

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 descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
 37 the descendants of Immer, one thousand fifty-two;
 38 the descendants of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
 39 the descendants of Harim, one thousand seventeen.

Levites

40 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the descendants of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
 41 The singers: the descendants of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
 42 The descendants of the gatekeepers: the descendants of Shallum, the descendants of Ater, the descendants of Talmon, the descendants of Akkub, the descendants of Hatita, and the descendants of Shobai; in total one hundred and thirty-nine.

Temple Servants

43 The temple servants: the descendants of Ziha, the descendants of Hasupha, the descendants of Tabbaoth,
 44 the descendants of Keros, the descendants of Siaha, the descendants of Padon,
 45 the descendants of Lebanah, the descendants of Hagabah, the descendants of Akkub,
 46 the descendants of Hagab, the descendants of Shamlai, the descendants of Hanan,
 47 the descendants of Giddel, the descendants of Gahar, the descendants of Reaiah,
 48 the descendants of Rezin, the descendants of Nekoda, the descendants of Gazzam,
 49 the descendants of Uzza, the descendants of Paseah, the descendants of Besai,
 50 the descendants of Asnah, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants of Nephisim,
 51 the descendants of Bakbuk, the descendants of Hakupha, the descendants of Harhur,
 52 the descendants of Bazluth, the descendants of Mehida, the descendants of Harsha,
 53 the descendants of Barkos, the descendants of Sisera, the descendants of Temah,
 54 the descendants of Nezhiah, and the descendants of Hatipha.

Descendants of Solomon's Servants

55 The descendants of Solomon's servants: the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Hassophereth, the descendants of Peruda,
 56 the descendants of Jaalah, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel,
 57 the descendants of Shephatiah, the descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pochereth-hazzebaim, and the descendants of Ami.
 58 All the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.

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 40 The descendants of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two.
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 42 The descendants of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.

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 44 The singers: the descendants of Asaph, one hundred and forty-eight.
 45 The gatekeepers: the descendants of Shallum, the descendants of Ater, the descendants of Talmon, the descendants of Akkub, the descendants of Hatita, the descendants of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-eight.

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 48 the descendants of Lebanah, the descendants of Hagaba,

the descendants of Shalmal,
 49 the descendants of Hanan, the descendants of Giddel, the descendants of Gahar,
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 58 the descendants of Jaala, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel,
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 60 All the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.

Israelites of Doubtful Origin

59 Now these were the ones who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they were not able to prove their fathers' household and their descent, if they were from Israel:

60 the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, and the descendants of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.

Priests of Doubtful Origin

61 And from the descendants of the priests: the descendants of Habaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, and the descendants of Barzillai (who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name).

62 These sought their record in the genealogy *records*, but they were not found, and were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

63 The governor said to them that they could not eat from the holy food of the sanctuary until there was present a priest for the Urim and Thummim.

Totals

64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

65 apart from their male and female servants, of whom were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred male and female singers.

66 Their horses *numbered* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules *numbered* two hundred and forty-five,

67 their camels *numbered* four hundred and thirty-five, their donkeys *numbered* six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

Arrival in Jerusalem

68 When *some* of the heads of families came to the house of Yahweh that *is* in Jerusalem, they gave freewill offerings for the house of God to erect it on its place.

69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury room for the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly tunics.

70 The priests, the Levites, and some of the people lived *in Jerusalem*, and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants *lived* in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

61 These were the ones who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but they were not able to prove their ancestral houses or their descent, whether they were from Israel:

62 the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, the descendants of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.

63 And from the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, the descendants of Barzillai (who had taken as a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name).

64 These sought their record among those enrolled in the genealogy, but it was not found there, so they were excluded as unclean from the priesthood.

65 So the governor said to them that they could not eat the most holy food until a priest could come with Urim and Thummim.

66 All of the assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

67 besides their servants and female slaves— these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And the male and female singers were two hundred and forty-five, 68

69 *there were* four hundred and thirty-five camels and six thousand seven hundred and twenty male donkeys.

70 Now some from the heads of the families

gave to the work.

The governor gave to the storehouse one thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly tunics.

71 Now some of the heads of the families gave to the storehouse of the work twenty thousand gold darics and two thousand two hundred silver minas.

72 And what the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly tunics.

73a So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel settled in their cities.

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

Ezra 3:1–7

The Rebuilding of the Altar

1 Now the seventh month drew near and the Israelites *were* in the cities, so the people gathered as one in Jerusalem.

2 And Jeshua son of Jehozadak and his brothers the priests stood up, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers built the

altar of the God of Israel, in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 They set up the altar on its foundations, because they were in terror because of the peoples of the lands. And they offered burnt offerings on it for Yahweh, burnt offerings for the morning and the evening.

The Festival of Booths

4 And they kept the feast of booths, as it is written, and *offered* burnt offerings day by day in number according to the ordinance as described for each day.

5 After *this*, *they presented* the daily sacrifice of burnt offerings, *the offerings* for the New Moon Festival, and for all of the appointed times consecrated for Yahweh and for all who gave a freewill offering to Yahweh.

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

The Beginning of Temple Reconstruction

6b But the temple of Yahweh was not yet founded.

7 So they gave money to the stone craftsmen and skilled craftsmen, and food, drink, and olive oil to the Sidonians and Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the authorization over them of Cyrus king of Persia.

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