

Second Book Of EZRA

With The NAME Of YAHWEH
Restored



Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 1

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:1

And YoshiYah held the feast of the Passover in Yerusalem to YAHWEH his ALMIGHTY, and offered the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:2

Having set the kohenim according to their daily courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:3

And he spoke to the Levites, the kodesh ministers of Yisrael, that they should hallow themselves to YAHWEH, to set the kodesh ark of YAHWEH in the house that king Solomon the son of David had built:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:4

And said, You shall no more bear the ark upon your shoulders: now therefore serve YAHWEH your ALMIGHTY, and minister to HIS people Yisrael, and prepare you after your families and kindreds,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:5

According as David the king of Yisrael prescribed, and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son: and standing in the tabernacle according to the several dignity of the families of you the Levites, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of Yisrael,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:6

Offer the Passover in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the Passover according to the commandment of YAHWEH, which was given to Mosheh.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:7

And to the people that was found there YoshiYah gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves: these things were given of the king's allowance, according as he promised, to the people, to the kohenim, and to the Levites.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:8

And HelkiYah, ZachariYah, and Syelus, the governors of the tabernacle, gave to the kohenim for the Passover two thousand, six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:9

And JeconiYah, and SamaiYah, and Nathanael his brother, and AssabiYah, and Ochiel, and Joram, captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the Passover five thousand sheep, and seven hundred calves.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:10

And when these things were done, the kohenim and Levites, having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:11

And according to the several dignities of the fathers, before the people, to offer to YAHWEH, as it is written in the book of Mosheh: and thus did they in the morning.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:12

And they roasted the Passover with fire, as appertains: as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots and pans with a tov savor,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:13

And set them before all the people: and afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the kohenim their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:14

For the kohenim offered the fat until night: and the Levites prepared for themselves, and the kohenim their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:15

The kodesh singers also, the sons of Asaph, were in their order, according to the appointment of David, to wit, Asaph, ZachariYah, and Jeduthun, who was of the king's retinue.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:16

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:17

Thus were the things that belonged to the sacrifices of YAHWEH accomplished in that day, that they might hold the Passover,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:18

And offer sacrifices upon the altar of YAHWEH, according to the commandment of king YoshiYah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:19

So the children of Yisrael which were present held the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:20

And such a Passover was not kept in Yisrael since the time of the prophet Samuel.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:21

Yes, all the kings of Yisrael held not such a Passover as YoshiYah, and the kohenim, and the Levites, and the Yahudim, held with all Yisrael that were found dwelling at Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:22

In the eighteenth year of the reign of YoshiYah was this Passover kept.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:23

And the works of YoshiYah were upright before YAHWEH his ALMIGHTY with a checed heart.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:24

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 YAHWEH above all people and kingdoms, and how they grieved him exceedingly, so that the Word of YAHWEH rose up against Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:25

Now after all these acts of YoshiYah it came to pass, that Pharaoh the king of Egypt came to raise war at Carchamis upon Euphrates: and YoshiYah went out against him.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:26

But the king of Egypt sent to him, saying, What have I to do with you, Oh king of Yahudah?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:27

I am not sent out from YAHWEH against you; for my war is upon Euphrates: and now YAHWEH is with me, yes, YAHWEH is with me hastening me forward: depart from me, and be not against YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:28

Howbeit YoshiYah did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not regarding the words of the prophet YeremiYah spoken by the mouth of YAHWEH:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:29

But joined battle with him in the plain of Magiddo, and the princes came against king YoshiYah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:30

Then said the king to his servants, Carry me away out of the battle; for I am very weak. And immediately his servants took him away out of the battle.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:31

Then got he up on his second chariot; and being brought back to Yerusalem died, and was buried in his father's sepulchre.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:32

And in all Yahudah they mourned for YoshiYah, yes, YeremiYah the prophet lamented for YoshiYah, and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him to this day: and this was given out for an ordinance to be done continually in all the nation of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:33

These things are written in the book of the stories of the kings of Yahudah, and everyone of the acts that YoshiYah did, and his splendor, and his understanding in the Torah of YAHWEH, and the things that he had done before, and the things now recited, are reported in the book of the kings of Yisrael and Yahudah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:34

And the people took Joachaz the son of YoshiYah, and made him king instead of YoshiYah his father, when he was twenty three years old.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:35

And he reigned in Yahudah and in Yerusalem three months: and then the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:36

And he set a tax upon the land of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:37

The king of Egypt also made king Joacim his brother king of Yahudah and Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:38

And he bound Joacim and the nobles: but Zaraces his brother he apprehended, and brought him out of Egypt.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:39

Twenty five years old was Joacim when he was made king in the land of Yahudah and Yerusalem; and he did evil before YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:40

Wherefore against him Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up, and bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him into Babylon.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:41

Nebuchadnezzar also took of the kodesh vessels of YAHWEH, and carried them away, and set them in his own temple at Babylon.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:42

But those things that are recorded of him, and of his uncleanness and impiety, are written in the chronicles of the kings.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:43

And Joacim his son reigned in his stead: he was made king being eighteen years old;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:44

And reigned but three months and ten days in Yerusalem; and did evil before YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:45

So after a year Nebuchadnezzar sent and caused him to be brought into Babylon with the kodesh vessels of YAHWEH;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:46

And made ZedechiYah king of Yahudah and Yerusalem, when he was twenty one years old; and he reigned eleven years:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:47

And he did evil also in the sight of YAHWEH, and cared not for the words that were spoken to him by the prophet YeremiYah from the mouth of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:48

And after that king Nebuchadnezzar had made him to swear by the NAME of YAHWEH, he forswore himself, and rebelled; and hardening his neck, his heart, he transgressed the Torah of YAHWEH of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:49

The governors also of the people and of the kohenim did many things against the Torah, and passed all the pollutions of all nations, and defiled the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH, which was sanctified in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:50

Nevertheless YAHWEH of their fathers sent by his messenger to call them back, because HE spared them and HIS tabernacle also.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:51

But they had HIS messengers in derision; and, look, when YAHWEH spoke to them, they made a sport of HIS prophets:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:52

So far forth, that HE, being wroth with HIS people for their great wickedness, commanded the kings of the Chaldean to come up against them;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:53

Who slew their young men with the sword, yes, even within the compass of their kodesh tabernacle, and spared neither young man nor maid, old man nor child, among them; for HE delivered all into their hands.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:54

And they took all the kodesh vessels of YAHWEH, both great and small, with the vessels of the ark of YAHWEH, and the king's treasures, and carried them away into Babylon.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:55

As for the house of YAHWEH, they burnt it, and broke down the walls of Yerusalem, and set fire upon her towers:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:56

And as for her splendid things, they never ceased till they had consumed and brought them all to naught: and the people that were not slain with the sword he carried to Babylon:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:57

Who became servants to him and his children, till the Persians reigned, to fulfill the Word of YAHWEH spoken by the mouth of YeremiYah:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 1:58

Until the land had enjoyed her Shabbats, the whole time of her desolation shall she rest, until the full term of seventy years.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 2

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:1

In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the Word of YAHWEH might be accomplished, that he had promised by the mouth of YeremiYah;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:2

YAHWEH raised up the ruach of Cyrus the king of the Persians, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:3

Saying, Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians; YAHWEH of Yisrael, the most high YAHWEH, has made me king of the whole world,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:4

And commanded me to build HIM a house at Yerusalem in Yahudah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:5

If therefore there be any of you that are of HIS people, let YAHWEH, even his ALMIGHTY will be with him, and let him go up to Yerusalem that is in Yahudah, and build the house of YAHWEH of Yisrael: for HE is YAHWEH that dwells in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:6

Whosoever then dwell in the places about, let them help him, those, I say, that are his neighbors, with gold, and with silver,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:7

With gifts, with horses, and with cattle, and other things, which have been set forth by vow, for the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH at Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:8

Then the chief of the families of Yahudah and of the tribe of Benjamin stood up; the kohenim also, and the Levites, and all they whose mind YAHWEH had moved to go up, and to build a house for YAHWEH at

Yerusalem,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:9

And they that dwelt round about them, and helped them in all things with silver and gold, with horses and cattle, and with very many free gifts of a great number whose minds were stirred up to that.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:10

King Cyrus also brought forth the kodesh vessels, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Yerusalem, and had set up in his temple of idols.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:11

Now when Cyrus king of the Persians had brought them forth, he delivered them to Mithridates his treasurer:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:12

And by him they were delivered to Sanabassar the governor of Yahudah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:13

And this was the number of them; A thousand golden cups, and a thousand of silver, censers of silver twenty nine, vials of gold thirty, and of silver two thousand four hundred and ten, and one thousand other vessels.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:14

So all the vessels of gold and of silver, which were carried away, were five thousand four hundred and sixty nine.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:15

These were brought back by Sanabassar, together with them of the captivity, from Babylon to Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:16

But in the time of Ahasuerus king of the Persians Belemus, and Mithridates, and Tabellius, and Rathumus, and Beeltethmus, and Semellius the secretary, with others that were in commission with them, dwelling in Samaria and other places, wrote to him against them that dwelt in Yahudah and Yerusalem these letters following;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:17

To king Ahasuerus our lord, Your servants, Rathumus the story-writer, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest of their council, and the judges that are in Coelesyria and Phoenicia.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:18

Be it now known to the lord king, that the Yahudim that are up from you to us, being come into Yerusalem, that rebellious and wicked city, do build the marketplaces, and repair the walls of it and do lay the foundation of the Great Tabernacle.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:19

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:20

And forasmuch as the things pertaining to the tabernacle are now in hand, we think it meet not to neglect such a matter,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:21

But to speak to our lord the king, to the intent that, if it be your pleasure it may be sought out in the books of your fathers:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:22

And you shall find in the chronicles what is written concerning these things, and shall understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:23

And that the Yahudim were rebellious, and raised always wars therein; for the which cause even this city was made desolate.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:24

Wherefore now we do declare to you, O lord the king, that if this city be built again, and the walls thereof set up anew, you shall from henceforth have no passage into Coelesyria and Phoenicia.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:25

Then the king wrote back again to Rathumus the story-writer, to Beeltethmus, to Semellius the scribe, and to the rest that were in commission, and dwellers in Samaria and Syria and Phoenicia, after this manner;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:26

I have read the epistle which you have sent to me: therefore I commanded to make diligent search, and it has been found that that city was from the beginning practicing against kings;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:27

And the men therein were given to rebellion and war: and that were in Yerusalem, who reigned and exacted tributes in Coelesyria and Phoenicia.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:28

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;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:29

And that those wicked workers proceed no further to the annoyance of kings,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 2:30

Then king Ahasuerus his letters being read, Rathumus, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest that were in commission with them, removing in haste toward Yerusalem with a troop of horsemen and a multitude of people in battle array, began to hinder the builders; and the building of the Great Tabernacle in Yerusalem ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 3

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:1

Now when Darius reigned, he made a great feast to all his subjects, and to all his household, and to all the princes of Media and Persia,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:2

And to all the governors and captains and lieutenants that were under him, from India to Ethiopia, of one hundred twenty seven provinces.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:3

And when they had eaten and drunken, and being satisfied were gone home, then Darius the king went into his bedchamber, and slept, and soon after awakened.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:4

Then three young men, that were of the guard that kept the king's body, spoke one to another;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:5

Let everyone of us speak a sentence: he that shall overcome, and whose sentence shall seem wiser than the others, to him the king Darius gave great gifts, and great things in token of victory:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:6

As to be clothed in purple, to drink in gold, and to sleep in bridles of gold, and a head-attire of fine linen, and a chain about his neck:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:7

And he shall sit next to Darius because of his wisdom, and shall be called Darius his cousin.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:8

And then everyone wrote his sentence, sealed it, and laid it under king Darius his pillow;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:9

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:10

The first wrote, Wine is the strongest.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:11

The second wrote, The king is strongest.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:12

The third wrote, Women are strongest: but above all things Truth bears away the victory.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:13

Now when the king was risen up, they took their writings, and delivered them to him, and so he read them:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:14

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;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:15

And sat him down in the royal seat of judgment; and the writings were read before them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:16

And he said, Call the young men, and they shall declare their own sentences. So they were called, and came in.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:17

And he said to them, Declare to us your mind concerning the writings. Then began the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:18

And he said thus, O you men, how exceeding strong is wine! it causes all men to err that drink it:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:19

It makes 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:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:20

It turns also every thought into jollity and mirth, so that a man remembers neither sorrow nor debt:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:21

And it makes every heart rich, so that a man remembers neither king nor governor; and it makes to speak all things by talents:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:22

And when they are in their cups, they forget their love both to friends and brethren, and a little after draw out swords:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:23

But when they are from the wine, they remember not what they have done.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 3:24

O you men, is not wine the strongest, that enforces to do thus? And when he had so spoken, he held his peace.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 4

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:1

Then the second, that had spoken of the strength of the king, began to say,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:2

O you men, do not men excel in strength that bear rule over sea and land and all things in them?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:3

But yet the king is more mighty: for he is lord of all these things, and has dominion over them; and whatsoever he commands them they do.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:4

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:5

They slay and are slain, and transgress not the king's commandment: if they get the victory, they bring all to the king, as well the spoil, as all things else.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:6

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 to the king.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:7

And yet he is but one man: if he command to kill, they kill; if he command to spare, they spare;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:8

If he command to smite, they smite; if he command to make desolate, they make desolate; if he command to build, they build;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:9

If he command to cut down, they cut down; if he command to plant, they plant.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:10

So all his people and his armies obey him: furthermore he lies down, he eats and drinks, and takes his rest:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:11

And these keep watch round about him, neither may any one depart, and do his own business, neither disobey they him in anything.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:12

O you men, how should not the king be mighty, when in such sort he is obeyed? And he held his tongue.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:13

Then the third, who had spoken of women, and of the truth, (this was Zorobabel) began to speak.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:14

O you men, it is not the great king, nor the multitude of men, neither is it wine, that excels; who is it then that rules them, or has the lordship over them? are they not women?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:15

Women have borne the king and all the people that bear rule by sea and land.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:16

Even of them came they: and they nourished them up that planted the vineyards, from where the wine comes.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:17

These also make garments for men; these bring splendor to men; and without women cannot men be.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:18

Yes, and if men have gathered together gold and silver, or any other goodly thing, do they not love a woman which is comely in favor and beauty?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:19

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 to her than to silver or gold, or any beautiful thing whatsoever?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:20

A man leaves his own father that brought him up, and his own country, and cleaves to his wife.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:21

He sticks not to spend his life with his wife. and remembers neither father, nor mother, nor country.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:22

By this also you must know that women have dominion over you: do you not labor and toil, and give and bring all to the woman?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:23

Yes, a man takes his sword, and goes his way to rob and to steal, to sail upon the sea and upon rivers;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:24

And looks upon a lion, and goes in the darkness; and when he has stolen, spoiled, and robbed, he brings it to his love.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:25

Wherefore a man loves his wife better than father or mother.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:26

Yes, many there be that have run out of their wits for women, and become servants for their sakes.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:27

Many also have perished, have erred, and sinned, for women.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:28

And now do you not believe me? is not the king great in his power? do not all regions fear to touch him?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:29

Yet did I see him and Apame the king's concubine, the daughter of the admirable Bartacus, sitting at the right hand of the king,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:30

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:31

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:32

O you men, how can it be but women should be strong, seeing they do thus?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:33

Then the king and the princes looked one upon another: so he began to speak of the truth.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:34

O you men, are not women strong? great is the earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in his course, for he compasses the heavens round about, and fetches his course again to his own place in one day.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:35

Is HE not great that makes these things? therefore great is the Truth, and stronger than all things.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:36

All the earth cries upon the Truth, and the heaven blesses it: all works shake and tremble at it, and with it is no unrighteous thing.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:37

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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:38

As for the Truth, it endures, and is always strong; it lives and conquers for evermore.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:39

With her there is no accepting of persons or rewards; but she does the things that are just, and refrains from all unjust and wicked things; and all men do well like of her works.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:40

Neither in her judgment is any unrighteousness; and she is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty, of

all ages. Blessed be YAHWEH of Truth.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:41

And with that he held his peace. And all the people then shouted, and said, Great is Truth, and mighty above all things.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:42

Then said the king to him, Ask what you will more than is appointed in the writing, and we will give it you, because you are found wisest; and you shall sit next to me, and shall be called my cousin.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:43

Then said he to the king, Remember your vow, which you have vowed to build Yerusalem, in the day when you came to your kingdom,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:44

And to send away all the vessels that were taken away out of Yerusalem, which Cyrus set apart, when he vowed to destroy Babylon, and to send them again there.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:45

You also have vowed to build up the tabernacle, which the Edomites burned when Yahudah was made desolate by the Chaldees.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:46

And now, O lord the king, this is that which I require, and which I desire of you, and this is the princely liberality proceeding from yourself: I desire therefore that you make tov the vow, the performance whereof with your own mouth you have vowed to the King of heaven.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:47

Then Darius the king stood up, and kissed him, and wrote letters for him to 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 with him to build Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:48

He wrote letters also to the lieutenants that were in Coelesyria and Phoenicia, and to them in Libanus, that they should bring cedar wood from Libanus to Yerusalem, and that they should build the city with him.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:49

Moreover he wrote for all the Yahudim that went out of his realm up into Yahudah, concerning their freedom, that no officer, no ruler, no lieutenant, nor treasurer, should forcibly enter into their doors;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:50

And that all the country which they hold should be free without tribute; and that the Edomites should give over the villages of the Yahudim which then they held:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:51

Yes, that there should be yearly given twenty talents to the building of the tabernacle, until the time that it were built;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:52

And other ten talents yearly, to maintain the burnt offerings upon the altar everyday, as they had a commandment to offer seventeen:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:53

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 kohenim that went away.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:54

He wrote also concerning the charges, and the kohenim vestments wherein they minister;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:55

And likewise for the charges of the Levites, to be given them until the day that the house were finished, and Yerusalem built up.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:56

And he commanded to give to all that kept the city pensions and wages.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:57

He sent away also all the vessels from Babylon, that Cyrus had set apart; and all that Cyrus had given in commandment, the same charged he also to be done, and sent to Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:58

Now when this young man was gone forth, he lifted up his face to the heaven toward Yerusalem, and praised YAHWEH the KING of heaven,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:59

And said, From YOU comes victory, from YOU comes wisdom, and YOURS is the honor, and I am YOUR servant.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:60

Blessed are YOU, who has given me wisdom: for to YOU I give thanks, Oh YAHWEH of our fathers.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:61

And so he took the letters, and went out, and came to Babylon, and told it all his brethren.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:62

And they praised YAHWEH of their fathers, because HE had given them freedom and liberty

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 4:63

To go up, and to build Yerusalem, and the Great Tabernacle which is called by HIS NAME: and they feasted with instruments of music and gladness seven days.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 5

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:2

And Darius sent with them one thousand horsemen, till they had brought them back to Yerusalem safely, and with musical instruments tabrets and flutes.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:3

And all their brethren played, and he made them go up together with them.

EZRA -2- 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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:5

The kohenim, the sons of Phinehas the son of Aaron: Yoshua the son of Josedec, the son of SaraiYah, 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 Yahudah;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:6

Who spoke wise sentences before Darius the king of Persia in the second year of his reign, in the month Nisan, which is the first month.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:7

And these are they of Yahudah that came up from the captivity, where they dwelt as strangers, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:8

And they returned to Yerusalem, and to the other parts of Yahudah, every man to his own city, who came with Zorobabel, with Yoshua, NehemiYah, and ZachariYah, and ReesaiYah, Eneenius, Mordecai. Beelsarus, Aspharasus, Reelius, Roimus, and Baana, their guides.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:9

The number of them of the nation, and their governors, sons of Phoros, two thousand one hundred and seventy two; the sons of Saphat, four hundred and seventy two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:10

The sons of Ares, seven hundred and fifty six:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:11

The sons of Phaath Moab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:12

The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty four: the sons of Zathul, nine hundred and forty five: the sons of Corbe, seven hundred and five: the sons of Bani, six hundred and forty eight:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:13

The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty three: the sons of Sadas, three thousand two hundred and twenty two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:14

The sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty seven: the sons of Bagoi, two thousand and sixty six: the sons of Adin, four hundred and fifty four:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:15

The sons of AtereziYah, ninety two: the sons of Ceilan and Azetas sixty seven: the sons of Azuran, four hundred and thirty two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:16

The sons of AnaniYah, one hundred and one: the sons of Arom, thirty two: and the sons of Bassa, three hundred and twenty three: the sons of Azephurith, one hundred and two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:17

The sons of Meterus, three thousand and five: the sons of Bethlomon, one hundred and twenty three:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:18

They of Netophah, fifty five: they of Anathoth, one hundred and fifty eight: they of Bethsamos, forty two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:19

They of Kiriathiarus, twenty five: they of Caphira and Beroth, seven hundred and forty three: they of Pira, seven hundred:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:20

They of Chadiah and Ammidoi, four hundred and twenty two: they of Cirama and Gabdes, six hundred and twenty one:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:21

They of Macalon, one hundred and twenty two: they of Betolius, fifty two: the sons of Nephis, one hundred and fifty six:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:22

The sons of Calamolalus and Onus, seven hundred and twenty five: the sons of Jerechus, two hundred and forty five:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:23

The sons of Annas, three thousand three hundred and thirty.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:24

The kohenim: the sons of Jeddu, the son of Yoshua among the sons of Sanasib, nine hundred and seventy two: the sons of Meruth, one thousand and fifty two:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:25

The sons of Phassaron, one thousand and forty seven: the sons of Carme, one thousand and seventeen.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:26

The Levites: the sons of Jessue, and Cadmiel, and Banuas, and Sudias, seventy four.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:27

The kodesh singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty eight.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:28

The porters: the sons of Salum, the sons of Jatal, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Dacobi, the sons of Teta, the sons of Sami, in all one hundred and thirty nine.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:29

The servants of the Great Tabernacle: the sons of Esau, the sons of Asipha, the sons of Tabaoth, the sons of Ceras, the sons of Sud, the sons of Phaleas, the sons of Labana, the sons of Graba,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:30

The sons of Acua, the sons of Uta, the sons of Cetab, the sons of Agaba, the sons of Subai, the sons of Anan, the sons of Cathua, the sons of Geddur,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:31

The sons of Airus, the sons of Daisan, the sons of Noeba, the sons of Chaseba, the sons of Gazera, the sons of Azia, the sons of Phinehas, the sons of Azare, the sons of Bastai, the sons of Asana, the sons of Meani, the sons of Naphisi, the sons of Acub, the sons of Acipha, the sons of Assyria, the sons of Pharacim, the sons of Basaloth,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:32

The sons of Meeda, the sons of Coutha, the sons of Charea, the sons of Charcus, the sons of Aserer, the sons of Thomoi, the sons of Nasith, the sons of Atipha.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:33

The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of Azaphion, the sons of Pharira, the sons of Jeeli, the

sons of Lozon, the sons of Yisrael, the sons of Sapheth,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:34

The sons of Hagia, 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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:35

All the ministers of the tabernacle, and the sons of the servants of Solomon, were three hundred and seventy two.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:36

These came up from Thermeleth and Thelersas, Charaathalar leading them, and Aalar;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:37

Neither could they show their families, nor their stock, how they were of Yisrael: the sons of Ladan, the son of Ban, the sons of Necodan, six hundred and fifty two.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:38

And of the kohenim that usurped the office of the order of kohenim, and were not found: the sons of Obdia, the sons of Accoz, the sons of Addus, who married Augia one of the daughters of Barzelus, and was named after his name.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:39

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 order of kohenim:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:40

For to them said NehemiYah and AthariYah, that they should not be partakers of the kodesh things, till there arose up a high kohen clothed with doctrine and truth.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:41

So of Yisrael, from them of twelve years old and upward, they were all in number forty thousand, beside menservants and womenservants two thousand three hundred and sixty.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:42

Their menservants and handmaids were seven thousand three hundred and forty seven: the singing men and singing women, two hundred and forty five:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:43

Four hundred and thirty five camels, seven thousand and thirty six horses, two hundred and forty five mules, five thousand five hundred and twenty five beasts used to the yoke.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:44

And certain of the chief of their families, when they came to the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH that is in Yerusalem, vowed to set up the house again in its own place according to their ability,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:45

And to give into the kodesh treasury of the works a thousand pounds of gold, five thousand of silver, and one hundred priestly vestments.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:46

And so dwelt the kohenim and the Levites and the people in Yerusalem, and in the country, the singers also and the porters; and all Yisrael in their villages.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:47

But when the seventh month was at hand, and when the children of Yisrael were every man in his own place, they came all together with one consent into the open place of the first gate which is toward the east.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:48

Then stood up Yoshua the son of Josedec, and his brethren the kohenim and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and his brethren, and made ready the altar of YAHWEH of Yisrael,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:49

To offer burnt sacrifices upon it, according as it is expressly commanded in the book of Mosheh the man of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:50

And there were gathered to them out of the other nations of the land, and they erected the altar upon his own place, because all the nations of the land were at enmity with them, and oppressed them; and they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt offerings to YAHWEH both morning and evening.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:51

Also they held the feast of tabernacles, as it is commanded in the Torah, and offered sacrifices daily, as was meet:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:52

And after that, the continual oblations, and the sacrifice of the shabbats, and of the new months, and of all kodesh feasts.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:53

And all they that had made any vow to YAHWEH, began to offer sacrifices to YAHWEH from the first day of the seventh month, although the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH was not yet built.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:54

And they gave to the masons and carpenters money, meat, and drink, with cheerfulness.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:55

To them of Zidon also and Tyre they gave them carriers, that they should bring cedar trees from Libanus, which should be brought by floats to the haven of Joppa, according as it was commanded them by Cyrus king of the Persians.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:56

And in the second year and second month after his coming to the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH at Yerusalem began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Yoshua the son of Josedec, and their brethren, and the kohenim, and the Levites, and all they that were come to Yerusalem out of the captivity:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:57

And they laid the foundation of the house of YAHWEH in the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come to Yahudah and Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:58

And they appointed the Levites from twenty years old over the works of YAHWEH. Then stood up Yoshua, and his sons and brethren, and Cadmiel his brother, and the sons of Madiabun, with the sons of Joda the son of Eliadun, with their sons and brethren, all Levites, with one accord set forward of the business, laboring to advance the works in the house of YAHWEH. So the workmen built the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:59

And the kohenim stood arrayed in their vestments with musical instruments and shofars; and the Levites the sons of Asaph had cymbals,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:60

Singing songs of thanksgiving, and praising YAHWEH, according as David the king of Yisrael had ordained.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:61

And they sang with loud voices songs to the praise of YAHWEH, because HIS mercy and majesty is forever in all Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:62

And all the people sounded shofars, and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving to YAHWEH for the rearing up of the house of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:63

Also of the kohenim and Levites, and of the chief of their families, the ancients who had seen the former house came to the building of this with weeping and great crying.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:64

But many with shofars and joy shouted with loud voice,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:65

Insomuch that the shofars might not be heard for the weeping of the people: yet the multitude sounded marvelously, so that it was heard afar off.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:66

Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of Yahudah and Benjamin heard it, they came to know what that noise of shofars should mean.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:67

And they perceived that they that were of the captivity did build the Great Tabernacle to YAHWEH of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:68

So they went to Zorobabel and Yoshua, and to the chief of the families, and said to them, We will build together with you.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:69

For we likewise, as you, do obey your YAHWEH, and do sacrifice to HIM from the days of Azbazareth the king of the Assyrians, who brought us here.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:70

Then Zorobabel and Yoshua and the chief of the families of Yisrael said to them, It is not for us and you to build together a house to YAHWEH our Sovereign.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:71

We ourselves alone will build to YAHWEH of Yisrael, according as Cyrus the king of the Persians has commanded us.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:72

But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of Yahudah, and holding them strait, hindered their building;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 5:73

And by their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions, they hindered the finishing of the building all the time that king Cyrus lived: so they were hindered from building for the space of two years, until the reign of Darius.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 6

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:1

Now in the second year of the reign of Darius Aggeus and ZachariYah the son of Addo, the prophets, prophesied to the Hebrews in Yahudah and Yerusalem in the NAME of YAHWEH of Yisrael, which was upon them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:2

Then stood up Zorobabel the son of Salatiel, and Yoshua the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of YAHWEH at Yerusalem, the prophets of YAHWEH being with them, and helping them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:3

At the same time came to them Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phoenicia, with Sathrabuzanes and his companions, and said to them,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:4

By whose appointment do you build this house and this roof, and perform all the other things? and who are the workmen that perform these things?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:5

Nevertheless the elders of the Yahudim obtained favor, because YAHWEH had visited the captivity;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:6

And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given to Darius concerning them, and an answer received.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:7

The copy of the letters which Sisinnes, governor of Syria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, rulers in Syria and Phoenicia, wrote and sent to Darius; To king Darius, greeting:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:8

Let all things be known to our ruler the king, that being come into the country of Yahudah, and entered into the city of Yerusalem we found in the city of Yerusalem the ancients of the Hebrews that were of the captivity

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:9

Building a house to YAHWEH, great and new, of hewn and costly stones, and the timber already laid upon the walls.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:10

And those works are done with great speed, and the work goes on prosperously in their hands, and with all splendor and diligence is it made.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:11

Then asked we these elders, saying, By whose commandment build you this house, and lay the foundations of these works?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:12

Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge to you by writing, we demanded of them who were

the chief doers, and we required of them the names in writing of their principal men.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:13

So they gave us this answer, We are the servants of YAHWEH which made heaven and earth.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:14

And as for this house, it was built many years ago by a king of Yisrael great and strong, and was finished.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:15

But when our fathers provoked YAHWEH to wrath, and sinned against YAHWEH of Yisrael which is in heaven, HE gave them over into the power of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, of the Chaldees;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:16

Who pulled down the house, and burned it, and carried away the people captives to Babylon.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:17

But in the first year that king Cyrus reigned over the country of Babylon Cyrus the king wrote to build up this house.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:18

And the kodesh vessels of gold and of silver, that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away out of the house at Yerusalem, and had set them in his own temple those Cyrus the king brought forth again out of the temple at Babylon, and they were delivered to Zorobabel and to Sanabassarus the ruler,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:19

With commandment that he should carry away the same vessels, and put them in the Great Tabernacle at Yerusalem; and that the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH should be built in his place.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:20

Then the same Sanabassarus, being come hither, laid the foundations of the house of YAHWEH at Yerusalem; and from that time to this being still a building, it is not yet fully ended.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:21

Now therefore, if it seem tov to the king, let search be made among the records of king Cyrus:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:22

And if it be found that the building of the house of YAHWEH at Yerusalem has been done with the consent of king Cyrus, and if our lord the king be so minded, let him signify to us thereof.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:23

Then commanded king Darius to seek among the records at Babylon: and so at Ecbatane the palace, which is in the country of Media, there was found a roll wherein these things were recorded.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:24

In the first year of the reign of Cyrus king Cyrus commanded that the house of YAHWEH at Yerusalem should be built again, where they do sacrifice with continual fire:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:25

Whose height shall be sixty cubits and the breadth sixty cubits, with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood of that country; and the expences thereof to be given out of the house of king Cyrus:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:26

And that the kodesh vessels of the house of YAHWEH, both of gold and silver, that Nebuchadnezzar took out of the house at Yerusalem, and brought to Babylon, should be restored to the house at Yerusalem, and be set in the place where they were before.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:27

And also he commanded that Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions, and those which were appointed rulers in Syria and Phoenicia, should be careful not to meddle with the place, but suffer Zorobabel, the servant of YAHWEH, and governor of Yahudah, and the elders of the Yahudim, to build the house of YAHWEH in that place.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:28

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 Yahudim, till the house of YAHWEH be finished:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:29

And out of the tribute of Coelesyria and Phoenicia a portion carefully to be given these men for the sacrifices of YAHWEH, that is, to Zorobabel the governor, for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:30

And also corn, salt, wine, and oil, and that continually every year without further question, according as the kohenim that be in Yerusalem shall signify to be daily spent:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:31

That offerings may be made to the most high YAHWEH for the king and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:32

And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yes, or make light of any thing before spoken or written, out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seized for the king.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:33

YAHWEH therefore, whose NAME is there called upon, utterly destroy every king and nation, that stretches out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of YAHWEH in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 6:34

I Darius the king have ordained that according to these things it be done with diligence.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 7

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:1

Then Sisinnes the governor of Coelesyria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions following the commandments of king Darius,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:2

Did very carefully oversee the kodesh works, assisting the ancients of the Yahudim and governors of the tabernacle.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:3

And so the kodesh works prospered, when Aggeus and ZachariYah the prophets prophesied.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:4

And they finished these things by the commandment of YAHWEH of Yisrael, and with the consent of Cyrus, Darius, and Ahasuerus, kings of Persia.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:5

And thus was the kodesh house finished in the twenty third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of

Darius king of the Persians

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:6

And the children of Yisrael, the kohenim, and the Levites, and others that were of the captivity, that were added to them, did according to the things written in the book of Mosheh.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:7

And to the dedication of the tabernacle of YAHWEH they offered one hundred bullocks two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:8

And twelve goats for the sin of all Yisrael, according to the number of the chief of the tribes of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:9

The kohenim also and the Levites stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their kindreds, in the service of YAHWEH of Yisrael, according to the book of Mosheh: and the porters at every gate.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:10

And the children of Yisrael that were of the captivity held the Passover the fourteenth day of the first month, after that the kohenim and the Levites were sanctified.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:11

They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together: but the Levites were all sanctified together.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:12

And so they offered the Passover for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the kohenim, and for themselves.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:13

And the children of Yisrael that came out of the captivity did eat, even all they that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:14

And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before YAHWEH,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 7:15

For that he had turned the counsel of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the works of YAHWEH of Yisrael.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 8

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:1

And after these things, when Ahasuerus the king of the Persians reigned came Ezra the son of SaraiYah, the son of EzeriYah, the son of HelchiYah, the son of Salum,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:2

The son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, the son of Amarias, the son of Ezias, the son of Meremoth, the son of Zariais, the son of Savias, the son of Boccas, the son of Abisum, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief kohen.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:3

This Ezra went up from Babylon, as a scribe, being very ready in the Torah of Mosheh, that was given by YAHWEH of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:4

And the king did him honor: for he found free unmerited favor in his sight in all his requests.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:5

There went up with him also certain of the children of Yisrael, of the kohen of the Levites, of the kodesh singers, porters, and ministers of the Great Tabernacle, to Yerusalem,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:6

In the seventh year of the reign of Ahasuerus, in the fifth month, this was the king's seventh year; for they went from Babylon in the first day of the first month, and came to Yerusalem, according to the prosperous journey which YAHWEH gave them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:7

For Ezra had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the Torah and commandments of YAHWEH, but taught all Yisrael the ordinances and judgments.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:8

Now the copy of the commission, which was written from Ahasuerus the king, and came to Ezra the kohen and reader of the Torah of YAHWEH, is this that follows;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:9

King Ahasuerus to Ezra the kohen and reader of the Torah of YAHWEH sends greeting:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:10

Having determined to deal favorably, I have given order, that such of the nation of the Yahudim, and of the kohenim and Levites being within our realm, as are willing and desirous should go with you to Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:11

As many therefore as have a mind thereunto, let them depart with you, as it has seemed tov both to me and my seven friends the counselors;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:12

That they may look to the affairs of Yahudah and Yerusalem, agreeably to that which is in the Torah of YAHWEH;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:13

And carry the gifts to YAHWEH of Yisrael to Yerusalem, which I and my friends have vowed, and all the gold and silver that in the country of Babylon can be found, to YAHWEH in Yerusalem,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:14

With that also which is given of the people for the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH their Sovereign at Yerusalem: and that silver and gold may be collected for bullocks, rams, and lambs, and things thereunto appertaining;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:15

To the end that they may offer sacrifices to YAHWEH upon the altar of YAHWEH their Sovereign, which is in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:16

And whatsoever you and your brethren will do with the silver and gold, that do, according to the will of

YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:17

And the kodesh vessels of YAHWEH, which are given you for the use of the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH, which is in Yerusalem, you shall set before your YAHWEH in Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:18

And whatsoever thing else you shall remember for the use of the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH, you shall give it out of the king's treasury.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:19

And I king Ahasuerus have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in Syria and Phoenicia, that whatsoever Ezra the kohen and the reader of the Torah of the most high YAHWEH shall send for, they should give it him with speed,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:20

To the sum of one hundred talents of silver, likewise also of wheat even to one hundred kors, and one hundred pieces of wine, and other things in abundance.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:21

Let all things be performed after the Torah of YAHWEH diligently to the most high YAHWEH, that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:22

I command you also, that you require no tax, nor any other imposition, of any of the kohenim, or Levites, or kodesh singers, or porters, or ministers of the tabernacle, or of any that have doings in this tabernacle, and that no man have authority to impose any thing upon them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:23

And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of YAHWEH ordain judges and justices, that they may judge in all Syria and Phoenicia all those that know the Torah of YAHWEH your ALMIGHTY; and those that know it not you shall teach.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:24

And whosoever shall transgress the Torah of YAHWEH your ALMIGHTY, and of the king, shall be punished diligently, whether it be by death, or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:25

Then said Ezra the scribe, Blessed be the only YAHWEH ALMIGHTY of my fathers, who has put these things into the heart of the king, to bring honor to HIS house that is in Yerusalem:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:26

And has honored me in the sight of the king, and his counselors, and all his friends and nobles.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:27

Therefore was I encouraged by the help of YAHWEH my ALMIGHTY, and gathered together men of Yisrael to go up with me.

EZRA -2- 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 Ahasuerus:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:29

Of the sons of Phinehas, Gerson: of the sons of Ithamar, Gamael: of the sons of David, Lettus the son of

Sechenias:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:30

Of the sons of Pharez, ZachariYah; and with him were counted one hundred and fifty men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:31

Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias, the son of Zariaias, and with him two hundred men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:32

Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezelus, and with him three hundred men: of the sons of Adin, Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him two hundred and fifty men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:33

Of the sons of Elam, YoshiYah son of Gotholias, and with him seventy men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:34

Of the sons of Saphatias, Zariaias son of Michael, and with him seventy men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:35

Of the sons of Joab, Abadias son of Jezelus, and with him two hundred and twelve men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:36

Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of JosaphiYah, and with him one hundred and sixty men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:37

Of the sons of Babi, ZachariYah son of Bebai, and with him twenty eight men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:38

Of the sons of Astath, Johannes son of Acatan, and with him one hundred and ten men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:39

Of the sons of Adonikam the last, and these are the names of them, Eliphalet, Jewel, and Samaias, and with them seventy men:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:40

Of the sons of Bago, Uthi the son of Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:41

And these I gathered together to the river called Theras, where we pitched our tents three days: and then I surveyed them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:42

But when I had found there none of the kohenim and Levites,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:43

Then sent I to Eleazar, and Iduel, and Masman,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:44

And Alnathan, and Mamaias, and Joribas, and Nathan, Eunatan, ZachariYah, and Mosollamon, principal men and learned.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:45

And I bade them that they should go to Saddeus the captain, who was in the place of the treasury:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:46

And commanded them that they should speak to Daddesus, and to his brethren, and to the treasurers in that place, to send us such men as might execute the kohenim office in the house of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:47

And by the mighty hand of our YAHWEH they brought to us skilful men of the sons of Moli the son of Levi, the son of Yisrael, Asebebia, and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:48

And Asebia, and Annus, and Osaias his brother, of the sons of Channuneus, and their sons, were twenty men.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:49

And of the servants of the tabernacle whom David had ordained, and the principal men for the service of the Levites to wit, the servants of the tabernacle two hundred and twenty, the catalogue of whose names were shown.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:50

And there I vowed a fast to the young men before our YAHWEH, to desire of HIM a prosperous journey both for us and them that were with us, for our children, and for the cattle:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:51

For I was ashamed to ask the king footmen, and horsemen, and conduct for safeguard against our adversaries.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:52

For we had said to the king, that the power of YAHWEH our ALMIGHTY should be with them that seek HIM, to support them in all ways.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:53

And again we besought our YAHWEH as touching these things, and found HIM favorable to us.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:54

Then I separated twelve of the chief of the kohenim, Esebrias, and Assanias, and ten men of their brethren with them:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:55

And I weighed them the gold, and the silver, and the kodesh vessels of the house of our YAHWEH, which the king, and his council, and the princes, and all Yisrael, had given.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:56

And when I had weighed it, I delivered to them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of one hundred talents, and one hundred talents of gold,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:57

And twenty golden vessels, and twelve vessels of brass, even of fine brass, glittering like gold.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:58

And I said to them, Both you are kodesh to YAHWEH, and the vessels are kodesh, and the gold and the silver is a vow to YAHWEH, YAHWEH of our fathers.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:59

Watch you, and keep them till you deliver them to the chief of the kohenim and Levites, and to the principal men of the families of Yisrael, in Yerusalem, into the chambers of the house of YAHWEH our ALMIGHTY.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:60

So the kohenim and the Levites, who had received the silver and the gold and the vessels, brought them to Yerusalem, into the Great Tabernacle of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:61

And from the river Theras we departed the twelfth day of the first month, and came to Yerusalem by the mighty hand of our YAHWEH, which was with us: and from the beginning of our journey YAHWEH delivered us from every enemy, and so we came to Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:62

And when we had been there three days, the gold and silver that was weighed was delivered in the house of our YAHWEH on the fourth day to Marmoth the kohen the son of Iri.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:63

And with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them were Josabad the son of Jesu and Moeth the son of Sabban, Levites: all was delivered them by number and weight.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:64

And all the weight of them was written up the same hour.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:65

Moreover they that were come out of the captivity offered sacrifice to YAHWEH ALMIGHTY of Yisrael, even twelve bullocks for all Yisrael, seventy six rams,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:66

Seventy two lambs, goats for a shalom offering, twelve; all of them a sacrifice to YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:67

And they delivered the king's commandments to the king's stewards' and to the governors of Coelesyria and Phoenicia; and they honored the people and the tabernacle of YAHWEH ALMIGHTY.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:68

Now when these things were done, the rulers came to me, and said,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:69

The nation of Yisrael, the princes, the kohenim 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 Moabites, Egyptians, and Edomites.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:70

For both they and their sons have married with their daughters, and the kodesh 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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:71

And as soon as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the kodesh garment, and pulled off the hair from off my head and beard, and sat me down sad and very heavy.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:72

So all they that were then moved at the Word of YAHWEH ALMIGHTY of Yisrael assembled to me, while I mourned for the iniquity: but I sat still full of heaviness until the evening sacrifice.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:73

Then rising up from the fast with my clothes and the kodesh garment rent, and bowing my knees, and stretching forth my hands to YAHWEH,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:74

I said, Oh YAHWEH, I am confounded and ashamed before YOUR face;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:75

For our sins are multiplied above our heads, and our ignorances have reached up to heaven.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:76

Forever since the time of our fathers we have been and are in great sin, even to this day.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:77

And for our sins and our fathers' we with our brethren and our kings and our kohanim were given up to the kings of the earth, to the sword, and to captivity, and for a prey with shame, to this day.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:78

And now in some measure has mercy been shown to us from YOU, Oh YAHWEH, that there should be left us a root and a name in the place of YOUR sanctuary;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:79

And to discover to us a light in the house of YAHWEH our ALMIGHTY, and to give us food in the time of our servitude.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:80

Yes, when we were in bondage, we were not forsaken of our YAHWEH; but HE given us favor before the kings of Persia, so that they gave us food;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:81

Yes, and honored the tabernacle of our YAHWEH, and raised up the desolate Zion, that they have given us a sure abiding in Yahudah and Yerusalem.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:82

And now, Oh YAHWEH, what shall we say, having these things? for we have transgressed YOUR commandments, which YOU gave by the hand of YOUR servants the prophets, saying,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:83

That the land, which YOU enter into to possess as a heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the strangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:84

Therefore now shall you not join your daughters to their sons, neither shall you take their daughters to your sons.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:85

Moreover you shall never seek to have shalom with them, that you may be strong, and eat the tov things of the land, and that you may leave the inheritance of the land to your children for evermore.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:86

And all that is befallen is done to us for our wicked works and great sins; for YOU, Oh YAHWEH, did make our sins light,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:87

And did give to us such a root: but we have turned back again to transgress YOUR Torah, and to mingle ourselves with the uncleanness of the nations of the land.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:88

Mightest not YOU be angry with us to destroy us, till YOU had left us neither root, seed, nor name?

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:89

O YAHWEH of Yisrael, YOU are true: for we are left a root this day.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:90

Behold, now are we before YOU in our iniquities, for we cannot stand any longer by reason of these things before YOU.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:91

And as Ezra in his prayer made his confession, weeping, and lying flat upon the ground before the Great Tabernacle, there gathered to him from Yerusalem a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:92

Then Jechonias the son of Jeelus, one of the sons of Yisrael, called out, and said, Oh Ezra, we have sinned against YAHWEH ALMIGHTY, we have married strange women of the nations of the land, and now is all Yisrael aloft.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:93

Let us make an oath to YAHWEH, that we will put away all our wives, which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:94

Like as you have decreed, and as many as do obey the Torah of YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:95

Arise and put in execution: for to you does this matter appertain, and we will be with you: do valiantly.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 8:96

So Ezra arose, and took an oath of the chief of the kohenim and Levites of all Yisrael to do after these things; and so they swore.

Second EZRA - ESDRAS - Chapter 9

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:1

Then Ezra rising from the court of the tabernacle went to the chamber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:2

And remained there, and did eat no meat nor drink water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:3

And there was a proclamation in all Yahudah and Yerusalem to all them that were of the captivity, that they should be gathered together at Yerusalem:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:4

And that whosoever met not there within two or three days according as the elders that bare rule appointed, their cattle should be seized to the use of the tabernacle, and himself cast out from them that were of the captivity.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:5

And in three days were all they of the tribe of Yahudah and Benjamin gathered together at Yerusalem the

twentieth day of the ninth month.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:6

And all the multitude sat trembling in the broad court of the tabernacle because of the present foul weather.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:7

So Ezra arose up, and said to them, You have transgressed the Torah in marrying strange wives, thereby to increase the sins of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:8

And now by confessing, give honor to YAHWEH ALMIGHTY of our fathers,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:9

And do HIS will, and separate yourselves from the heathen of the land, and from the strange women.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:10

Then cried the whole multitude, and said with a loud voice, Like as you have spoken, so will we do.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:11

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:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:12

Therefore let the rulers of the multitude stay, and let all them of our habitations that have strange wives come at the time appointed,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:13

And with them the rulers and judges of every place, till we turn away the wrath of YAHWEH from us for this matter.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:14

Then Jonathan the son of Azael and Ezechias the son of Theocanus accordingly took this matter upon them: and Mosollam and Levis and Shabbateus helped them.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:15

And they that were of the captivity did according to all these things.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:16

And Ezra the kohen chose to 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.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:17

So their cause that held strange wives was brought to an end in the first day of the first month.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:18

And of the kohenim that were come together, and had strange wives, there were found:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:19

Of the sons of YOSHUA the son of Josedec, and his brethren; Mattheas and Eleazar, and Joribus and Joadanus.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:20

And they gave their hands to put away their wives and to offer rams to make reconciliation for their errors.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:21

And of the sons of Emmer; Ananias, and Zabdeus, and Eanes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and AzariYah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:22

And of the sons of Phaisur; Elionas, Massias Yisrael, and Nathanael, and Ocidelus and Talsas.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:23

And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Semis, and Colius, who was called Calitas, and Patheus, and Yahuda, and Jonah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:24

Of the kodesh singers; Eleazurus, Bacchurus.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:25

Of the porters; Sallumus, and Tolbanes.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:26

Of them of Yisrael, of the sons of Phoros; Hiermas, and Eddias, and Melchias, and Maelus, and Eleazar, and Asibias, and Baanias.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:27

Of the sons of Ela; Matthanias, ZachariYah, and Hierielus, and Hieremoth, and Aedias.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:28

And of the sons of Zamoth; Eliadas, Elisimus, Othonias, Jarimoth, and Sabatus, and Sardeus.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:29

Of the sons of Babai; Johannes, and Ananias and Josabad, and Amatheis.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:30

Of the sons of Mani; Olamus, Mamuchus, Jedeus, Jasubus, Jasael, and Hieremoth.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:31

And of the sons of Addi; Naathus, and Moosias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathaniyah, and Sesthel, Balnuus, and Manasseas.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:32

And of the sons of Annas; Elionas and Aseas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Chosameus.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:33

And of the sons of Asom; Altaneus, and Matthias, and Baanaia, Eliphalet, and Manasses, and Semei.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:34

And of the sons of Maani; Jeremiyah, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabasion, and Enasibus, and Mamnitanaimus, Eliasis, Bannus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathaniyah and of the sons of Ozora; Sesis, Esril, Azaelus, Samatus, Zambis, Josephus.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:35

And of the sons of Ethma; Mazitiyah, Zabadaiyah, Edes, Juel, Banaiyah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:36

All these had taken strange wives, and they put them away with their children.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:37

And the kohenim and Levites, and they that were of Yisrael, dwelt in Yerusalem, and in the country, in the

first day of the seventh month: so the children of Yisrael were in their habitations.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:38

And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the kodesh porch toward the east:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:39

And they spoke to Ezra the kohen and reader, that he would bring the Torah of Mosheh, that was given of YAHWEH ALMIGHTY of Yisrael.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:40

So Ezra the chief kohen brought the Torah to the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the kohenim, to hear Torah in the first day of the seventh month.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:41

And he read in the broad court before the kodesh porch from morning to midday, before both men and women; and the multitude gave heed to the Torah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:42

And Ezra the kohen and reader of the Torah stood up upon a pulpit of wood, which was made for that purpose.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:43

And there stood up by him MattathiYah, Sammus, Ananias, AzariYah, Urias, Ezeciyah, Balasamus, upon the right hand:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:44

And upon his left hand stood Phaldaius, Misael, Melchiyah, Lothasubus, and Nabariyah.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:45

Then took Ezra the book of the Torah before the multitude: for he sat honorably in the first place in the sight of them all.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:46

And when he opened the Torah, they stood all straight up. So Ezra blessed YAHWEH ALMIGHTY most High, the MIGHTY ONE of hosts, ALMIGHTY.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:47

And all the people answered, So be it, and Let it be fulfilled, Amen; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worshipped YAHWEH.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:48

Also Yoshua, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacobus, Sabateas, Auteas, Maianear, and Calitas, Asrias, and Joazabdus, and Ananias, Biatas, the Levites, taught the Torah of YAHWEH, making them withal to understand it.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:49

Then spoke Attharates to Ezra the chief kohen. and reader, and to the Levites that taught the multitude, even to all, saying,

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:50

This day is kodesh to YAHWEH; for they all wept when they heard the Torah:

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:51

Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send part to them that have nothing;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:52

For this day is kodesh to YAHWEH: and be not sorrowful; for YAHWEH will bring you to honor.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:53

So the Levites published all things to the people, saying, This day is kodesh to YAHWEH; be not sorrowful.

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:54

Then went they their way, everyone to eat and drink, and make merry, and to give part to them that had nothing, and to make great cheer;

EZRA -2- ESDRAS 9:55

Because they understood the words wherein they were instructed, and for the which they had been assembled.

Get understanding for it shall preserve you against the deceiver in the final hour we are coming to in the end of sixth day.

The End