

The Return of the Exiles Under Zerubbabel – Part 2 (Spring 537 BC)

Ezra 2:36–70

Nehemiah 7:39–73a

Priests

36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

Levites

40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.

Temple Servants

43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha,

the children of Tabbaoth,

44 The children of Keros,

the children of Siaha,

the children of Padon,

45 The children of Lebanah,

the children of Hagabah,

the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab,

the children of Shalmal,

the children of Hanan,

47 The children of Giddel,

the children of Gahar,

the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin,

the children of Nekoda,

the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza,

the children of Paseah,

the children of Besai,

50 The children of Asnah,

the children of Meunim,

the children of Nephusim,

51 The children of Bakbuk,

the children of Hakupha,

the children of Harhur,

52 The children of Bazluth,

the children of Mehida,

the children of Harsha,

53 The children of Barkos,

the children of Sisera,

the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Nezhiah,

the children of Hatipha.

39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.

44 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha,

the children of Hashupha,

the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros,

the children of Sia,

the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana,

the children of Hagaba,

the children of Shalmal,

49 The children of Hanan,

the children of Giddel,

the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah,

the children of Rezin,

the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam,

the children of Uzza,

the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai,

the children of Meunim,

the children of Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk,

the children of Hakupha,

the children of Harhur,

54 The children of Bazlith,

the children of Mehida,

the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos,

the children of Sisera,

the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Nezhiah,

the children of Hatipha.

Descendants of Solomon's Servants

55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,
 56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
 57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.
 58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

Israelites of Doubtful Origin

59 And these *were* they which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:
 60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

Priests of Doubtful Origin

61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:
 62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.
 63 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

Totals

64 The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore,
 65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred singing men and singing women.
 66 Their horses *were* seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;
 67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their asses*, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

Arrival in Jerusalem

68 And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:
 69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people,

57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,
 58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
 59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.
 60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these *were* they which went up *also* from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.
 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

63 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.
 64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.
 65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,
 67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.
 68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:
 69 *Their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work.

The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.
 71 And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.
 72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.
 73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters,

and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims,
dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims,
and all Israel, dwelt in their cities;

Altar Rebuilt and Normal Sacrificial Activities Resumed (September 537 BC)

Ezra 3:1–7

The Rebuilding of the Altar

1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear *was* upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt offerings morning and evening.

The Festival of Booths

4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

5 And afterward *offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

6a From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD.

The Beginning of Temple Reconstruction

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

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Scripture quotations are from The King James Version (KJV). The KJV is in the public domain.