</p> <p>that usurped the office of the priesthood, and were not found:</p> <p>the sons of Obdia,</p> <p>the sons of Accoz,</p> <p>the sons of Addus,</p> <p>who married Augia one of the daughters of Barzelus,</p> <p>and was named after his name.</p> <p>39 And when the description of the kindred of these men was sought in the register, and was not found, they were removed from executing the office of the priesthood:</p> <p>40 For unto them said Nehemias and Atharias,</p> <p>that they should not be partakers of the</p>
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<p>of the most holy food,</p> <p>until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise.</p> <p>66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>67 besides their menservants and maidservants,</p> <p>of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred and forty-five singers, male and female.</p> <p>68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules two hundred and forty-five,</p>	<p>of the most holy food,</p> <p>until there should be a priest to consult Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>65 besides their menservants and maidservants,</p> <p>of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred male and female singers.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules were two hundred and forty-five,</p>	<p>most holy things,</p> <p>until a priest should arise with Lights and Perfections.</p> <p>64 And all the congregation together were about forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty;</p> <p>65 besides their men-servants and maid-servants,</p> <p>and these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven:</p> <p>and among these were two hundred singing men and singing women.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules, two hundred and forty-five.</p>	<p>holy things,</p> <p>till there arose up an high priest clothed with doctrine and truth.</p> <p>41 So of Israel, from them of twelve years old and upward, they were all in number forty thousand,</p> <p>beside menservants and womenservants</p> <p>two thousand three hundred and sixty.</p> <p>42 Their menservants and handmaids were seven thousand three hundred forty and seven:</p> <p>the singing men and singing women, two hundred forty and five:</p> <p>43 Four hundred thirty and five camels,</p> <p>seven thousand thirty and six horses,</p> <p>two hundred forty and five mules,</p>
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<p>69 their camels four hundred and thirty-five,</p> <p>and their asses six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p>	<p>67 their camels were four hundred and thirty-five,</p> <p>and their asses were six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p>	<p>67 Their camels, four hundred and thirty-five;</p> <p>their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p>	<p>five thousand five hundred twenty and five beasts used to the yoke.</p>
<p>70 Now some of the heads of fathers' houses</p>	<p>68 Some of the heads of families,</p> <p>when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,</p>	<p>68 And some of the chiefs of families,</p> <p>when they went into the house of the Lord that was in Jerusalem,</p>	<p>44 And certain of the chief of their families,</p> <p>when they came to the temple of God that is in Jerusalem,</p>
<p>gave to the work.</p>	<p>made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site;</p>	<p>offered willingly for the house of God, to establish it on its prepared place.</p>	<p>vowed to set up the house again in his own place</p>
<p>The governor</p> <p>gave to the treasury</p> <p>a thousand darics of gold,</p>	<p>69 according to their ability</p> <p>they</p> <p>gave to the treasury of the work</p> <p>sixty-one thousand darics of gold,</p>	<p>69 According to their power they gave</p> <p>into the treasury of the work</p> <p>pure gold sixty-one thousand pieces,</p>	<p>according to their ability,</p> <p>45 And to give into the holy treasury of the works</p> <p>a thousand pounds of gold,</p>
<p>five thousand minas of silver,</p> <p>fifty basins,</p> <p>five hundred and thirty priests' garments.</p>	<p>and one hundred priests' garments.</p>	<p>and five thousand pounds of silver,</p> <p>and one hundred priests' garments.</p>	<p>five thousand of silver,</p> <p>and an hundred priestly vestments.</p>
<p>71 And some of the</p>			

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<p>heads of fathers' houses</p> <p>gave into the treasury of the work</p> <p>twenty thousand darics of gold</p> <p>and two thousand two hundred minas of silver.</p> <p>72 And what the rest of the people</p> <p>gave was twenty thousand darics of gold,</p> <p>two thousand minas of silver,</p> <p>and sixty-seven priests' garments.</p> <p>73a So the priests, the Levites,</p> <p>the gatekeepers, the singers,</p> <p>some of the people,</p> <p>the temple servants,</p> <p>and all Israel,</p> <p>lived in their towns.</p>	<p>70 The priests, the Levites,</p> <p>and some of the people lived in Jerusalem and its vicinity;</p> <p>and the singers, the gatekeepers,</p> <p>and the temple servants</p> <p>lived in their towns,</p>	<p>70 So the priests, and the Levites,</p> <p>and some of the people,</p> <p>and the singers, and the porters,</p> <p>and the Nathinim,</p> <p>dwelt in their cities,</p>	<p>46 And so dwelt the priests and the Levites</p> <p>and the people in Jerusalem, and in the country,</p> <p>the singers also and the porters;</p> <p>and all Israel</p>
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	and all Israel in their towns.	and all Israel in their cities.	in their villages.
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	<p>RSV Ezra 3:1 When the seventh month came,</p> <p>and the sons of Israel were in the towns,</p> <p>the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem.</p> <p>2 Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests,</p> <p>and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel</p> <p>with his kinsmen,</p> <p>and they built the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p>to offer burnt offerings upon it,</p> <p>as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 3:1 And the seventh month came on,</p> <p>and the children of Israel were in their cities,</p> <p>and the people assembled as one man at Jerusalem.</p> <p>2 Then stood up Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren the priests,</p> <p>and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel,</p> <p>and his brethren,</p> <p>and they built the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p>to offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings,</p> <p>according to the things that were written in the law of Moses the man of</p>	<p>LXA 1 Esdras 5:47 But when the seventh month was at hand,</p> <p>and when the children of Israel were every man in his own place,</p> <p>they came all together with one consent into the open place of the first gate which is toward the east.</p> <p>48 Then stood up Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren the priests</p> <p>and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel,</p> <p>and his brethren,</p> <p>and made ready the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p>49 To offer burnt sacrifices upon it,</p> <p>according as it is expressly commanded in the book of Moses the</p>

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		God.	man of God.
	3 They set the altar in its place,	3 And they set up the altar on its place,	50 And there were gathered unto them out of the other nations of the land,
	for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the lands,	for there was a terror upon them because of the people of the lands:	and they erected the altar upon his own place,
	and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the LORD , burnt offerings	and the whole-burnt-offerings was offered up upon it to the Lord	because all the nations of the land were at enmity with them, and oppressed them;
	morning and evening.	morning and evening.	and they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt offerings to the Lord
	4 And they kept the feast of booths ,	4 And they kept the feast of tabernacles ,	both morning and evening.
	as it is written,	according to that which was written,	51 Also they held the feast of tabernacles ,
	and offered the daily burnt offerings by number	and offered whole-burnt-offerings daily in number	as it is commanded in the law,
	according to the ordinance,	according to the ordinance,	and offered sacrifices daily,
	as each day required,	the exact daily rate.	as was meet:
	5 and after that the continual burnt offerings, the	5 And after this the perpetual whole-burnt-offering, and	52 And after that, the continual oblations, and the

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	<p>offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the LORD,</p> <p>and the offerings of every one who made a freewill offering to the LORD.</p> <p>6 From the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD.</p> <p>But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.</p> <p>7 So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil</p> <p>to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa,</p> <p>according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.</p>	<p>offering for the season of new moon, and for all the hallowed feasts to the Lord,</p> <p>and for every one that offered a free-will-offering to the Lord.</p> <p>6 On the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord:</p> <p>but the foundation of the house of the Lord was not laid.</p> <p>7 And they gave money to the stone-hewers and carpenters, and meat and drink, and oil,</p> <p>to the Sidonians, and Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Libanus to the sea of Joppa,</p> <p>according to the grant of Cyrus king of the Persians to them.</p>	<p>sacrifice of the sabbaths, and of the new moons, and of all holy feasts.</p> <p>53 And all they that had made any vow to God began to offer sacrifices to God</p> <p>from the first day of the seventh month,</p> <p>although the temple of the Lord was not yet built.</p> <p>54 And they gave unto the masons and carpenters money, meat, and drink, with cheerfulness.</p> <p>55 Unto them of Zidon also and Tyre they gave carrs, that they should bring cedar trees from Libanus, which should be brought by floats to the haven of Joppa,</p> <p>according as it was commanded them by Cyrus king of the Persians.</p>
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	<p>8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month,</p> <p>Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning,</p> <p>together with the rest of their brethren, the priests and the Levites</p> <p>and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity.</p> <p>They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward,</p> <p>to have the oversight of the work of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>9 And Jeshua with</p>	<p>8 And in the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month,</p> <p>began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec,</p> <p>and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites,</p> <p>and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem,</p> <p>and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward,</p> <p>over the workmen in the house of the Lord.</p> <p>9 And Jesus and his</p>	<p>56 And in the second year and second month after his coming to the temple of God at Jerusalem</p> <p>began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec,</p> <p>and their brethren, and the priests, and the Levites,</p> <p>and all they that were come unto Jerusalem out of the captivity:</p> <p>57 And they laid the foundation of the house of God</p> <p>in the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come to Jewry and Jerusalem.</p> <p>58 And they appointed the Levites from twenty years old</p> <p>over the works of the Lord.</p> <p>Then stood up</p>
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	<p>his sons and his kinsmen,</p> <p>and Kadmiel and his sons,</p> <p>the sons of Judah,</p> <p>together took the oversight of the workmen in the house of God,</p> <p>along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and kinsmen.</p> <p>10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD,</p> <p>the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets,</p> <p>and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals,</p>	<p>sons and his brethren stood,</p> <p>Cadmiel and his sons</p> <p>the sons of Juda,</p> <p>over them that wrought the works in the house of God:</p> <p>the sons of Enadad, their sons and their brethren the Levites.</p> <p>10 And they laid a foundation for building the house of the Lord:</p> <p>and the priests in their robes stood with trumpets</p> <p>and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals,</p>	<p>Jesus, and his sons and brethren,</p> <p>and Cadmiel his brother,</p> <p>and the sons of Madiabun,</p> <p>with the sons of Joda the son of Eliadun,</p> <p>with their sons and brethren, all Levites,</p> <p>with one accord set forward of the business, labouring to advance the works in the house of God.</p> <p>So the workmen built the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>59 And the priests stood arrayed in their vestments with musical instruments and trumpets;</p> <p>and the Levites the sons of Asaph had cymbals,</p>
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	<p>to praise the LORD,</p> <p>according to the directions of David king of Israel;</p> <p>11 and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,</p> <p>"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward Israel."</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD,</p> <p>because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.</p> <p>12 But many of the priests and Levites</p> <p>and heads of fathers' houses,</p> <p>old men</p> <p>who had seen the</p>	<p>to praise the Lord,</p> <p>according to the order of David king of Israel.</p> <p>11 And they answered each other with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord,</p> <p>saying, For it is good, for his mercy to Israel endures for ever.</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a loud voice to praise the Lord</p> <p>at the laying the foundation of the house of the Lord.</p> <p>12 But many of the priests and the Levites,</p> <p>and the elder men,</p> <p>heads of families,</p> <p>who had seen the</p>	<p>60 Singing songs of thanksgiving,</p> <p>and praising the Lord,</p> <p>according as David the king of Israel had ordained.</p> <p>61 And they sung with loud voices songs to the praise of the Lord,</p> <p>because his mercy and glory is for ever in all Israel.</p> <p>62 And all the people sounded trumpets, and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving unto the Lord</p> <p>for the rearing up of the house of the Lord.</p> <p>63 Also of the priests and Levites,</p> <p>and of the chief of their families,</p> <p>the ancients</p> <p>who had seen the</p>
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	<p>first house,</p> <p>wept with a loud voice</p> <p>when they saw the foundation of this house being laid,</p> <p>though many shouted aloud for joy;</p> <p>13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping,</p> <p>for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard afar.</p> <p>RSV Ezra 4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard</p> <p>that the returned exiles were building a temple to the</p>	<p>former house on its foundation,</p> <p>and who saw this house with their eyes,</p> <p>wept with a loud voice:</p> <p>but the multitude shouted with joy to raise a song.</p> <p>13 And the people did not distinguish the voice of the glad shout from the voice of the weeping of the people:</p> <p>for the people shouted with a loud voice, and the voice was heard even from afar off.</p> <p>LXE Ezra 4:1 And they that afflicted Juda and Benjamin heard,</p> <p>that the children of the captivity were building a house to</p>	<p>former house</p> <p>came to the building of this</p> <p>with weeping and great crying.</p> <p>64 But many with trumpets and joy shouted with loud voice,</p> <p>65 Insomuch that the trumpets might not be heard for the weeping of the people:</p> <p>yet the multitude sounded marvellously, so that it was heard afar off.</p> <p>66 Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin heard it,</p> <p>they came to know what that noise of trumpets should mean.</p> <p>67 And they perceived that they that were of the</p>
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	<p>LORD, the God of Israel,</p> <p>2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses</p> <p>and said to them, "Let us build with you;</p> <p>for we worship your God as you do,</p> <p>and we have been sacrificing to him</p> <p>ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria</p> <p>who brought us here."</p> <p>3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel</p> <p>said to them,</p> <p>"You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God;</p> <p>but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel,</p>	<p>the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>2 And they drew near to Zorobabel, and to the heads of families,</p> <p>and said to them, We will build with you;</p> <p>for as ye do, we seek to serve our God,</p> <p>and we do sacrifice to him</p> <p>from the days of Asaradan king of Assur,</p> <p>who brought us hither.</p> <p>3 then Zorobabel, and Jesus and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel</p> <p>said to them,</p> <p>It is not for us and you to build a house to our God,</p> <p>for we ourselves will build together to the Lord our God,</p>	<p>captivity did build the temple unto the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>68 So they went to Zorobabel and Jesus, and to the chief of the families,</p> <p>and said unto them, We will build together with you.</p> <p>69 For we likewise, as ye, do obey your Lord,</p> <p>and do sacrifice unto him</p> <p>from the days of Azbazareth the king of the Assyrians,</p> <p>who brought us hither.</p> <p>70 Then Zorobabel and Jesus and the chief of the families of Israel</p> <p>said unto them,</p> <p>It is not for us and you to build together an house unto the Lord our God.</p> <p>71 We ourselves alone will build unto the Lord of Israel,</p>
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	<p>as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."</p> <p>4 Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah,</p> <p>and made them afraid to build,</p> <p>5 and hired counselors against them</p> <p>to frustrate their purpose,</p> <p>all the days of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <p>even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.</p>	<p>as Cyrus the king of the Persians commanded us.</p> <p>4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Juda,</p> <p>and hindered them in building,</p> <p>5 and continued hiring persons against them, plotting</p> <p>to frustrate their counsel,</p> <p>all the days of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>and until the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>	<p>according as Cyrus the king of the Persians hath commanded us.</p> <p>72 But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of Judea,</p> <p>and holding them strait, hindered their building;</p> <p>73 And by their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions,</p> <p>they hindered the finishing of the building</p> <p>all the time that king Cyrus lived:</p> <p>so they were hindered from building for the space of two years,</p> <p>until the reign of Darius.</p>
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	<p>RSV Ezra 5:1 Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo,</p> <p>prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem,</p> <p>in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.</p> <p>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;</p> <p>and with them were the prophets of God, helping them.</p> <p>3 At the same time Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai and their associates</p> <p>came to them and spoke to them thus,</p> <p>"Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?"</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 5:1 And Aggaeus the prophet, and Zacharias the son of Addo,</p> <p>prophesied a prophesy to the Jews in Juda and Jerusalem</p> <p>in the name of the God of Israel, even to them.</p> <p>2 Then rose up Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of God that was in Jerusalem:</p> <p>and with them were the prophets of God assisting them.</p> <p>3 At the same time came there upon them Thanthanai, the governor on this side the river, and Satharbuzanai, and their fellow-servants,</p> <p>and spoke thus to them,</p> <p>Who has ordained a decree for you to build this house, and to provide this</p>	<p>Aggeus and Zacharias the son of Addo, the prophets,</p> <p>prophesied unto the Jews in Jewry and Jerusalem</p> <p>in the name of the Lord God of Israel, which was upon them.</p> <p>2 Then stood up Zorobabel the son of Salatiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem,</p> <p>the prophets of the Lord being with them, and helping them.</p> <p>3 At the same time came unto them Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phenice, with Sathrabuzanes and his companions,</p> <p>and said unto them,</p> <p>4 By whose appointment do ye build this house and this roof, and</p>
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	<p>4 They also asked them this, "What are the names of the men who are building this building?"</p> <p>5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews,</p> <p>and they did not stop them till a report should reach Darius</p> <p>and then answer be returned by letter concerning it.</p> <p>6 The copy of the letter which Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai</p> <p>and his associates the governors who were in the province Beyond the River</p> <p>sent to Darius the king;</p>	<p>preparation?</p> <p>4 Then they spoke thus to them, What are the names of the men that build this city?</p> <p>5 But the eyes of God were upon the captivity of Juda,</p> <p>and they did not cause them to cease till the decree was brought to Darius;</p> <p>and then was sent by the tribute-gatherer concerning this</p> <p>6 the copy of a letter, which Thanthanai, the governor of the part on this side the river, and Satharbuzanai,</p> <p>and their fellow-servants the Apharsachaeans who were on this side of the river,</p> <p>sent to king Darius.</p>	<p>perform all the other things?</p> <p>and who are the workmen that perform these things?</p> <p>5 Nevertheless the elders of the Jews obtained favour, because the Lord had visited the captivity;</p> <p>6 And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given unto Darius concerning them,</p> <p>and an answer received.</p> <p>7 The copy of the letters which Sisinnus, governor of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes,</p> <p>with their companions, rulers in Syria and Phenice, wrote</p> <p>and sent unto Darius; To king</p>
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	<p>7 they sent him a report, in which was written as follows:</p> <p>"To Darius the king, all peace.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the king that we went to the province of Judah,</p> <p>to the house of the great God.</p> <p>It is being built with huge stones,</p> <p>and timber is laid in the walls;</p> <p>this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.</p>	<p>7 They sent an account to him, and thus it was written in it:</p> <p>All peace to king Darius.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the land of Judea,</p> <p>to the house of the great God;</p> <p>and it is building</p> <p>with choice stones,</p> <p>and they are laying timbers in the walls,</p> <p>and that work is prospering, and goes on favorably in their hands.</p>	<p>Darius, greeting:</p> <p>8 Let all things be known unto our lord the king,</p> <p>that being come into the country of Judea,</p> <p>and entered into the city of Jerusalem</p> <p>we found in the city of Jerusalem the ancients of the Jews that were of the captivity</p> <p>9 Building an house unto the Lord, great and new,</p> <p>of hewn and costly stones,</p> <p>and the timber already laid upon the walls.</p> <p>10 And those works are done with great speed, and the work goeth on prosperously in their hands,</p> <p>and with all glory and diligence is it made.</p>
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	<p>9 Then we asked those elders and spoke to them thus,</p> <p>'Who gave you a decree to build this house</p> <p>and to finish this structure?'</p> <p>10 We also asked them their names,</p> <p>for your information, that we might write down the names of the men at their head.</p> <p>11 And this was their reply to us:</p> <p>'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished.</p>	<p>9 Then we asked those elders, and thus we said to them,</p> <p>Who gave you the order to build this house,</p> <p>and to provide this preparation?</p> <p>10 And we asked them their names,</p> <p>in order to declare them to thee, so as to write to thee the names of their leading men.</p> <p>11 And they answered us thus, saying,</p> <p>We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are building the house which had been built many years before this, and a great king of Israel built it, and established it for</p>	<p>11 Then asked we these elders, saying,</p> <p>By whose commandment build ye this house,</p> <p>and lay the foundations of these works?</p> <p>12 Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge unto thee by writing,</p> <p>we demanded of them who were the chief doers,</p> <p>and we required of them the names</p> <p>in writing of their principal men.</p> <p>13 So they gave us this answer,</p> <p>We are the servants of the Lord which made heaven and earth.</p> <p>14 And as for this house, it was builded many years ago by a king of Israel great and strong, and was finished.</p>
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	<p>12 But because our fathers had angered the God of heaven,</p> <p>he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean,</p> <p>who destroyed this house</p> <p>and carried away the people to Babylonia.</p> <p>13 However in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon,</p> <p>Cyrus the king made a decree that this house of God should be rebuilt.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God,</p> <p>which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon,</p>	<p>them.</p> <p>12 But after that our fathers provoked the God of heaven,</p> <p>he gave them into the hands of Nabuchodonosor the Chaldean, king of Babylon,</p> <p>and he destroyed this house,</p> <p>and carried the people captive to Babylon.</p> <p>13 And in the first year of king Cyrus,</p> <p>Cyrus the king made a decree that this house of God should be built.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God,</p> <p>which Nabuchodonosor brought out from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried them into the temple of the king,</p>	<p>15 But when our fathers provoked God unto wrath,</p> <p>and sinned against the Lord of Israel which is in heaven,</p> <p>he gave them over into the power of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, of the Chaldees;</p> <p>16 Who pulled down the house, and burned it,</p> <p>and carried away the people captives unto Babylon.</p> <p>17 But in the first year that king Cyrus reigned over the country of Babylon,</p> <p>Cyrus the king wrote to build up this house.</p> <p>18 And the holy vessels of gold and of silver,</p> <p>that Nabuchodonosor had carried away out of the house at Jerusalem, and had set them in his own temple</p>
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	<p>these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon,</p> <p>and they were delivered</p> <p>to one whose name was Sheshbazzar,</p> <p>whom he had made governor;</p> <p>15 and he said to him, "Take these vessels,</p> <p>go and put them in the temple which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and let the house of God be rebuilt</p> <p>on its site."</p> <p>16 Then this Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem;</p> <p>and from that time until now it has been in building,</p> <p>and it is not yet</p>	<p>them did king Cyrus bring out from the temple of the king,</p> <p>and gave them to</p> <p>Sabanasar</p> <p>the treasurer, who was over the treasurer;</p> <p>15 and said to him, Take all the vessels, and go,</p> <p>put them in the house that is in Jerusalem</p> <p>in their place.</p> <p>16 Then that Sabanazar came, and laid the foundations of the house of God in Jerusalem:</p> <p>and from that time even until now it has been building,</p> <p>and has not been</p>	<p>those Cyrus the king brought forth again out of the temple at Babylon,</p> <p>and they were delivered to</p> <p>Zorobabel</p> <p>and to Sanabassarus</p> <p>the ruler,</p> <p>19 With commandment that he should carry away the same vessels,</p> <p>and put them in the temple at Jerusalem;</p> <p>and that the temple of the Lord should be built</p> <p>in his place.</p> <p>20 Then the same Sanabassarus, being come hither, laid the foundations of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem;</p> <p>and from that time to this being still a building,</p> <p>it is not yet fully</p>
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	<p>finished.'</p> <p>17 Therefore, if it seem good to the king, let search be made in the royal archives there in Babylon,</p> <p>to see whether a decree was issued by Cyrus the king for the rebuilding of this house of God in Jerusalem.</p> <p>And let the king send us his pleasure in this matter."</p> <p>Ezra 6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in Babylonia,</p> <p>in the house of the archives where the documents were stored.</p> <p>2 And in Ecbatana, the capital which is in the province of Media, a scroll was found on which this was written: "A record.</p> <p>3 In the first year</p>	<p>finished.</p> <p>17 And now, if it seem good to the king, lest search be made in the treasure-house of the king at Babylon,</p> <p>that thou mayest know if it be that a decree was made by king Cyrus to build that house of God that was in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and let the king send to us when he has learnt concerning this matter.</p> <p>LXE Ezra 6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and caused a search to be made in the record-offices,</p> <p>where the treasure is stored in Babylon.</p> <p>2 And there was found in the city, in the palace, a volume, and this was the record written in it.</p> <p>3 In the first year</p>	<p>ended.</p> <p>21 Now therefore, if it seem good unto the king, let search be made among the records of king Cyrus:</p> <p>22 And if it be found that the building of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem hath been done with the consent of king Cyrus,</p> <p>and if our lord the king be so minded, let him signify unto us thereof.</p> <p>23 Then commanded king Darius to seek among the records at Babylon:</p> <p>and so at Ecbatana the palace, which is in the country of Media, there was found a roll wherein these things were recorded.</p> <p>24 In the first year</p>
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	<p>of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king issued a decree:</p> <p>Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt,</p> <p>the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt offerings are brought;</p> <p>its height shall be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits,</p> <p>4 with three courses of great stones and one course of timber;</p> <p>let the cost be paid from the royal treasury.</p> <p>5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God,</p> <p>which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that is in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon,</p> <p>be restored and</p>	<p>of king Cyrus, Cyrus the king made a decree</p> <p>concerning the holy house of God that was in Jerusalem, saying, Let the house be built,</p> <p>and the place where they sacrifice the sacrifices.</p> <p>(Also he appointed its elevation, in height sixty cubits; its breadth was of sixty cubits.)</p> <p>4 And let there be three strong layers of stone, and one layer of timber;</p> <p>and the expense shall be paid out of the house of the king.</p> <p>5 And the silver and the gold vessels of the house of God,</p> <p>which Nabuchodonosor carried off from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried to Babylon,</p> <p>let them even be</p>	<p>of the reign of Cyrus king Cyrus commanded</p> <p>that the house of the Lord at Jerusalem should be built</p> <p>again, where they do sacrifice with continual fire:</p> <p>25 Whose height shall be sixty cubits and the breadth sixty cubits,</p> <p>with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood of that country;</p> <p>and the expenses thereof to be given out of the house of king Cyrus:</p> <p>26 And that the holy vessels of the house of the Lord, both of gold and silver,</p> <p>that Nabuchodonosor took out of the house at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon,</p> <p>should be restored</p>
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	<p>brought back to the temple which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>each to its place; you shall put them in the house of God."</p> <p>6 "Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the province Beyond the River,</p> <p>Shetharbozenai, and your associates the governors who are in the province Beyond the River,</p> <p>keep away;</p> <p>7 let the work on this house of God alone;</p> <p>let</p> <p>the governor of the Jews</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews</p> <p>rebuild this house of God on its site.</p>	<p>given, and be carried to the temple that is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and put in the place where they were set in the house of God.</p> <p>6 Now, ye rulers beyond the river, Satharbuzanai,</p> <p>and their fellow-servants the Apharsachaeans, who are on the other side of the river,</p> <p>give these things, keeping far from that place.</p> <p>7 Now let alone the work of the house of God:</p> <p>let t</p> <p>he rulers of the Jews</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews</p> <p>build that house of God on its place.</p>	<p>to the house at Jerusalem,</p> <p>and be set in the place where they were before.</p> <p>27 And also he commanded that Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phenice,</p> <p>and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions, and those which were appointed rulers in Syria and Phenice,</p> <p>should be careful not to meddle with the place,</p> <p>but suffer</p> <p>Zorobabel, the servant of the Lord,</p> <p>and governor of Judea,</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews,</p> <p>to build the house of the Lord in that place.</p>
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	<p>8 Moreover I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews</p> <p>for the rebuilding of this house of God;</p> <p>the cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay</p> <p>from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River.</p> <p>9 And whatever is needed --</p> <p>young bulls, rams, or sheep</p> <p>for burnt offerings to the God of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, or oil,</p>	<p>8 Also a decree has been made by me, if haply ye may do somewhat in concert with the elders of the Jews</p> <p>for the building of that house of God:</p> <p>to wit, out of the king's property, even the tributes beyond the river,</p> <p>let there be money to defray the expenses carefully granted to those men, so that they be not hindered.</p> <p>9 And whatever need there may be,</p> <p>ye shall give both the young of bulls and rams, and lambs</p> <p>for whole-burnt-offerings to the God of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, oil:-- let it be given</p>	<p>28 I have commanded also to have it built up whole again; and that they look diligently to help those that be of the captivity of the Jews,</p> <p>till the house of the Lord be finished:</p> <p>29 And out of the tribute of Celosyria and Phenice</p> <p>a portion carefully to be given these men</p> <p>for the sacrifices of the Lord,</p> <p>that is, to Zorobabel the governor,</p> <p>for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;</p> <p>30 And also corn, salt, wine, and oil,</p>
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	<p>as the priests at Jerusalem require - - let that be given to them day by day without fail,</p> <p>10 that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.</p> <p>11 Also I make a decree that if any one alters this edict,</p> <p>a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled upon it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.</p> <p>12 May the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any king or people</p> <p>that shall put forth a hand to alter this, or to destroy this house of God which</p>	<p>them</p> <p>according to the word of the priests that are in Jerusalem, day by day whatsoever they shall ask;</p> <p>10 that they may offer sweet savours to the God of heaven, and that they may pray for the life of the king and his sons.</p> <p>11 And a decree has been made by me, that every man who shall alter this word,</p> <p>timber shall be pulled down from his house, and let him be lifted up and slain upon it, and his house shall be confiscated.</p> <p>12 And may the God whose name dwells there, overthrow every king and people</p> <p>who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the house of God which is in</p>	<p>and that continually every year without further question,</p> <p>according as the priests that be in Jerusalem shall signify to be daily spent:</p> <p>31 That offerings may be made to the most high God for the king and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives.</p> <p>32 And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yea, or make light of any thing afore spoken or written,</p> <p>out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seized for the king.</p> <p>33 The Lord therefore, whose name is there called upon, utterly destroy every king and nation,</p> <p>that stretcheth out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of the Lord</p>
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	<p>is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>I Darius make a decree; let it be done with all diligence."</p> <p>13 Then, according to the word sent by Darius the king,</p> <p>Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River,</p> <p>Shetharbozenai, and their associates</p> <p>did with all diligence</p> <p>what Darius the king had ordered.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the Jews</p> <p>built and prospered,</p>	<p>Jerusalem.</p> <p>I Darius have made a decree; let it be diligently attended to.</p> <p>13 Then Thanthanai the governor on this side beyond the river,</p> <p>Satharbuzanai, and his fellow-servants,</p> <p>according to that which king Darius sent,</p> <p>so they did diligently.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the Jews and the Levites</p> <p>built,</p>	<p>in Jerusalem.</p> <p>34 I Darius the king have ordained that according unto these things it be done with diligence.</p> <p>LXA 1st Esdras 7:1 Then Sisinnes the governor of Celosyria and Phenice,</p> <p>and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions</p> <p>following the commandments of king Darius,</p> <p>2 Did very carefully oversee the holy works,</p> <p>assisting the ancients of the Jews and governors of the temple.</p> <p>3 And so the holy works prospered,</p>
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	through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo .	at the prophecy of Aggaeus the prophet, and Zacharias the son of Addo:	when Aggeus and Zacharias the prophets prophesied.
	They finished their building	and they built up, and finished it,	4 And they finished these things
	by command of the God of Israel	by the decree of the God of Israel ,	by the commandment of the Lord God of Israel ,
	and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia;	and by the decree of Cyrus , and Darius , and Arthasastha , kings of the Persians .	and with the consent of Cyrus , Darius , and Artaxerxes , kings of Persia .
	15 and this house was finished	15 And they finished this house	5 And thus was the holy house finished
	on the third day of the month of Adar ,	by the third day of the month Adar ,	in the three and twentieth day of the month Adar,
	in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.	which is the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.	in the sixth year of Darius king of the Persians
	16 And the people of Israel , the priests and the Levites , and the rest of the returned exiles,	16 And the children of Israel , the priests , and the Levites , and the rest of the children of the captivity,	6 And the children of Israel , the priests , and the Levites , and others that were of the captivity, that were added unto them,
	celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.	kept the dedication of the house of God with gladness.	did according to the things written in the book of Moses .
	17 They offered at the dedication of	17 And they offered for the dedication of	7 And to the dedication of the

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	<p>this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>18 And they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses,</p> <p>for the service of God at Jerusalem,</p> <p>as it is written in the book of Moses.</p>	<p>the house of God a hundred calves, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>twelve kids of the goats for a sin-offering for all Israel, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their separate orders,</p> <p>for the services of God in Jerusalem,</p> <p>according to the writing of the book of Moses.</p>	<p>temple of the Lord they offered an hundred bullocks two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;</p> <p>8 And twelve goats for the sin of all Israel, according to the number of the chief of the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>9 The priests also and the Levites stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their kindreds,</p> <p>in the service of the Lord God of Israel,</p> <p>according to the book of Moses:</p> <p>and the porters at every gate.</p>
MT Nehemiah	MT Ezra	LXX 2 Esdras	LXX 1 Esdras
	<p>RSV Ezra 6:19 On the fourteenth day of the first month</p> <p>the returned exiles kept the passover.</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover</p> <p>on the fourteenth day of the first month.</p>	<p>LXA 1 Esdras 7:10 And the children of Israel that were of the captivity held the passover</p> <p>the fourteenth day of the first month,</p>

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	<p>20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together;</p> <p>all of them were clean.</p> <p>So they killed the passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves;</p> <p>21 it was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile,</p> <p>and also by every one who had joined them</p> <p>and separated himself from the pollutions of the peoples of the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel.</p> <p>22 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the LORD had</p>	<p>20 For the priests and Levites were purified,</p> <p>all were clean to a man, and</p> <p>they slew the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.</p> <p>21 And the children of Israel ate the passover, even they that were of the captivity,</p> <p>and every one who separated himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>22 and they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with gladness, because the Lord</p>	<p>after that the priests and the Levites were sanctified.</p> <p>11 They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together:</p> <p>but the Levites were all sanctified together.</p> <p>12 And so they offered the passover for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.</p> <p>13 And the children of Israel that came out of the captivity did eat,</p> <p>even all they</p> <p>that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the Lord.</p> <p>14 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before the</p>
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	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 .	made them glad, and he turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the house of the God of Israel .	Lord , 15 For that he had turned the counsel of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the Lord God of Israel .
MT Nehemiah (RSV)	MT Ezra (RSV)	LXX 2 Esdras (Brenton)	LXX 1 Esdras (Brenton)
	RSV Ezra 7:1 Now after this, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia , Ezra the son of Seraiah , son of Azariah , son of Hilkiah , 2 son of Shallum , son of Achim, son of Ahitub, 3 son of Amariah, son of Azariah , son of Meraioth, 4 son of Zerariah,	LXE Ezra 7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Arthasastha king of the Persians , came up Esdras the son of Saraias , the son of Azarias, the son of Chelcias , 2 the son of Selum, the son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, 3 the son of Samarias, the son of Esria, the son of Mareoth,	LXA 1 Esdras 8:1 And after these things, when Artaxerxes the king of the Persians reigned came Esdras the son of Saraias , the son of Ezerias, t he son of Helchiah, the son of Salum , 2 The son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, the son of Amarias, the son of Ezias, the son of Meremoth,

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

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	with whom were registered one hundred and fifty men.	and with him a company of a hundred and fifty.	and with him were counted an hundred and fifty men:
	4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah , and with him two hundred men.	4 Of the sons of Phaath-Moab; Eliana the son of Saraia , and with him two hundred that were males.	31 Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias , the son of Zaraias , and with him two hundred men:
	5 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel , and with him three hundred men.	5 And of the sons of Zathoes; Sechenias the son of Aziel , and with him three hundred males.	32 Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezeus , and with him three hundred men:
	6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan , and with him fifty men.	6 And of the sons of Adin; Obeth the son of Jonathan , and with him fifty males.	of the sons of Adin, Obeth the son of Jonathan , and with him two hundred and fifty men:
	7 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah , and with him seventy men.	7 And of the sons of Elam; Isaeas the son of Athelia , and with him seventy males.	33 Of the sons of Elam, Josias son of Gotholias , and with him seventy men:
	8 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael , and with him eighty men.	8 And of the sons of Saphatia; Zabadias the son of Michael , and with him eighty males.	34 Of the sons of Saphatias, Zaraias son of Michael , and with him threescore and ten men:
	9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel , and with him two hundred and eighteen men.	9 And of the sons of Joab; Abadia the son of Jeiel , and with him two hundred and eighteen males.	35 Of the sons of Joab, Abadias son of Jezeus , and with him two hundred and twelve men:
	10 Of the sons of Bani, Shelomith the son of Josphiah ,	10 And of the sons of Baani; Selimuth the son of Josephia ,	36 Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of Josphias ,

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

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and their children,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 Arise, for it is</p>	<p>praying before the house of God, a very great assembly of Israel came together to him, men and women and youths; for the people wept, and wept aloud.</p> <p>2 And Sechenias the son of Jeel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Esdras, We have broken covenant with our God, and have taken strange wives of the nations of the land: yet now there is patience of hope to Israel concerning this thing.</p> <p>3 Now then let us make a covenant with our God, to put away all the wives, and their offspring,</p> <p>as thou shalt advise:</p> <p>4 arise, and alarm them with the commands of our God; and let it be done according to the law.</p> <p>Rise up, for the</p>	<p>flat upon the ground before the temple, there gathered unto him from Jerusalem a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude.</p> <p>92 Then Jechonias the son of Jeelus, one of the sons of Israel, called out, and said, O Esdras, we have sinned against the Lord God, we have married strange women of the nations of the land, and now is all Israel aloft.</p> <p>93 Let us make an oath to the Lord, that we will put away all our wives, which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,</p> <p>94 Like as thou hast decreed, and as many as do obey the law of the Lord.</p> <p>95 Arise and put in</p>
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	<p>your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it."</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6 Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib,</p> <p>where he spent the night, neither eating bread nor drinking water; for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles.</p> <p>7 And a proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles that they should assemble at Jerusalem,</p> <p>8 and that if any one did not come within</p>	<p>matter is upon thee; and we are with thee: be strong and do.</p> <p>5 Then Esdras arose, and caused the rulers, the priests, and Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word: and they swore.</p> <p>6 And Esdras rose up from before the house of God, and went to the treasury of Joanan the son of Elisub;</p> <p>he even went thither: he ate no bread, and drank no water; for he mourned over the unfaithfulness of them of the captivity.</p> <p>7 And they made proclamation throughout Juda and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should assemble at Jerusalem, saying,</p> <p>8 Every one who shall not arrive</p>	<p>execution: for to thee doth this matter appertain, and we will be with thee: do valiantly.</p> <p>96 So Esdras arose, and took an oath of the chief of the priests and Levites of all Israel to do after these things; and so they sware.</p> <p>LXA 1 Esdras 9:1 Then Esdras rising from the court of the temple went to the chamber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,</p> <p>2 And remained there, and did eat no meat nor drink water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude.</p> <p>3 And there was a proclamation in all Jewry and Jerusalem to all them that were of the captivity, that they should be gathered together at Jerusalem:</p> <p>4 And that whosoever met not</p>
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	<p>three days, by order of the officials and the elders all his property should be forfeited, and he himself banned from the congregation of the exiles.</p> <p>9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month.</p> <p>And all the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11 Now then make confession to the LORD the God of your fathers,</p> <p>and do his will;</p>	<p>within three days, as is the counsel of the rulers and the elders, all his substance shall be forfeited, and he shall be separated from the congregation of the captivity.</p> <p>9 So all the men of Juda and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. This was the ninth month: on the twentieth day of the month</p> <p>all the people sat down in the street of the house of the Lord, because of their alarm concerning the word, and because of the storm.</p> <p>10 And Esdras the priest arose, and said to them, Ye have broken covenant, and have taken strange wives, to add to the trespass of Israel.</p> <p>11 Now therefore give praise to the Lord God of our fathers,</p> <p>and do that which is</p>	<p>there within two or three days according as the elders that bare rule appointed, their cattle should be seized to the use of the temple, and himself cast out from them that were of the captivity.</p> <p>5 And in three days were all they of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin gathered together at Jerusalem the twentieth day of the ninth month.</p> <p>6 And all the multitude sat trembling in the broad court of the temple because of the present foul weather.</p> <p>7 So Esdras arose up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed the law in marrying strange wives, thereby to increase the sins of Israel.</p> <p>8 And now by confessing give glory unto the Lord God of our fathers,</p> <p>9 And do his will,</p>
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	<p>separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."</p> <p>12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "It is so; we must do as you have said.</p> <p>13 But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a work for one day or for two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let our officials stand for the whole assembly; let all in our cities who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them the elders and judges of every city, till the fierce wrath of our God over this matter be averted from us."</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel</p>	<p>pleasing in his sight: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange wives.</p> <p>12 Then all the congregation answered and said, This thy word is powerful upon us to do it.</p> <p>13 But the people is numerous, and the season is stormy, and there is no power to stand without, and the work is more than enough for one day or for two; for we have greatly sinned in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let now our rulers stand, and for all those in our cities who have taken strange wives, let them come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them elders from every several city, and judges, to turn away the fierce wrath of our God from us concerning this matter.</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asael,</p>	<p>and separate yourselves from the heathen of the land, and from the strange women.</p> <p>10 Then cried the whole multitude, and said with a loud voice, Like as thou hast spoken, so will we do.</p> <p>11 But forasmuch as the people are many, and it is foul weather, so that we cannot stand without, and this is not a work of a day or two, seeing our sin in these things is spread far:</p> <p>12 Therefore let the rulers of the multitude stay, and let all them of our habitations that have strange wives come at the time appointed,</p> <p>13 And with them the rulers and judges of every place, till we turn away the wrath of the Lord from us for this matter.</p> <p>14 Then Jonathan the son of Azael and</p>
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	<p>and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullum and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.</p> <p>16 Then the returned exiles did so.</p> <p>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;</p> <p>17 and by the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.</p> <p>18 Of the sons of the priests who had married foreign women were found</p> <p>Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren.</p>	<p>and Jazias the son of Thecoe were with me concerning this; and Mesollam, and Sabbathai the Levite helped them.</p> <p>16 And the children of the captivity did thus:</p> <p>and Esdras the priest, and heads of families according to their house were separated, and all by their names, for they returned in the first day of the tenth month to search out the matter.</p> <p>17 And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.</p> <p>18 And there were found some of the sons of the priests who had taken strange wives:</p> <p>of the sons of Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren; Maasia, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gadalia.</p>	<p>Ezechias the son of Theocanus accordingly took this matter upon them: and Mosollam and Levis and Sabbathaeus helped them.</p> <p>15 And they that were of the captivity did according to all these things.</p> <p>16 And Esdras the priest chose unto him the principal men of their families, all by name: and in the first day of the tenth month they sat together to examine the matter.</p> <p>17 So their cause that held strange wives was brought to an end in the first day of the first month.</p> <p>18 And of the priests that were come together, and had strange wives, there were found:</p> <p>19 Of the sons of Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren; Matthelas and Eleazar, and Joribus and</p>
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			Joadanus.
	19 They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and their guilt offering was a ram of the flock for their guilt.	19 And they pledged themselves to put away their wives, and offered a ram of the flock for a trespass-offering because of their trespass.	20 And they gave their hands to put away their wives and to offer rams to make reconciliation for their errors.
	20 Of the sons of Immer : Hanani and Zebadiah.	20 And of the sons of Emmer ; Anani, and Zabdia.	21 And of the sons of Emmer ; Ananias , and Zabdeus,
	21 Of the sons of Harim : Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah , Jehiel , and Uziah.	21 And of the sons of Eram; Masael, and Elia, and Samaia, and Jeel, and Ozia.	and Eanes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and Azarias.
	22 Of the sons of Pashhur : Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel , Jozabad , and Elasah.	22 And of the sons of Phasur; Elionai, Maasia, and Ismael, and Nathanael , and Jozabad , and Elasa.	22 And of the sons of Phaisur; Elionas, Massias Israel , and Nathanael , and Ocidelus and Talsas.
	23 Of the Levites : Jozabad , Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah , and Eliezer.	23 And of the Levites ; Jozabad , and Samu, and Colia (he is Colitas,) and Phetheia, and Judas, and Eliezer.	23 And of the Levites ; Jozabad , and Semis, and Colius, who was called Calitas, and Patheus, and Judas, and Jonas. 2
	24 Of the singers: Eliashib.	24 And of the singers; Elisab:	4 Of the holy singers; Eleazurus, Bacchurus.
	Of the gatekeepers: Shallum , Telem, and Uri.	and of the porters ; Solmen, and Telmen, and Oduth.	25 Of the porters ; Sallumus, and Tolbanes.
	25 And of Israel : of the sons of Parosh :	25 Also of Israel : of the sons of Phoros ;	26 Of them of Israel , of the sons

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	Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Hashabiah , and Benaiah.	Ramia, and Azia, and Melchia, and Meamin, and Eleazar, and Asabia, and Banaia.	of Phoros ; Hiermas, and Eddias, and Melchias, and Maelus, and Eleazar, and Asibias, and Baanias.
26	Of the sons of Elam : Mattaniah, Zechariah , Jehiel , Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.	26 And of the sons of Helam; Matthanias, and Zacharia, and Jaiel, and Abdia, and Jarimoth, and Elia.	27 Of the sons of Ela; Matthanias, Zacharias , and Hierielus, and Hieremoth, and Aedias.
27	Of the sons of Zattu : Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.	27 And of the sons of Zathua; Elionai, Elisub, Matthanai, and Armoth, and Zabad, and Oziza.	28 And of the sons of Zamoth; Eliadas, Elisimus, Othonias, Jarimoth, and Sabatus, and Sardeus.
28	Of the sons of Bebai were Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.	28 And of the sons of Babei; Joanan, Anania, and Zabu, and Thali.	29 Of the sons of Babai ; Johannes, and Ananias and Josabad, and Amatheis.
29	Of the sons of Bani were Meshullum, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth.	29 And of the sons of Banui ; Mosollam, Maluch, Adaias, Jasub, and Saluia, and Remoth.	30 Of the sons of Mani; Olamus, Mamuchus, Jedeus, Jasubus, Jasacl, and Hieremoth.
30	Of the sons of Pahathmoab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui , and Manasseh.	30 And of the sons of Phaath Moab; Edne, and Chalel, and Banaia, Maasia, Matthanias, Beseleel, and Banui , and Manasse.	31 And of the sons of Addi; Naathus, and Moosias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and Sesthel, Balnuus, and Manasseas.
31	Of the sons of Harim : Eliezer,	31 And of the sons of Eram; Eliezer,	32 And of the sons of Annas ; Elionas

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	<p>Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.</p> <p>33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.</p> <p>34 Of the sons of Bani:</p> <p>Maadai, Amram, Uel,</p> <p>35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi,</p> <p>36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,</p> <p>37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu.</p> <p>38 Of the sons of Binnui:</p>	<p>Jesia, Melchia, Samaias, Semeon, 32 Benjamin, Baluch, Samaria.</p> <p>33 And of the sons of Asem; Metthania, Matthatha, Zadab, Eliphalet, Jerami, Manasse, Semei.</p> <p>34 And of the sons of Bani;</p> <p>Moodia, Amram, Uel,</p> <p>35 Banaia, Badaia, Chelkia,</p> <p>36 Uvania, Marimoth, Eliasiph,</p> <p>37 Matthania, Matthanai:</p> <p>38 and so did the children of Banui,</p>	<p>and Aseas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Chosameus.</p> <p>33 And of the sons of Asom; Altaneus, and Matthias, and Baanaia, Eliphalet, and Manasses, and Semei.</p> <p>34 And of the sons of Maani;</p> <p>Jeremias, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabasion, and Enasibus, and Mamnitanimus, Eliasis,</p> <p>Bannus, Eliali,</p>
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	Shimei,	and the children of Semei,	Samis,
	39 Shelemiah,	39 and Selemia,	Selemias,
	Nathan,	and Nathan,	Nathanias:
	Adaiah,	and Adaia,	and of the sons of Ozora;
	40 Machnadebai,	40 Machadnabu,	
	Shashai,	Sesei,	Sesis,
	Sharai,	Sariu,	
	41 Azarel,	41 Ezriel,	Esril,
	Shelemiah,	and Selemia,	Azaelus,
	Shemariah,	and Samaria ,	Samatus,
	42 Shallum ,	42 and Sellum ,	
			Zambis,
	Amariah,	Amaria,	
	and Joseph.	Joseph.	Josephus.
	43 Of the sons of Nebo :	43 Of the sons of Nabu ;	35 And of the sons of Ethma;
	Jeiel ,	Jael,	
	Mattithiah,	Matthanias,	Mazitias,
	Zabad,	Zabad,	Zabadaias,
	Zebina,	Zebennas,	
	Jaddai,	Jadai,	
			Edes,
	Joel,	and Joel,	Juel,

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	and Benaiah. 44 All these had married foreign women, and they put them away with their children.	and Banaia. 44 All these had taken strange wives, and had begotten sons of them.	Banaias. 36 All these had taken strange wives, and they put them away with their children.
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<p>RSV Nehemiah 7:73 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>And when the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were in their towns.</p> <p>Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate;</p> <p>and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel.</p>		<p>LXE Nehemiah 7:73 And the priests, and Levites, and porters, and singers, and some of the people, and the Nathinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.</p> <p>LXE Nehemiah 8:1 And the seventh month arrived, and the children of Israel were settled in their cities;</p> <p>and all the people were gathered as one man to the broad place before the water-gate,</p> <p>and they told Esdras the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord commanded Israel.</p>	<p>LXA 1 Esdras 9:37 And the priests and Levites, and they that were of Israel, dwelt in Jerusalem, and in the country,</p> <p>in the first day of the seventh month: so the children of Israel were in their habitations.</p> <p>38 And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the holy porch toward the east:</p> <p>39 And they spake unto Esdras the priest and reader, that he would bring the law of Moses, that was given of the Lord God of Israel.</p>

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<p>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.</p> <p>3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose;</p> <p>and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand;</p> <p>and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah,</p>		<p>2 So Esdras the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and every one who had understanding was present to hearken, on the first day of the seventh month.</p> <p>3 And he read in it from the time of sun-rise to the middle of the day, before the men and the women; and they understood it, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And Esdras the scribe stood on a wooden stage,</p> <p>and there stood next to him Mattathias, and Samaeas, and Ananias, and Urias, and Chelcia, and Massia, on his right hand;</p> <p>and on his left Phadaeas, and</p>	<p>40 So Esdras the chief priest brought the law unto the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the priests, to hear law in the first day of the seventh month.</p> <p>41 And he read in the broad court before the holy porch from morning unto midday, before both men and women; and the multitude gave heed unto the law.</p> <p>42 And Esdras the priest and reader of the law stood up upon a pulpit of wood, which was made for that purpose.</p> <p>43 And there stood up by him Mattathias, Sammus, Ananias, Azarias, Urias, Ezeccias, Balasamus, upon the right hand:</p> <p>44 And upon his left hand stood</p>
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<p>Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.</p> <p>5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people;</p> <p>and when he opened it all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God;</p> <p>and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.</p> <p>7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites,</p>		<p>Misael, and Melchias, and Asom, and Asabadma, and Zacharias, and Mesollam.</p> <p>5 And Esdras opened the book before all the people, for he was above the people;</p> <p>and it came to pass when he had opened it, that all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And Esdras blessed the Lord, the great God:</p> <p>and all the people answered, and said, Amen, lifting up their hands: and they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their face to the ground.</p> <p>7 And Jesus and Banaias and Sarabias</p>	<p>Phaldaius, Misael, Melchias, Lothasubus, and Nabarias.</p> <p>45 Then took Esdras the book of the law before the multitude: for he sat honourably in the first place in the sight of them all.</p> <p>46 And when he opened the law, they stood all straight up.</p> <p>So Esdras blessed the Lord God most High, the God of hosts, Almighty.</p> <p>47 And all the people answered, Amen; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worshipped the Lord.</p> <p>48 Also Jesus, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacobus, Sabateas, Auteas, Maianneas, and Calitas, Azarias, and Joazabdus, and Ananias, Biatas, the Levites,</p>
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<p>helped the people to understand the law,</p> <p>while the people remained in their places.</p> <p>8 And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared;</p>		<p>instructed the people in the law,</p> <p>and the people stood in their place.</p> <p>8 And they read in the book of the law of God, and Esdras taught, and instructed them distinctly in the knowledge of the Lord, and the people understood the law in the reading.</p> <p>9 And Neemias, and Esdras the priest and scribe, and the Levites, and they that instructed the people, spoke and said to all the people,</p> <p>It is a holy day to the Lord our God; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.</p> <p>10 And the governor said to them, Go, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them that have nothing;</p>	<p>taught the law of the Lord, making them withal to understand it.</p> <p>49 Then spake Attharates unto Esdras the chief priest. and reader, and to the Levites that taught the multitude, even to all, saying,</p> <p>50 This day is holy unto the Lord; (for they all wept when they heard the law).</p> <p>51 Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send part to them that have nothing;</p>
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<p>for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."</p> <p>11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."</p> <p>12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing,</p> <p>because they had understood the words that were declared to them.</p>		<p>for the day is holy to our Lord: and faint not, for the Lord is our strength.</p> <p>11 And the Levites caused all the people to be silent, saying, Be silent, for it is a holy day, and despond not.</p> <p>12 So all the people departed to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth,</p> <p>for they understood the words which he made known to them.</p>	<p>52 For this day is holy unto the Lord: and be not sorrowful; for the Lord will bring you to honour.</p> <p>53 So the Levites published all things to the people, saying, This day is holy to the Lord; be not sorrowful.</p>
MT Nehemiah	MT Ezra	LXX 2 Esdras	LXX 1 Esdras

The following table has all possible key dates in the history of the Jewish returns from the Babylonian exile (Dates are from *Babylonian Chronology 626 B.C. - A.D. 75* by Parker & Dubberstein, Brown U. Press, 1956, which reconstructs the Babylonian civil calendar, spring epoch):

- A) Return under Sheshbazzar, prince of **Judah**:
- 1) Departure from **Babylon** and arrival in Yahud as **Governor** (Ezra 1:1-10 & 5:14).
 Sometime in 1st year of **Cyrus** (538/537 BC). Exact dates not recorded.
 - 2) Started rebuilding the temple. Foundation set (Ezra 1:3 & 5:14-16).
 Sometime in 1st year of **Cyrus** (538/537 BC). Exact date not recorded.
- B) Return under leadership of prince Zerubbabel and high **priest** Joshua:

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- 1) Departure from **Babylon** and arrival in Yahud (Ezra 3:2 & Hag 2:1-4).
Sometime in 2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). Exact dates not recorded.
- 2) The prophet Haggai exhorts Zerubbabel to resume rebuilding the temple (Hag 1:1f & Ezra 5:1-2).
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 1st day of the 6th month = Aug 29, 520 BC.
- 3) Rebuilding of Temple, started by Sheshbazzar but not completed, resumes (Hag 1:15).
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 24th day of the 6th month = Sep 21, 520 BC.
- 4) Alter erected and sacrifices made (Ezra 3:1-7).
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 1st of the 7th month = Sep 27, 520 BC.
- 5) Feast of booths observed (Ezra 3:4).
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 15th-21st of the 7th month = Oct 11-17, 520 BC.
- 6) **Zechariah's** address was given (Zech 1:1 & Ezra 5:1-2).
2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC). 8th month = Oct/Nov, 520 BC.
- 7) Foundation of the temple laid, and official temple hierarchy re-established (Ezra 3:8-13).
2nd year from arrival, i.e., 3rd year of **Darius I** (519/518 BC). 2nd month = Apr/May 519 BC.
- 8) The temple was completed (Ezra 6:15).
6th year of **Darius I** (516/515 BC). 3rd of Adar (12th month) = Mar 12, 515 BC.

For the returns under Nehemiah and Ezra, there are a couple of alternatives. The usual academic reconstruction puts Nehemiah's 2 returns under **Artaxerxes I** and Ezra's under **Artaxerxes II**. The alternative favored by evangelicals also puts Ezra's return under **Artaxerxes I**. **Artaxerxes III** did not rule long enough to be a possibility for Nehemiah,

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but is a candidate for Ezra. A **ban** on building of the city wall was in effect during the reign of “**Artaxerxes**” (Ezra 4:7-24a) but who made the attempt to build them that caused the **ban** is not stated. If Nehemiah was recalled for his wall building activity, then how did he maintain his governorship for 12 years? Ezra 4:21 suggests that it happened before Nehemiah’s governorship, as a decree from **Artaxerxes** is required to allow rebuilding. Nehemiah’s return was a result of such a decree. Nehemiah then completed the construction as fast as possible to prevent it from being ordered stopped again.

C) Return under Nehemiah:

- 1) Arrives as **Governor** of Yahud (Neh 2:1-11).

20th year of **Artaxerxes I** (445/444 BC). Nisan (1st Month) = Apr/May or Oct/Nov 445 BC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D) Return under Ezra:

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

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

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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 the 1st month = Apr 19, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 16, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 17, 352 BC.

- 3) Arrives at **Jerusalem** (Ezra 7:8-9).

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 1st of 5th month = Aug 4, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 1st of 5th month = Jul 31, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 1st of 5th month = Aug 2, 352 BC.

- 4) Public reading of Law (Neh 8:1-12).

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 1st day of 7th month = Oct 2, 458 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes II** (398/397). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 28, 398 BC.

7th year of **Artaxerxes III** (352/351). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 30, 352 BC.

- 5) Celebrates the feast of Booths (The decision was made to celebrate the festival on the 2nd day of the 7th month = Oct 3, 458 BC or Sep 29, 398 BC. Neh 8:13-18. See also the observance of this festival under the return of Zerubbabel and Joshua in the 2nd year of **Darius I** (520/519 BC), both of which are claimed to be the first observance since the exile began. The dates below are the traditional dates for this feast).

7th year of **Artaxerxes I** (458/457). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 17-23, 458 BC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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