

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 sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;
 37 the sons of Immer, 1,052;
 38 the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;
 39 the sons of Harim, 1,017.

Levites

40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel,
 of the sons of Hodaviah, 74.
 41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128.
 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, the sons of Shobai, in all 139.

Temple Servants

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

Descendants of Solomon's Servants

55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai,
 the sons of Hassophereth, the sons of Peruda,
 56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil,
 the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of Ami.
 58 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants
 were 392.

Israelites of Doubtful Origin

59 Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah,
 Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan *and* Immer,
 but they were not able to give evidence of their fathers'
 households and their descendants, whether they were of Israel:
 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah,
 the sons of Nekoda, 652.

Priests of Doubtful Origin

61 Of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah,
 the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife
 from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
 and he was called by their name.

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 the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub,
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 the sons of Tabbaoth,
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 the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,
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61 These *were* they who came up from Tel-melah,
 Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon and Immer;
 but they could not show their fathers'
 houses or their descendants, whether they were of Israel:
 62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah,
 the sons of Nekoda, 642.

63 Of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah,
 the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife
 of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite,
 and was named after them.

<p>62 These searched <i>among</i> their ancestral registration, but they could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean <i>and excluded</i> from the priesthood.</p> <p>63 The governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>Totals</p> <p>64 The whole assembly numbered 42,360, 65 besides their male and female servants who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 singing men and women.</p> <p>66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245; 67 their camels, 435; <i>their</i> donkeys, 6,720.</p> <p>Arrival in Jerusalem</p> <p>68 Some of the heads of fathers' <i>households</i>, when they arrived at the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to restore it on its foundation.</p> <p>69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury for the work 61,000 gold drachmas and 5,000 silver minas and 100 priestly garments.</p> <p>70 Now the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers and the temple servants lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.</p>	<p>64 These searched <i>among</i> their ancestral registration, but it could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean <i>and excluded</i> from the priesthood.</p> <p>65 The governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest arose with Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>66 The whole assembly together <i>was</i> 42,360, 67 besides their male and their female servants, of whom <i>there were</i> 7,337; and they had 245 male and female singers.</p> <p>68 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245; 69 <i>their</i> camels, 435; <i>their</i> donkeys, 6,720.</p> <p>70 Some from among the heads of fathers' <i>households</i> gave to the work.</p> <p>The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.</p> <p>71 Some of the heads of fathers' <i>households</i> gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,200 silver minas.</p> <p>72 That which the rest of the people gave was 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,000 silver minas and 67 priests' garments.</p> <p>73a Now the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants and all Israel, lived in their cities.</p>
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Altar Rebuilt and Normal Sacrificial Activities Resumed (September 537 BC)

Ezra 3:1–7

The Rebuilding of the Altar

1 Now when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers arose and built the altar of the God of Israel to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 So they set up the altar on its foundation, for they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

The Festival of Booths

4 They celebrated the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and *offered* the fixed number of burnt offerings daily, according to the ordinance, as each day required;

5 and afterward *there was* a continual burnt offering, also for the new moons and for all the fixed festivals of the LORD that were consecrated, and from everyone who offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

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

The Beginning of Temple Reconstruction

6b but the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and food, drink and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea at Joppa, according to the permission they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

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