

## 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 (through the family of Jeshua): 973;  
 37 the descendants of Immer: 1,052;  
 38 the descendants of Pashhur: 1,247;  
 39 the descendants of Harim: 1,017.

**Levites**

40 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel (through the line of Hodaviah): 74.  
 41 The singers: the descendants of Asaph: 128.  
 42 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: 139.

**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 Shalmal, 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 Uzzah, the descendants of Paseah, the descendants of Besai,  
 50 the descendants of Asnah, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants of Nephussim,  
 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 the servants of Solomon: the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Hassophereth, the descendants of Peruda,  
 56 the descendants of Jaala, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel,  
 57 the descendants of Shephatiah, the descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pokereth-Hazzebaim, and the descendants of Ami.  
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<p><b>Israelites of Doubtful Origin</b> 59 These are the ones that came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer (although they were unable to certify their family connection or their ancestry, as to whether they really were from Israel): 60 the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, and the descendants of Nekoda: 652.</p> <p><b>Priests of Doubtful Origin</b> 61 And from among the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, and the descendants of Barzillai (who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by that name). 62 They searched for their records in the genealogical materials, but did not find them. They were therefore excluded from the priesthood. 63 The governor instructed them not to eat any of the sacred food until there was a priest who could consult the Urim and Thummim.</p> <p><b>Totals</b> 64 The entire group numbered 42,360, 65 not counting their male and female servants, who numbered 7,337. They also had 200 male and female singers 66 and 736 horses, 245 mules, 67 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.</p> <p><b>Arrival in Jerusalem</b> 68 When they came to the LORD's temple in Jerusalem, some of the family leaders offered voluntary offerings for the temple of God in order to rebuild it on its site. 69 As they were able, they gave to the treasury for this work 61,000 drachmas of gold, 5,000 minas of silver, and 100 priestly robes.</p> <p>70 The priests, the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their towns, and all the rest of Israel lived in their towns.</p>	<p>61 These are the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer (although they were unable to certify their family connection or their ancestry, as to whether they were really from Israel): 62 the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, and the descendants of Nekoda, 642.</p> <p>63 And from among the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, and the descendants of Barzillai (who had married a woman from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by that name). 64 They searched for their records in the genealogical materials, but none were found. They were therefore excluded from the priesthood. 65 The governor instructed them not to eat any of the sacred food until there was a priest who could consult the Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>66 The entire group numbered 42,360, 67 not counting their 7,337 male and female servants. They also had 245 male and female singers. 68 They had 736 horses, 245 mules, 69 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.</p> <p>70 Some of the family leaders contributed to the work.</p> <p>The governor contributed to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 bowls, and 530 priestly garments. 71 Some of the family leaders gave to the project treasury 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,200 silver minas. 72 What the rest of the people gave amounted to 20,000 gold drachmas, 2,000 silver minas, and 67 priestly garments. 73a The priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all the rest of 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 When the seventh month arrived and the Israelites were living in their towns, the people assembled in Jerusalem.  
2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his priestly colleagues and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his colleagues started to build the altar of the God of Israel so they could offer burnt offerings on it as required by the law of Moses the man of God.  
3 They established the altar on its foundations, even though they were in terror of the local peoples, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and the evening offerings.

### **The Festival of Booths**

4 They observed the Festival of Temporary Shelters as required and offered the proper number of daily burnt offerings according to the requirement for each day.

5 Afterward they offered the continual burnt offerings and those for the new moons and those for all the holy assemblies of the LORD and all those that were being voluntarily offered 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 However, the LORD's temple was not at that time established.

7 So they provided money for the masons and carpenters, and food, beverages, and olive oil for the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar timber from Lebanon to the seaport at Joppa, in accord with the edict of King Cyrus of Persia.

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