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RSV Nehemiah (Hebrew)	RSV Ezra (Hebrew)	RSV I Esdras (Greek)	RSV 1 Chronicles (Hebrew)
		<p>1 Esdras 1:1 Josiah kept the passover to his Lord in Jerusalem; he killed the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month,</p> <p>2 having placed the priests according to their divisions, arrayed in their garments, in the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>3 And he told the Levites, the temple servants of Israel, that they should sanctify themselves to the Lord and put the holy ark of the Lord in the house which Solomon the king, the son of David, had built;</p> <p>4a and he said, "You need no longer carry it upon your shoulders. Now worship the Lord your God and serve his</p>	<p>2 Chronicles 35:1 Josiah kept a passover to the LORD in Jerusalem; and they killed the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month.</p> <p>2 He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>3a And he said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built;</p> <p>3b you need no longer carry it upon your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel.</p>

		<p>people Israel;</p> <p>4b and prepare yourselves by your families and kindred,</p> <p>5a in accordance with the directions of David king of Israel and the magnificence of Solomon his son.</p> <p>5b Stand in order in the temple according to the groupings of the fathers' houses of you Levites, who minister before your brethren the people of Israel,</p> <p>6 and kill the passover lamb and prepare the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the passover according to the commandment of the Lord which was given to Moses."</p> <p>7 And Josiah gave to the people who were present thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves; these were given from the king's possessions, as he promised, to</p>	<p>4a Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses by your divisions,</p> <p>4b following the directions of David king of Israel and the directions of Solomon his son.</p> <p>5 And stand in the holy place according to the groupings of the fathers' houses of your brethren the lay people, and let there be for each a part of a father's house of the Levites.</p> <p>6 And kill the passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses."</p> <p>7 Then Josiah contributed to the lay people, as passover offerings for all that were present, lambs and kids from the flock to the number of thirty thousand, and three</p>
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		<p>the people and the priests and Levites.</p> <p>8 And Hilkiyah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the chief officers of the temple, gave to the priests for the passover two thousand six hundred sheep and three hundred calves.</p> <p>9 And Jeconiah and Shemaiah and Nethanel his brother, and Hashabiah and Ochiel and Joram, captains over thousands, gave the Levites for the passover five thousand sheep and seven hundred calves.</p> <p>10 And this is what took place. The priests and the Levites, properly arrayed and having the unleavened bread, stood according to kindred</p> <p>11 and the grouping of the</p>	<p>thousand bulls; these were from the king's possessions.</p> <p>8 And his princes contributed willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiyah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the chief officers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the passover offerings two thousand six hundred lambs and kids and three hundred bulls.</p> <p>9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the passover offerings five thousand lambs and kids and five hundred bulls.</p> <p>10 When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command.</p>
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		<p>fathers' houses, before the people, to make the offering to the Lord as it is written in the book of Moses; this they did in the morning.</p> <p>12 They roasted the passover lamb with fire, as required; and they boiled the sacrifices in brass pots and caldrons, with a pleasing odor,</p> <p>13a and carried them to all the people.</p>	<p>11 And they killed the passover lamb, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received from them while the Levites flayed the victims.</p> <p>12 And they set aside the burnt offerings that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so they did with the bulls.</p> <p>13a And they roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in caldrons, and in pans,</p> <p>13b and carried them quickly to all the lay people.</p>
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		<p>13b Afterward they prepared the passover for themselves and for their brethren the priests, the sons of Aaron,</p> <p>14 because the priests were offering the fat until night; so the Levites prepared it for themselves and for their brethren the priests, the sons of Aaron.</p> <p>15 And the temple singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place according to the arrangement made by David, and also Asaph, Zechariah, and Eddinus, who represented the king.</p> <p>16 The gatekeepers were at each gate; no one needed to depart from his duties, for their brethren the Levites prepared the passover for them.</p> <p>17 So the things that had to do with the sacrifices to the Lord were accomplished that day: the passover was kept</p>	<p>14a And afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests,</p> <p>14b because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering the burnt offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron.</p> <p>15a The singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer;</p> <p>15b and the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to depart from their service, for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.</p> <p>16a So all the service of the LORD was prepared that day, to keep the passover</p>
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		<p>18 and the sacrifices were offered on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.</p> <p>19 And the people of Israel who were present at that time kept the passover and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.</p> <p>20 No passover like it had been kept in Israel since the times of Samuel the prophet;</p> <p>21 none of the kings of Israel had kept such a passover as was kept by Josiah and the priests and Levites and the men of Judah and all of Israel who were dwelling in Jerusalem.</p> <p>22 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this passover was kept.</p> <p>23 And the deeds of Josiah were upright in the sight of the Lord, for his heart was full of</p>	<p>16b and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of King Josiah.</p> <p>17 And the people of Israel who were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.</p> <p>18a No passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet;</p> <p>18b none of the kings of Israel had kept such a passover as was kept by Josiah, and the priests and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.</p> <p>19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this passover was kept.</p>
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		<p>godliness.</p> <p>24 The events of his reign have been recorded in the past, concerning those who sinned and acted wickedly toward the Lord beyond any other people or kingdom, and how they grieved the Lord deeply, so that the words of the Lord rose up against Israel.</p> <p>25 After all these acts of Josiah, it happened that Pharaoh, king of Egypt, went to make war at Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him.</p> <p>26 And the king of Egypt sent word to him saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judea?"</p> <p>27 I was not sent against you by the Lord God, for my war is at the Euphrates. And now the Lord is with me! The Lord is with me, urging me on! Stand aside, and do not oppose the Lord."</p>	<p>20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates and Josiah went out against him.</p> <p>21a But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judah?"</p> <p>21b I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war; and God has commanded me to make haste. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you."</p>
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		<p>28 But Josiah did not turn back to his chariot, but tried to fight with him, and did not heed the words of Jeremiah the prophet from the mouth of the Lord.</p> <p>29 He joined battle with him in the plain of Megiddo, and the commanders came down against King Josiah.</p> <p>30 And the king said to his servants, "Take me away from the battle, for I am very weak." And immediately his servants took him out of the line of battle.</p> <p>31 And he got into his second chariot; and after he was brought back to Jerusalem he died [ca. Simanu (May/Jun) 609 BCE], and was buried in the tomb of his fathers.</p> <p>32a And in all Judea they mourned for Josiah.</p>	<p>22a Nevertheless Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God,</p> <p>22b but joined battle in the plain of Megiddo.</p> <p>23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."</p> <p>24a So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died [ca. Simanu (May/Jun) 609 BCE], and was buried in the tombs of his fathers.</p> <p>24b All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.</p>
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		<p>34 And the men of the nation took Jeconiah [= Jehoahaz] the son of Josiah,</p> <p>who was twenty-three years old,</p> <p>and made him king in succession to Josiah his father.</p> <p>35a And he reigned three months in Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>35b Then the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Jerusalem,</p> <p>36 and fined the nation a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p> <p>37 And the king of Egypt made Jehoiakim his brother king of Judea and Jerusalem.</p>	<p>RSV 2 Chronicles 36:1 The people of the land took Jehoahaz he son of Josiah</p> <p>and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.</p> <p>2a Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign;</p> <p>2b and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.</p> <p>3a Then the king of Egypt deposed him in Jerusalem</p> <p>3b and laid upon the land a tribute of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p> <p>4a And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim;</p>
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		<p>38a Jehoiakim put the nobles in prison,</p> <p>38b and seized his brother Zarius and brought him up out of Egypt.</p> <p>39 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign in Judea and Jerusalem, and he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.</p> <p>40 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him with a chain of brass and took him away to Babylon.</p> <p>41 Nebuchadnezzar also took some holy vessels of the Lord, and carried them away, and stored them in his temple in Babylon.</p> <p>42 But the things that are reported about Jehoiakim and his uncleanness and impiety are written in the chronicles of the kings.</p>	<p>4b but Neco took Jehoahaz his brother and carried him to Egypt.</p> <p>5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.</p> <p>6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters to take him to Babylon.</p> <p>7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried part of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon and put them in his palace in Babylon.</p> <p>8a Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written</p>
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		<p>43a Jehoiachin his son became king in his stead;</p> <p>43b when he was made king he was eighteen years old,</p> <p>44 and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.</p> <p>45 So after a year Nebuchadnezzar sent and removed him to Babylon, with the holy vessels of the Lord,</p> <p>46a and made Zedekiah king of Judea and Jerusalem.</p> <p>46b Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, and he reigned eleven years.</p> <p>47 He also did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did</p>	<p>in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah;</p> <p>8b and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.</p> <p>9a Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign,</p> <p>9b and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.</p> <p>10a In the spring of the year King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the precious vessels of the house of the LORD,</p> <p>10b and made his brother Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>12 He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.</p>
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		<p>not heed the words that were spoken by Jeremiah the prophet from the mouth of the Lord.</p> <p>48 And though King Nebuchadnezzar had made him swear by the name of the Lord, he broke his oath and rebelled; and he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart and transgressed the laws of the Lord, the God of Israel.</p> <p>49 Even the leaders of the people and of the priests committed many acts of sacrilege and lawlessness beyond all the unclean deeds of all the nations, and polluted the temple of the Lord which had been hallowed in Jerusalem.</p> <p>50 So the God of their fathers sent by his messenger to call them back, because he would have spared them and his dwelling place.</p> <p>51 But they mocked his</p>	<p>He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD.</p> <p>13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel.</p> <p>14 All the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.</p> <p>15 The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place;</p> <p>16a but they kept mocking the</p>
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		<p>messengers, and whenever the Lord spoke, they scoffed at his prophets,</p> <p>52a until in his anger against his people because of their ungodly acts</p> <p>52b he gave command to bring against them the kings of the Chaldeans.</p> <p>53 These slew their young men with the sword around their holy temple, and did not spare young man or virgin, old man or child, for he gave them all into their hands.</p> <p>54 And all the holy vessels of the Lord, great and small, and the treasure chests of the Lord, and the royal stores, they took and carried away to Babylon.</p> <p>55 And they burned the house of the Lord and broke down the walls of Jerusalem and burned their towers with fire,</p>	<p>messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets,</p> <p>16b till the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, till there was no remedy.</p> <p>17a Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans,</p> <p>17b who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged; he gave them all into his hand.</p> <p>18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon.</p> <p>19a And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire,</p>
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		<p>56a and utterly destroyed all its glorious things.</p> <p>56b The survivors he led away to Babylon with the sword,</p> <p>57a and they were servants to him and to his sons until the Persians began to reign,</p> <p>57b in fulfilment of the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah:</p> <p>58 "Until the land has enjoyed its sabbaths, it shall keep sabbath all the time of its desolation until the completion of seventy years."</p>	<p>19b and destroyed all its precious vessels.</p> <p>20a He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword,</p> <p>20b and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia,</p> <p>21a to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah,</p> <p>21b until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.</p>
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RSV Nehemiah (Hebrew)	RSV Ezra (Hebrew)	RSV I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
	<p>Ezra 1:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:</p> <p>2a "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>2b and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.</p> <p>3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel--he is the God who is in Jerusalem;</p>	<p>1 Esdras 2:1 In the first year of Cyrus as king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, 2 the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:</p> <p>3 "Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians: The Lord of Israel, the Lord Most High, has made me king of the world,</p> <p>4 and he has commanded me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judea.</p> <p>5 If any one of you, therefore, is of his people, may his Lord be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord of Israel -- he is the Lord who dwells in Jerusalem,</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and he issued a proclamation through all his kingdom, and that in writing, saying,</p> <p>2 Thus said Cyrus king of the Persians, The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,</p> <p>and he has given me a charge to build him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judea.</p> <p>3 Who is there among you of all his people? for his God shall be with him, and he shall go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and let him build the house of the God of Israel: he is the God that is in Jerusalem.</p>

	<p>4a and let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold,</p> <p>4b with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem."</p> <p>5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, every one whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem;</p> <p>6 and all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered.</p> <p>7 Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the</p>	<p>6 and let each man, wherever he may live, be helped by the men of his place with gold and silver,</p> <p>7 with gifts and with horses and cattle, besides the other things added as votive offerings for the temple of the Lord which is in Jerusalem."</p> <p>8 Then arose the heads of families of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, and all whose spirit the Lord had stirred to go up to build the house in Jerusalem for the Lord;</p> <p>9 and their neighbors helped them with everything, with silver and gold, with horses and cattle, and with a very great number of votive offerings from many whose hearts were stirred.</p> <p>10 Cyrus the king also brought out the holy vessels of the Lord</p>	<p>4 And let every Jew that is left go from every place where he sojourns, and the men of his place shall help him with silver, and gold,</p> <p>and goods, and cattle, together with the voluntary offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>5 Then the chiefs of the families of Juda and Benjamin arose, and the priests, and the Levites, all whose spirit the Lord stirred up to go up to build the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>6 And all that were round about strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and with presents, besides the voluntary offerings.</p> <p>7 And king Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of the</p>
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	<p>house of the LORD which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods.</p> <p>8a Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in charge of Mithredath the treasurer,</p> <p>8b who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.</p> <p>9 And this was the number of them: a thousand basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, twenty-nine censers,</p> <p>10 thirty bowls of gold, two thousand four hundred and ten bowls of silver, and a thousand other vessels;</p> <p>11a all the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine.</p>	<p>which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and stored in his temple of idols.</p> <p>11 When Cyrus king of the Perians brought these out, he gave them to Mithridates his treasurer,</p> <p>12 and by him they were given to Sheshbazzar the governor of Judea.</p> <p>13a The number of these was: a thousand gold cups, a thousand silver cups, twenty-nine silver censers,</p> <p>13b thirty gold bowls, two thousand four hundred and ten silver bowls, and a thousand other vessels.</p> <p>14 All the vessels were handed over, gold and silver, five thousand four hundred and sixty-nine,</p>	<p>Lord, which Nabuchodonosor had brought from Jerusalem, and put in the house of his god.</p> <p>8 And Cyrus king of the Persians brought them out by the hand of Mithradates the treasurer,</p> <p>and he numbered them to Sasabasar, the chief man of Juda.</p> <p>9 And this is their number: thirty gold basons, and a thousand silver basons, nine and twenty changes, thirty golden goblets,</p> <p>10 and four hundred and ten double silver vessels, and a thousand other vessels.</p> <p>11 All the gold and silver vessels were five thousand four hundred,</p>
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	11b All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.	15 and they were carried back by Sheshbazzar with the returning exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem.	even all that went up with Sasabasar from the place of transportation, from Babylon to Jerusalem.
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
	<p>Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus [Xerxes I ?], in the beginning of his reign, they [i.e., the “People of the Land”] wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>7 And in the days of Artaxerxes,</p> <p>Bishlam and Mithredath and Tabeel and the rest of their associates</p> <p>wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; the letter was written in Aramaic and translated.</p> <p>8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows--</p>	<p>1 Esdras 2:16 But in the time of Artaxerxes king of the Persians,</p> <p>Bishlam, Mithridates, Tabeel, Rehum, Beltethmus, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates, living in Samaria and other places,</p> <p>wrote him the following letter, against those who were living in Judea and Jerusalem:</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 4:6 And in the reign of Assuerus, even in the beginning of his reign, they wrote a letter against the inhabitants of Juda and Jerusalem.</p> <p>7 And in the days of Arthasastha,</p> <p>Tabeel wrote peaceably to Mithradates and to the rest of his fellow-servants:</p> <p>the tribute-gatherer wrote to Arthasastha king of the Persians a writing in the Syrian tongue, and the same interpreted.</p> <p>8 Reum the chancellor, and Sampsas the scribe wrote an epistle against Jerusalem to King Arthasastha, saying,</p>

	<p>9 then wrote Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates, the judges, the governors, the officials, the Persians, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,</p> <p>10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar deported and settled in the cities of Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River, and now</p> <p>11a this is a copy of the letter that they sent—</p> <p>11b "To Artaxerxes the king:</p> <p>Your servants, the men of the province Beyond the River, send greeting. And now</p>	<p>17 "To King Artaxerxes our lord,</p> <p>Your servants Rehum the recorder and Shimshai the scribe and the other judges of their council in Coelesyria and</p>	<p>9 Thus has judged Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and the rest of our fellow-servants, the Dinaeans, the Apharsathachaeans, the Tarphalaeans, the Apharsaeans, the Archyaeans, the Babylonians, the Susanachaeans, Davaeans,</p> <p>10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Assenaphar removed, and settled them in the cities of Somoron, and the rest of them beyond the river.</p> <p>11 This is the purport of the letter, which they sent to him:</p> <p>Thy servants the men beyond the river</p> <p>to king Arthasastha.</p>
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	<p>12 be it known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have gone to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city; they are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.</p> <p>13 Now be it known to the king that, if this city is rebuilt and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and the royal revenue will be impaired.</p> <p>14a Now because we eat the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor,</p> <p>14b therefore we send and inform the king,</p> <p>15a in order that search may be made in the book of the</p>	<p>Phoenicia:</p> <p>18 Now be it known to our lord the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have gone to Jerusalem and are building that rebellious and wicked city, repairing its market places and walls and laying the foundations for a temple.</p> <p>19 Now if this city is built and the walls finished, they will not only refuse to pay tribute but will even resist kings.</p> <p>20 And since the building of the temple is now going on, we think it best not to neglect such a matter,</p> <p>21a but to speak to our lord the king,</p> <p>21b in order that, if it seems good to you, search may be</p>	<p>12 Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from thee to us have come to Jerusalem the rebellious and wicked city, which they are building, and its walls are set in order, and they have established the foundations of it.</p> <p>13 Now then be it known to the king, that if that city be built up, and its walls completed, thou shalt have no tribute, neither will they pay anything, and this injures kings.</p> <p>14 And it is not lawful for us to see the dishonour of the king:</p> <p>therefore have we sent and made known the matter to the king;</p> <p>15 That examination may be made in thy fathers' book of</p>
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	<p>records of your fathers.</p> <p>15b You will find in the book of the records and learn that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces,</p> <p>15c and that sedition was stirred up in it from of old.</p> <p>15d That was why this city was laid waste.</p> <p>16 We make known to the king that, if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished, you will then have no possession in the province Beyond the River."</p> <p>17 The king sent an answer: "To Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their associates who live in Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River, greeting.</p>	<p>made in the records of your fathers.</p> <p>22 You will find in the chronicles what has been written about them, and will learn that this city was rebellious, troubling both kings and other cities,</p> <p>2a3 and that the Jews were rebels and kept setting up blockades in it from of old.</p> <p>23b That is why this city was laid waste.</p> <p>24 Therefore we now make known to you, O lord and king, that if this city is built and its walls finished, you will no longer have access to Coelesyria and Phoenicia."</p> <p>25 Then the king, in reply to Rehum the recorder and Beltethmus and Shimshai the scribe and the others associated with them and living in Samaria and Syria and Phoenicia, wrote as follows:</p>	<p>record;</p> <p>and thou shalt find, and thou shalt know that city is rebellious, and does harm to kings and countries,</p> <p>and there are in the midst of it from very old time refuges for runaway slaves:</p> <p>therefore this city has been made desolate.</p> <p>16 We therefore declare to the king, that, if that city be built, and its walls be set up, thou shalt not have peace.</p> <p>17 Then the king sent to Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and the rest of their fellow-servants who dwelt in Samaria, and the rest beyond the river, saying, Peace; and he says,</p>
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	<p>And now</p> <p>18 the letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.</p> <p>19a And I made a decree, and search has been made, and it has been found that this city from of old has risen against kings,</p> <p>19b and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it.</p> <p>20 And mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, who ruled over the whole province Beyond the River, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid.</p> <p>21 Therefore make a decree that these men be made to cease, and that this city be not rebuilt, until a decree is made by me.</p> <p>22 And take care not to be slack in this matter; why should damage grow to the</p>	<p>26a "I have read the letter which you sent me.</p> <p>26b So I ordered search to be made, and it has been found that this city from of old has fought against kings,</p> <p>27a and that the men in it were given to rebellion and war,</p> <p>27b and that mighty and cruel kings ruled in Jerusalem and exacted tribute from Coelesyria and Phoenicia.</p> <p>28 Therefore I have now issued orders to prevent these men from building the city and to take care that nothing more be done</p> <p>29 and that such wicked proceedings go no further to the annoyance of kings."</p>	<p>18 The tribute-gatherer whom ye sent to us, has been called before me.</p> <p>19 And a decree has been made by me, and we have examined, and found that city of old time exalts itself against kings,</p> <p>and that rebellions and desertions take place within it.</p> <p>20 And there were powerful kings in Jerusalem, and they ruled over all the country beyond the river, and abundant revenues and tribute were given to them.</p> <p>21 Now therefore make a decree to stop the work of those men, and that city shall no more be built.</p> <p>22 See that ye be careful of the decree, not to be remiss concerning this matter, lest at</p>
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	<p>hurt of the king?"</p> <p>23 Then, when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their associates, they went in haste to the Jews at Jerusalem and by force and power made them cease.</p> <p>24 Then the work on the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped;</p> <p>[and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.]</p>	<p>30a Then, when the letter from King Artaxerxes was read, Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their associates went in haste to Jerusalem, with horsemen and a multitude in battle array, and began to hinder the builders.</p> <p>30b And the building of the temple in Jerusalem</p> <p>ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>	<p>any time destruction should abound to the harm of kings.</p> <p>23 Then the tribute-gatherer of king Arthasatha read the letter before Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and his fellow-servants: and they went in haste to Jerusalem and through Juda, and caused them to cease with horses and an armed force.</p> <p>24 Then ceased the work of the house of God in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and it was at a stand until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
		<p>1 Esdras 3:1 Now King Darius gave a great banquet for all that were under him and all that were born in his house and all the nobles of Media and Persia</p> <p>2 and all the satraps and generals and governors that were under him in the hundred and twenty-seven satrapies from India to Ethiopia.</p> <p>3 They ate and drank, and when they were satisfied they departed; and Darius the king went to his bedroom, and went to sleep, and then awoke.</p> <p>4 Then the three young men of the bodyguard, who kept guard over the person of the king, said to one another,</p> <p>5 "Let each of us state what one thing is strongest; and to him whose statement seems wisest, Darius the king will give rich gifts and great honors of victory.</p>	

		<p>6 He shall be clothed in purple, and drink from gold cups, and sleep on a gold bed, and have a chariot with gold bridles, and a turban of fine linen, and a necklace about his neck;</p> <p>7 and because of his wisdom he shall sit next to Darius and shall be called kinsman of Darius."</p> <p>8 Then each wrote his own statement, and they sealed them and put them under the pillow of Darius the king,</p> <p>9 and said, "When the king wakes, they will give him the writing; and to the one whose statement the king and the three nobles of Persia judge to be wisest the victory shall be given according to what is written."</p> <p>10 The first wrote, "Wine is strongest."</p> <p>11 The second wrote, "The king is strongest."</p>	
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		<p>12 The third wrote, "Women are strongest, but truth is victor over all things."</p> <p>13 When the king awoke, they took the writing and gave it to him, and he read it.</p> <p>14 Then he sent and summoned all the nobles of Persia and Media and the satraps and generals and governors and prefects,</p> <p>15 and he took his seat in the council chamber, and the writing was read in their presence.</p> <p>16 And he said, "Call the young men, and they shall explain their statements." So they were summoned, and came in.</p> <p>17 And they said to them, "Explain to us what you have written." Then the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine, began and said:</p>	
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		<p>18 "Gentlemen, how is wine the strongest? It leads astray the minds of all who drink it.</p> <p>19 It makes equal the mind of the king and the orphan, of the slave and the free, of the poor and the rich.</p> <p>20 It turns every thought to feasting and mirth, and forgets all sorrow and debt.</p> <p>21 It makes all hearts feel rich, forgets kings and satraps, and makes every one talk in millions.</p> <p>22 When men drink they forget to be friendly with friends and brothers, and before long they draw their swords.</p> <p>23 And when they recover from the wine, they do not remember what they have done.</p> <p>24 Gentlemen, is not wine the strongest, since it forces men to do these things?" When he had said this, he stopped speaking.</p>	
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		<p>1 Esdras 4:1 Then the second, who had spoken of the strength of the king, began to speak:</p> <p>2 "Gentlemen, are not men strongest, who rule over land and sea and all that is in them?</p> <p>3 But the king is stronger; he is their lord and master, and whatever he says to them they obey.</p> <p>4 If he tells them to make war on one another, they do it; and if he sends them out against the enemy, they go, and conquer mountains, walls, and towers.</p> <p>5 They kill and are killed, and do not disobey the king's command; if they win the victory, they bring everything to the king -- whatever spoil they take and everything else.</p> <p>6 Likewise those who do not serve in the army or make war but till the soil, whenever they sow, reap the harvest and bring</p>	
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		<p>some to the king; and they compel one another to pay taxes to the king.</p> <p>7 And yet he is only one man! If he tells them to kill, they kill; if he tells them to release, they release;</p> <p>8 if he tells them to attack, they attack; if he tells them to lay waste, they lay waste; if he tells them to build, they build;</p> <p>9 if he tells them to cut down, they cut down; if he tells them to plant, they plant.</p> <p>10 All his people and his armies obey him. Moreover, he reclines, he eats and drinks and sleeps,</p> <p>11 but they keep watch around him and no one may go away to attend to his own affairs, nor do they disobey him.</p> <p>12 Gentlemen, why is not the king the strongest, since he is to be obeyed in this fashion?" And</p>	
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		<p>he stopped speaking.</p> <p>13 Then the third, that is Zerubbabel, who had spoken of women and truth, began to speak:</p> <p>14 Gentlemen, is not the king great, and are not men many, and is not wine strong? Who then is their master, or who is their lord? Is it not women?</p> <p>15 Women gave birth to the king and to every people that rules over sea and land.</p> <p>16 From women they came; and women brought up the very men who plant the vineyards from which comes wine.</p> <p>17 Women make men's clothes; they bring men glory; men cannot exist without women.</p> <p>18 If men gather gold and silver or any other beautiful thing, and then see a woman lovely in appearance and beauty,</p>	
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		<p>19 they let all those things go, and gape at her, and with open mouths stare at her, and all prefer her to gold or silver or any other beautiful thing.</p> <p>20 A man leaves his own father, who brought him up, and his own country, and cleaves to his wife.</p> <p>21 With his wife he ends his days, with no thought of his father or his mother or his country.</p> <p>22 Hence you must realize that women rule over you! "Do you not labor and toil, and bring everything and give it to women?"</p> <p>23 A man takes his sword, and goes out to travel and rob and steal and to sail the sea and rivers;</p> <p>24 he faces lions, and he walks in darkness, and when he steals and robs and plunders, he brings it back to the woman he</p>	
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		<p>loves.</p> <p>25 A man loves his wife more than his father or his mother.</p> <p>26 Many men have lost their minds because of women, and have become slaves because of them.</p> <p>27 Many have perished, or stumbled, or sinned, because of women.</p> <p>28 And now do you not believe me? "Is not the king great in his power? Do not all lands fear to touch him?</p> <p>29 Yet I have seen him with Apame, the king's concubine, the daughter of the illustrious Bartacus; she would sit at the king's right hand</p> <p>30 and take the crown from the king's head and put it on her own, and slap the king with her left hand.</p> <p>31 At this the king would gaze</p>	
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		<p>at her with mouth agape. If she smiles at him, he laughs; if she loses her temper with him, he flatters her, that she may be reconciled to him.</p> <p>32 Gentlemen, why are not women strong, since they do such things?"</p> <p>33 Then the king and the nobles looked at one another; and he began to speak about truth:</p> <p>34 "Gentlemen, are not women strong? The earth is vast, and heaven is high, and the sun is swift in its course, for it makes the circuit of the heavens and returns to its place in one day.</p> <p>35 Is he not great who does these things? But truth is great, and stronger than all things.</p> <p>36 The whole earth calls upon truth, and heaven blesses her. All God's works quake and tremble, and with him there is nothing unrighteous.</p>	
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		<p>37 Wine is unrighteous, the king is unrighteous, women are unrighteous, all the sons of men are unrighteous, all their works are unrighteous, and all such things. There is no truth in them and in their unrighteousness they will perish.</p> <p>38 But truth endures and is strong for ever, and lives and prevails for ever and ever.</p> <p>39 With her there is no partiality or preference, but she does what is righteous instead of anything that is unrighteous or wicked. All men approve her deeds,</p> <p>40 and there is nothing unrighteous in her judgment. To her belongs the strength and the kingship and the power and the majesty of all the ages. Blessed be the God of truth!"</p> <p>41 He ceased speaking; then all the people shouted, and said, "Great is truth, and strongest of all!"</p>	
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		<p>42 Then the king said to him, "Ask what you wish, even beyond what is written, and we will give it to you, for you have been found to be the wisest. And you shall sit next to me, and be called my kinsman."</p> <p>43 Then he said to the king, "Remember the vow which you made to build Jerusalem, in the day when you became king,</p> <p>44 and to send back all the vessels that were taken from Jerusalem, which Cyrus set apart when he began to destroy Babylon, and vowed to send them back there.</p> <p>45 You also vowed to build the temple, which the Edomites burned when Judea was laid waste by the Chaldeans.</p> <p>46 And now, O lord the king, this is what I ask and request of you, and this befits your greatness. I pray therefore that you fulfil the vow whose</p>	
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		<p>fulfilment you vowed to the King of heaven with your own lips."</p> <p>47 Then Darius the king rose, and kissed him, and wrote letters for him to all the treasurers and governors and generals and satraps, that they should give escort to him and all who were going up with him to build Jerusalem.</p> <p>48 And he wrote letters to all the governors in Coelesyria and Phoenicia and to those in Lebanon, to bring cedar timber from Lebanon to Jerusalem, and to help him build the city.</p> <p>49 And he wrote for all the Jews who were going up from his kingdom to Judea, in the interest of their freedom, that no officer or satrap or governor or treasurer should forcibly enter their doors;</p> <p>50 that all the country which they would occupy should be theirs without tribute; that the</p>	
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		<p>Idumeans should give up the villages of the Jews which they held;</p> <p>51 that twenty talents a year should be given for the building of the temple until it was completed,</p> <p>52 and an additional ten talents a year for burnt offerings to be offered on the altar every day, in accordance with the commandment to make seventeen offerings;</p> <p>53 and that all who came from Babylonia to build the city should have their freedom, they and their children and all the priests who came.</p> <p>54 He wrote also concerning their support and the priests' garments in which they were to minister.</p> <p>55 He wrote that the support for the Levites should be provided until the day when the temple should be finished and</p>	
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		<p>Jerusalem built.</p> <p>56 He wrote that land and wages should be provided for all who guarded the city.</p> <p>57 And he sent back from Babylon all the vessels which Cyrus had set apart; everything that Cyrus had ordered to be done, he also commanded to be done and to be sent to Jerusalem.</p> <p>58 When the young man went out, he lifted up his face to heaven toward Jerusalem, and praised the King of heaven, saying,</p> <p>59 "From thee is the victory; from thee is wisdom, and thine is the glory. I am thy servant.</p> <p>60 Blessed art thou, who hast given me wisdom; I give thee thanks, O Lord of our fathers."</p> <p>61 So he took the letters, and went to Babylon and told this to all his brethren.</p>	
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		<p>62 And they praised the God of their fathers, because he had given them release and permission</p> <p>63 to go up and build Jerusalem and the temple which is called by his name; and they feasted, with music and rejoicing, for seven days.</p> <p>1 Esdras 5:1 After this the heads of fathers' houses were chosen to go up, according to their tribes, with their wives and sons and daughters, and their menservants and maidservants, and their cattle.</p> <p>2 And Darius sent with them a thousand horsemen to take them back to Jerusalem in safety, with the music of drums and flutes;</p> <p>3 and all their brethren were making merry. And he made them go up with them.</p>	
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
		<p>1 Esdras 5:4 These are the names of the men who went up, according to their fathers' houses in the tribes, over their groups:</p> <p>5 the priests, the sons of Phinehas, son of Aaron; Jeshua the son of Jozadak, son of Seraiah, and Joakim the son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, of the house of David, of the lineage of Phares, of the tribe of Judah,</p> <p>6 who spoke wise words before Darius the king of the Persians, in the second year of his reign, in the month of Nisan, the first month.</p>	

Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
<p>Nehemiah 7:6 These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile;</p> <p>they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town.</p> <p>7 They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>7 Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani,</p> <p>7 Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.</p> <p>The number of the men of the people of Israel:</p> <p>8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand a hundred and seventy-two.</p>	<p>Ezra 2:1a Now these were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried captive to Babylonia;</p> <p>1b they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town.</p> <p>2a They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, [Nehemiah,]</p> <p>2b Seraiah, Reelaiah,</p> <p>2c Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah.</p> <p>2d The number of the men of the people of Israel:</p> <p>3 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p>	<p>1 Esdras 5:7a These are the men of Judea who came up out of their sojourn in captivity, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon</p> <p>8a and who returned to Jerusalem and the rest of Judea, each to his own town.</p> <p>8b They came with Zerubbabel and Jeshua, Nehemiah,</p> <p>8c Seraiah, Resaiah, Bigvai,</p> <p>8d Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Reeliah, Rehum, and Baanah, their leaders.</p> <p>9a The number of the men of the nation and their leaders:</p> <p>9b the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 2:1 And these are the people of the land that went up, of the number of prisoners who were removed, whom Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon carried away to Babylon,</p> <p>and they returned to Juda and Jerusalem, every man to his city;</p> <p>2 who came with Zorobabel: Jesus, Neemias,</p> <p>Saraias, Reelias,</p> <p>Mardocheaus, Balasan, Masphar, Baguai, Reum, Baana.</p> <p>The number of the people of Israel:</p> <p>3 the children of Phares, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.</p>

9 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.	4 The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two.	9c The sons of Shephatiah, four hundred and seventy-two.	4 The children of Saphatia, three hundred and seventy-two.
10 The sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two.	5 The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five.	10 The sons of Arah, seven hundred and fifty-six.	5 The children of Ares, seven hundred and seventy-five. 6
11 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen.	6 The sons of Pahathmoab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.	11 The sons of Pahathmoab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.	The children of Phaath Moab, belonging to the sons of Jesue and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
12 The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	7 The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	12a The sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.	7 The children of Aelam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.
13 The sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five.	8 The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.	12b The sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five.	8 The children of Zatthua, nine hundred and forty-five. 9
14 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.	9 The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.	12c The sons of Chorbe, seven hundred and five.	The children of Zacchu, seven hundred and sixty.
15 The sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight.	10 The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two.	12d The sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-eight.	10 The children of Banui, six hundred and forty-two.
16 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight.	11 The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.	13a The sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three.	11 The children of Babai, six hundred and twenty-three.
17 The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.	12 The sons of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two.	13b The sons of Azgad, one thousand three hundred and twenty-two.	12 The children of Asgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

<p>22 The sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>25 The sons of Gibeon, ninety-five.</p> <p>26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, a hundred and eighty-eight.</p> <p>27 The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty-two.</p> <p>29 The men of Kiriathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.</p>	<p>19 The sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>20 The sons of Gibbar, ninety-five.</p> <p>21 The sons of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.</p> <p>23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>24 The sons of Azmaveth, forty-two.</p> <p>25 The sons of Kiriatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.</p>	<p>17 The sons of Baiterus, three thousand and five.</p> <p>The sons of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>18 The men of Netophah, fifty-five.</p> <p>The men of Anathoth, one hundred and fifty-eight.</p> <p>The men of Bethasmoth, forty-two.</p> <p>19 The men of Kiriatharim, twenty-five.</p> <p>The men of Chephirah and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three.</p> <p>20 The Chadiusans and Ammidians, four hundred and</p>	<p>19 The children of Asum, two hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>20 The children of Gaber, ninety-five.</p> <p>21 The children of Bethlaem, a hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>22 The children of Netopha, fifty-six.</p> <p>23 The children of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>24 The children of Azmoth, forty-three.</p> <p>25 The children of Cariathiarim, Chaphira, and Beroth, seven hundred and forty-three.</p>
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<p>30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>31 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two.</p> <p>32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two.</p> <p>34 The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>35 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>36 The sons of Jericho, three</p>	<p>26 The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>27 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.</p> <p>28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>29 The sons of Nebo, fifty-two.</p> <p>30 The sons of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six.</p> <p>31 The sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>32 The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.</p> <p>34 The sons of Jericho, three</p>	<p>twenty-two.</p> <p>The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>21 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.</p> <p>The men of Bethel, fifty-two.</p> <p>The sons of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six.</p> <p>22 The sons of the other Elam and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.</p> <p>The sons of Jericho, three</p>	<p>26 The children of Rama and Gabaa, six hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>27 The men of Machmas, a hundred and twenty-two.</p> <p>28 The men of Baethel and Aia, four hundred and twenty-three.</p> <p>29 The children of Nabu, fifty-two.</p> <p>30 The children of Magebis, a hundred and fifty-six.</p> <p>31 The children of Elamar, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.</p> <p>32 The children of Elam, three hundred and twenty.</p> <p>33 The children of Lodadi and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.</p> <p>34 The children of Jericho,</p>
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<p>hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one.</p> <p>38 The sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.</p> <p>39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.</p> <p>40 The sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two.</p> <p>41 The sons of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.</p> <p>42 The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.</p> <p>43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, namely of Kadmiel of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four.</p> <p>44 The singers: the sons of</p>	<p>hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>35 The sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.</p> <p>36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three.</p> <p>37 The sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two.</p> <p>38 The sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.</p> <p>39 The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.</p> <p>40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.</p> <p>41 The singers: the sons of</p>	<p>hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>23 The sons of Senaah, three thousand three hundred and thirty.</p> <p>24 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah the son of Jeshua, of the sons of Anasib, nine hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>The sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two.</p> <p>25 The sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.</p> <p>The sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.</p> <p>26 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel and Bannas and Sudias, seventy-four.</p> <p>27 The temple singers: the sons</p>	<p>three hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>35 The children of Senaa, three thousand six hundred and thirty.</p> <p>36 And the priests, the sons of Jedua, belonging to the house of Jesus, were nine hundred and seventy-three.</p> <p>37 The children of Emmer, a thousand and fifty-two.</p> <p>38 The children of Phassur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.</p> <p>39 The children of Erem, a thousand and seven.</p> <p>40 And the Levites, the sons of Jesus and Cadmiel, belonging to the sons of Oduia, seventy-four.</p> <p>41 The sons of Asaph, singers,</p>
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<p>Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight.</p> <p>45 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, a hundred and thirty-eight.</p> <p>46 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, 47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon, 48a the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagaba,</p>	<p>Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>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, and the sons of Shobai, in all one hundred and thirty-nine.</p> <p>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, 46a the sons of Akkub,</p>	<p>of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>28 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 one hundred and thirty-nine.</p> <p>29 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon, the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, 30 the sons of Akkub,</p>	<p>a hundred and twenty-eight.</p> <p>42 The children of the porters, the children of Sellum, the children of Ater, the children of Telmon, the children of Acub, the children of Atita, the children of Sobai, in all a hundred and thirty-nine.</p> <p>43 The Nathinim: the children of Suthia, the children of Asupha, the children of Tabaoth, 44 the sons of Cades, the children of Siaa, the children of Phadon, 45 the children of Labano, the children of Agaba, the sons of Acub,</p>
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<p>48b the sons of Shalmal, 49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, 50a the sons of Reaiah, 50b the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, 51a the sons of Gazzam, 51b the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, 52a the sons of Besai,</p>	<p>46b the sons of Hagab, 46c the sons of Shamlai, 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, 49a the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, 49b the sons of Besai,</p>	<p>the sons of Uthai, the sons of Ketab, the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shamlai, the sons of Hana, the sons of Cathua, the sons of Gahar, 31 The sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Chezib, the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Hasrah, the sons of Besai,</p>	<p>46 the children of Agab, the children of Selami, the children of Anan, 47 the children of Geddel, the children of Gaar, the children of Raia, 48 the children of Rason, the children of Necoda, the children of Gazem, 49 the children of Azo, the children of Phase, the children of Basi,</p>
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<p>52b the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim,</p> <p>53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,</p> <p>54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,</p> <p>55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,</p> <p>56 the sons of Neziah,</p>	<p>50a the sons of Asnah, 50b the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephisim,</p> <p>51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,</p> <p>52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,</p> <p>53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,</p> <p>54 the sons of Neziah,</p>	<p>the sons of Asnah, the sons of the Meunites, the sons of Nephisim, the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Asur, the sons of Pharakim, the sons of Bazluth, 32 the sons of Mehida, the sons of Cutha, the sons of Charea, the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah, the sons of Neziah,</p>	<p>50 the children of Asena, the children of Mounim, the children of Nephusim, 51 the children of Bacbuc, the children of Acupha, the children of Arur,</p> <p>52 the children of Basaloth, the children of Mauda, the children of Arsa,</p> <p>53 the children of Barcos, the children of Sisara, the children of Thema,</p> <p>54 the children of Nasthie,</p>
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<p>the sons of Hatipha.</p> <p>57 The sons of Solomon's servants:</p> <p>the sons of Sotai,</p> <p>the sons of Sophereth,</p> <p>the sons of Perida,</p> <p>58 the sons of Jaala,</p> <p>the sons of Darkon,</p> <p>the sons of Giddel,</p> <p>59 the sons of Shephatiah,</p> <p>the sons of Hattil,</p> <p>the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim,</p>	<p>and the sons of Hatipha.</p> <p>55 The sons of Solomon's servants:</p> <p>the sons of Sotai,</p> <p>the sons of Hassophereth,</p> <p>the sons of Peruda,</p> <p>56 the sons of Jaalah,</p> <p>the sons of Darkon,</p> <p>the sons of Giddel,</p> <p>57 the sons of Shephatiah,</p> <p>the sons of Hattil,</p> <p>the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim,</p>	<p>the sons of Hatipha.</p> <p>33 The sons of Solomon's servants:</p> <p>the sons of Hassophereth,</p> <p>the sons of Peruda,</p> <p>the sons of Jaalah,</p> <p>the sons of Lozon,</p> <p>the sons of Giddel,</p> <p>the sons of Shephatiah,</p> <p>34 the sons of Hattil,</p> <p>the sons of Pocherethhazzebaim,</p> <p>the sons of Sarothie,</p> <p>the sons of Masiah,</p> <p>the sons of Gas,</p> <p>the sons of Addus,</p>	<p>the children of Atupha.</p> <p>55 The children of the servants of Solomon:</p> <p>the children of Sotai,</p> <p>the children of Sephera,</p> <p>the children of Phadura,</p> <p>56 the children of Jeela,</p> <p>the children of Darcon,</p> <p>the children of Gedel,</p> <p>57 the children of Saphatia,</p> <p>the children of Atil,</p> <p>the children of Phacherath,</p>
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<p>the sons of Amon.</p> <p>60 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>61 The following were those who came up from Telmelah, Telharsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer,</p> <p>but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to Israel:</p> <p>62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.</p>	<p>and the sons of Ami.</p> <p>58 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 The following were those who came up from Telmelah, Telharsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer,</p> <p>though they could not prove their fathers' houses or their descent, whether they belonged to Israel:</p> <p>60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and</p>	<p>the sons of Subas,</p> <p>the sons of Apherra,</p> <p>the sons of Barodis,</p> <p>the sons of Shaphat,</p> <p>the sons of Ami.</p> <p>35 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were three hundred and seventy-two.</p> <p>36 The following are those who came up from Telmelah and Telharsha, under the leadership of Cherub, Addan, and Immer,</p> <p>37 though they could not prove by their fathers' houses or lineage that they belonged to Israel:</p> <p>the sons of Delaiah the son of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.</p>	<p>the children of Aseboim,</p> <p>the children of Emei.</p> <p>58 All the Nathanim, and the sons of Abdeselma were three hundred and ninety-two.</p> <p>59 And these are they that went up from Thelmelech, Thelaresa, Cherub, Hedan, Emmer:</p> <p>and they were not able to tell the house of their fathers, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:</p> <p>60 the children of Dalaea, the children of Bua, the children of Tobias, the children of</p>
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<p>63 Also, of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name).</p> <p>64 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>65 the governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until a priest with Urim and Thummim</p>	<p>fifty-two.</p> <p>61 Also, of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, and the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name).</p> <p>62 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but they were not found there, and so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean;</p> <p>63 the governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food, until there should be a priest to</p>	<p>38 Of the priests the following had assumed the priesthood but were not found registered: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Jaddus who had married Agia, one of the daughters of Barzillai, and was called by his name.</p> <p>39 And when the genealogy of these men was sought in the register and was not found, they were excluded from serving as priests.</p> <p>40 And Nehemiah and Attarias told them not to share in the holy things until a high priest should appear wearing</p>	<p>Necoda, six hundred and fifty-two.</p> <p>61 And of the children of the priests, the children of Labeia, the children of Akkus, the children of Berzellai, who took a wife of the daughter of Berzellai the Galaadite, and was called by their name.</p> <p>62 These sought their genealogy as though they had been reckoned, but they were not found; and they were removed, as polluted, from the priesthood.</p> <p>63 And the Athersastha told them that they should not eat of the most holy things, until a priest should arise with Lights</p>
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<p>should arise.</p> <p>66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>67 besides their menservants and maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred and forty-five singers, male and female.</p> <p>68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>69 their camels four hundred and thirty-five,</p> <p>and their asses six thousand</p>	<p>consult Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,</p> <p>65 besides their menservants and maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>and they had two hundred male and female singers.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules were two hundred and forty-five,</p> <p>67 their camels were four hundred and thirty-five,</p> <p>and their asses were six</p>	<p>Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>41 All those of Israel, twelve or more years of age, besides menservants and maidservants, were forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty;</p> <p>42 their menservants and maidservants were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven;</p> <p>there were two hundred and forty-five musicians and singers.</p> <p>43 There were four hundred and thirty-five camels,</p> <p>and seven thousand and thirty-six horses,</p> <p>two hundred and forty-five mules,</p> <p>and five thousand five hundred</p>	<p>and Perfections.</p> <p>64 And all the congregation together were about forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty;</p> <p>65 besides their men-servants and maid-servants, and these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven:</p> <p>and among these were two hundred singing men and singing women.</p> <p>66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six,</p> <p>their mules, two hundred and forty-five.</p> <p>67 Their camels, four hundred and thirty-five;</p> <p>their asses, six thousand seven</p>
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<p>seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>70 Now some of the heads of fathers' houses</p> <p>gave to the work.</p> <p>The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.</p> <p>71 And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold and two thousand two hundred minas of silver.</p> <p>72 And what the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, two thousand minas of silver, and</p>	<p>thousand seven hundred and twenty.</p> <p>68 Some of the heads of families, when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site;</p> <p>69 according to their ability</p> <p>they gave to the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.</p>	<p>and twenty-five asses.</p> <p>44 Some of the heads of families, when they came to the temple of God which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>vowed that they would erect the house on its site,</p> <p>to the best of their ability,</p> <p>45 and that they would give to the sacred treasury for the work a thousand minas of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.</p>	<p>hundred and twenty.</p> <p>68 And some of the chiefs of families, when they went into the house of the Lord that was in Jerusalem,</p> <p>offered willingly for the house of God, to establish it on its prepared place.</p> <p>69 According to their power they gave</p> <p>into the treasury of the work pure gold sixty-one thousand pieces, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.</p>
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<p>sixty-seven priests' garments.</p> <p>73a So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.</p>	<p>70 The priests, the Levites, and some of the people lived in Jerusalem and its vicinity; and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their towns, and all Israel in their towns.</p>	<p>46 The priests, the Levites, and some of the people settled in Jerusalem and its vicinity; and the temple singers, the gatekeepers, and all Israel in their towns.</p>	<p>70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nathinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.</p>
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
	<p data-bbox="638 321 1024 496">Ezra 3:1 When the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem.</p> <p data-bbox="638 574 1024 789">2 Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p data-bbox="638 867 1024 971">to offer burnt offerings upon it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.</p> <p data-bbox="638 1159 1024 1302">3 They set the altar in its place, for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the lands,</p> <p data-bbox="638 1344 1024 1370">and they offered burnt</p>	<p data-bbox="1050 321 1465 532">47 When the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were each in his own home, they gathered as one man in the square before the first gate toward the east.</p> <p data-bbox="1050 574 1465 824">48 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, with his kinsmen, took their places and prepared the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p data-bbox="1050 867 1465 1010">49 to offer burnt offerings upon it, in accordance with the directions in the book of Moses the man of God.</p> <p data-bbox="1050 1052 1465 1123">50 And some joined them from the other peoples of the land.</p> <p data-bbox="1050 1159 1465 1302">And they erected the altar in its place, for all the peoples of the land were hostile to them and were stronger than they;</p> <p data-bbox="1050 1344 1465 1370">and they offered sacrifices at</p>	<p data-bbox="1491 321 1885 532">LXE Ezra 3:1 And the seventh month came on, and the children of Israel were in their cities, and the people assembled as one man at Jerusalem.</p> <p data-bbox="1491 574 1885 789">2 Then stood up Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren the priests, and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel,</p> <p data-bbox="1491 867 1885 1010">to offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings, according to the things that were written in the law of Moses the man of God.</p> <p data-bbox="1491 1159 1885 1302">3 And they set up the altar on its place, for there was a terror upon them because of the people of the lands:</p> <p data-bbox="1491 1344 1885 1370">and the whole-burnt-offerings</p>

	<p>offerings upon it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.</p> <p>4 And they kept the feast of booths, as it is written,</p> <p>and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the ordinance, as each day required,</p> <p>5 and after that the continual burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the LORD,</p> <p>and the offerings of every one who made a freewill offering to the LORD.</p> <p>6 From the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD.</p> <p>But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not</p>	<p>the proper times and burnt offerings to the Lord morning and evening.</p> <p>51 They kept the feast of booths, as it is commanded in the law,</p> <p>and offered the proper sacrifices every day,</p> <p>52 and thereafter the continual offerings and sacrifices on sabbaths and at new moons and at all the consecrated feasts.</p> <p>53 And all who had made any vow to God began to offer sacrifices to God,</p> <p>from the new moon of the seventh month,</p> <p>though the temple of God was not yet built.</p>	<p>was offered up upon it to the Lord morning and evening.</p> <p>4 And they kept the feast of tabernacles, according to that which was written,</p> <p>and offered whole-burnt-offerings daily in number according to the ordinance, the exact daily rate.</p> <p>5 And after this the perpetual whole-burnt-offering, and offering for the season of new moon, and for all the hallowed feasts to the Lord,</p> <p>and for every one that offered a free-will-offering to the Lord.</p> <p>6 On the first day of the seventh month</p> <p>they began to offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord:</p> <p>but the foundation of the house of the Lord was not</p>
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	<p>yet laid.</p> <p>7 So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil</p> <p>to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa,</p> <p>according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.</p> <p>8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their brethren, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity.</p>	<p>54 And they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food and drink</p> <p>55 and carts to the Sidonians and the Tyrians, to bring cedar logs from Lebanon and convey them in rafts to the harbor of Joppa,</p> <p>according to the decree which they had in writing from Cyrus king of the Persians.</p> <p>56 In the second year after their coming to the temple of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with their brethren and the Levitical priests and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity;</p> <p>57 and they laid the foundation of the temple of God on the new moon of the second month</p>	<p>laid.</p> <p>7 And they gave money to the stone-hewers and carpenters, and meat and drink, and oil,</p> <p>to the Sidonians, and Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Libanus to the sea of Joppa,</p> <p>according to the grant of Cyrus king of the Persians to them.</p> <p>8 And in the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem,</p>
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	<p>They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of the house of the LORD.</p> <p>9 And Jeshua with his sons and his kinsmen,</p> <p>and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah,</p> <p>together took the oversight of the workmen in the house of God,</p> <p>along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and kinsmen.</p>	<p>in the second year after they came to Judea and Jerusalem.</p> <p>58 And they appointed the Levites who were twenty or more years of age to have charge of the work of the Lord.</p> <p>And Jeshua arose, and his sons and brethren</p> <p>and Kadmiel his brother</p> <p>and the sons of Jeshua</p> <p>Emadabun and the sons of Joda son of Iliadun, with their sons and brethren, all the Levites,</p> <p>as one man pressing forward the work on the house of God.</p>	<p>and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, over the workmen in the house of the Lord.</p> <p>9 And Jesus and his sons and his brethren stood,</p> <p>Cadmiel and his sons</p> <p>the sons of Juda, over them that wrought the works in the house of God:</p> <p>the sons of Enadad, their sons and their brethren the Levites.</p>
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	<p>10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD,</p> <p>the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals,</p> <p>to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel;</p> <p>11 and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,</p> <p>"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward Israel."</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.</p> <p>12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of</p>	<p>So the builders built the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>59 And the priests stood arrayed in their garments, with musical instruments and trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals,</p> <p>60 praising the Lord and blessing him, according to the directions of David king of Israel;</p> <p>61 and they sang hymns, giving thanks to the Lord,</p> <p>because his goodness and his glory are for ever upon all Israel.</p> <p>62 And all the people sounded trumpets and shouted with a great shout, praising the Lord for the erection of the house of the Lord.</p> <p>63 Some of the Levitical priests and heads of fathers' houses,</p>	<p>10 And they laid a foundation for building the house of the Lord:</p> <p>and the priests in their robes stood with trumpets and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals,</p> <p>to praise the Lord, according to the order of David king of Israel.</p> <p>11 And they answered each other with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord,</p> <p>saying, For it is good, for his mercy to Israel endures for ever.</p> <p>And all the people shouted with a loud voice to praise the Lord at the laying the foundation of the house of the Lord.</p> <p>12 But many of the priests and the Levites, and the elder men,</p>
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	<p>fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid,</p> <p>though many shouted aloud for joy;</p> <p>13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping,</p> <p>for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard afar.</p> <p>Ezra 4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard</p> <p>that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel,</p>	<p>old men who had seen the former house, came to the building of this one with outcries and loud weeping,</p> <p>64 while many came with trumpets and a joyful noise,</p> <p>65 so that the people could not hear the trumpets because of the weeping of the people.</p> <p>For the multitude sounded the trumpets loudly, so that the sound was heard afar;</p> <p>66 and when the enemies of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin heard it,</p> <p>they came to find out what the sound of the trumpets meant.</p> <p>67 And they learned that those who had returned from captivity were building the temple for the Lord God of Israel.</p>	<p>heads of families, who had seen the former house on its foundation, and who saw this house with their eyes, wept with a loud voice:</p> <p>but the multitude shouted with joy to raise a song.</p> <p>13 And the people did not distinguish the voice of the glad shout from the voice of the weeping of the people:</p> <p>for the people shouted with a loud voice, and the voice was heard even from afar off.</p> <p>LXE Ezra 4:1 And they that afflicted Juda and Benjamin heard,</p> <p>that the children of the captivity were building a house to the Lord God of Israel.</p>
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	<p>2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, "Let us build with you;</p> <p>for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here."</p> <p>3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them,</p> <p>"You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God;</p> <p>but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."</p> <p>4 Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and made them afraid</p>	<p>68 So they approached Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the heads of the fathers' houses and said to them, "We will build with you.</p> <p>69 For we obey your Lord just as you do and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of the Assyrians, who brought us here."</p> <p>70 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the heads of the fathers' houses in Israel said to them,</p> <p>"You have nothing to do with us in building the house for the Lord our God,</p> <p>71 for we alone will build it for the Lord of Israel, as Cyrus the king of the Persians has commanded us."</p> <p>72 But the peoples of the land pressed hard upon those in Judea, cut off their supplies,</p>	<p>2 And they drew near to Zorobabel, and to the heads of families, and said to them, We will build with you;</p> <p>for as ye do, we seek to serve our God, and we do sacrifice to him from the days of Asaradan king of Assur, who brought us hither.</p> <p>3 then Zorobabel, and Jesus and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel said to them,</p> <p>It is not for us and you to build a house to our God,</p> <p>for we ourselves will build together to the Lord our God, as Cyrus the king of the Persians commanded us.</p> <p>4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Juda, and hindered</p>
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	<p>to build,</p> <p>5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <p>even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.</p>	<p>and hindered their building;</p> <p>73 and by plots and demagoguery and uprisings they prevented the completion of the building as long as King Cyrus lived.</p> <p>And they were kept from building for two years, until the reign of Darius.</p>	<p>them in building,</p> <p>5 and continued hiring persons against them, plotting to frustrate their counsel, all the days of Cyrus king of the Persians,</p> <p>and until the reign of Darius king of the Persians.</p>
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	<p>Ezra 5:1 Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.</p> <p>2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them.</p> <p>3 At the same time Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai and their associates came to them and spoke to them thus,</p> <p>"Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish</p>	<p>1 Esdras 6:1 Now in the second year of the reign of Darius,</p> <p>the prophets Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo prophesied to the Jews who were in Judea and Jerusalem, they prophesied to them in the name of the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, with the help of the prophets of the Lord who were with them.</p> <p>3 At the same time Sisinnus the governor of Syria and Phoenicia and Sathrabuzanes and their associates came to them and said,</p> <p>4 "By whose order are you building this house and this roof</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 5:1 And Aggaeus the prophet, and Zacharias the son of Addo, prophesied a prophesy to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even to them.</p> <p>2 Then rose up Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of God that was in Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God assisting them.</p> <p>3 At the same time came there upon them Thanthanai, the governor on this side the river, and Satharbusanai, and their fellow-servants, and spoke thus to them,</p> <p>Who has ordained a decree for you to build this house, and to</p>

	<p>this structure?"</p> <p>4 They also asked them this, "What are the names of the men who are building this building?"</p> <p>5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews,</p> <p>and they did not stop them till a report should reach Darius and then answer be returned by letter concerning it.</p> <p>6 The copy of the letter which Tattenai the governor of the province Beyond the River and Shetharbozenai and his associates the governors who were in the province Beyond the River sent to Darius the king;</p> <p>7 they sent him a report, in which was written as follows:</p>	<p>and finishing all the other things?</p> <p>And who are the builders that are finishing these things?"</p> <p>5 Yet the elders of the Jews were dealt with kindly, for the providence of the Lord was over the captives;</p> <p>6 and they were not prevented from building until word could be sent to Darius concerning them and a report made.</p> <p>7 A copy of the letter which Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, and their associates the local rulers in Syria and Phoenicia, wrote and sent to Darius:</p>	<p>provide this preparation?</p> <p>4 Then they spoke thus to them, What are the names of the men that build this city?</p> <p>5 But the eyes of God were upon the captivity of Juda,</p> <p>and they did not cause them to cease till the decree was brought to Darius; and then was sent by the tribute-gatherer concerning this</p> <p>6 the copy of a letter, which Thanthanai, the governor of the part on this side the river, and Satharbuzanai, and their fellow-servants the Apharsachaeans who were on this side of the river, sent to king Darius.</p> <p>7 They sent an account to him, and thus it was written in it:</p>
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	<p>"To Darius the king, all peace.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the king that we went to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God.</p> <p>It is being built with huge stones, and timber is laid in the walls;</p> <p>this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.</p> <p>9 Then we asked those elders and spoke to them thus, `Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?'</p> <p>10 We also asked them their names, for your information,</p>	<p>8 "To King Darius, greeting.</p> <p>Let it be fully known to our lord the king that, when we went to the country of Judea and entered the city of Jerusalem,</p> <p>we found the elders of the Jews, who had been in captivity,</p> <p>9 building in the city of Jerusalem a great new house for the Lord, of hewn stone, with costly timber laid in the walls.</p> <p>10 These operations are going on rapidly, and the work is prospering in their hands</p> <p>and being completed with all splendor and care.</p> <p>11 Then we asked these elders, `At whose command are you building this house and laying the foundations of this structure?'</p> <p>12 And in order that we might inform you in writing who the</p>	<p>All peace to king Darius.</p> <p>8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the land of Judea, to the house of the great God;</p> <p>and it is building with choice stones, and they are laying timbers in the walls,</p> <p>and that work is prospering, and goes on favorably in their hands.</p> <p>9 Then we asked those elders, and thus we said to them, Who gave you the order to build this house, and to provide this preparation?</p> <p>10 And we asked them their names, in order to declare</p>
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	<p>that we might write down the names of the men at their head.</p> <p>11 And this was their reply to us: `We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished.</p> <p>12 But because our fathers had angered the God of heaven, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean,</p> <p>who destroyed this house and carried away the people to Babylonia.</p> <p>13 However in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon,</p>	<p>leaders are, we questioned them and asked them for a list of the names of those who are at their head.</p> <p>13 They answered us, `We are the servants of the Lord who created the heaven and the earth.</p> <p>14 And the house was built many years ago by a king of Israel who was great and strong, and it was finished.</p> <p>15 But when our fathers sinned against the Lord of Israel who is in heaven, and provoked him, he gave them over into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of the Chaldeans;</p> <p>16 and they pulled down the house, and burned it, and carried the people away captive to Babylon.</p> <p>17 But in the first year that Cyrus reigned over the country</p>	<p>them to thee, so as to write to thee the names of their leading men.</p> <p>11 And they answered us thus, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth,</p> <p>and we are building the house which had been built many years before this, and a great king of Israel built it, and established it for them.</p> <p>12 But after that our fathers provoked the God of heaven, he gave them into the hands of Nabuchodonosor the Chaldean, king of Babylon,</p> <p>and he destroyed this house, and carried the people captive to Babylon.</p> <p>13 And in the first year of king Cyrus, Cyrus the king</p>
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	<p>Cyrus the king made a decree that this house of God should be rebuilt.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;</p> <p>15 and he said to him, "Take these vessels, go and put them in the temple which is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its site."</p> <p>16 Then this Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and from that time until now it has been in building, and it is not yet finished.'</p>	<p>of Babylonia, King Cyrus wrote that this house should be rebuilt.</p> <p>18 And the holy vessels of gold and of silver, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the house in Jerusalem and stored in his own temple, these Cyrus the king took out again from the temple in Babylon, and they were delivered to Zerubbabel and Sheshbazzar the governor</p> <p>19 with the command that he should take all these vessels back and put them in the temple at Jerusalem, and that this temple of the Lord should be rebuilt on its site.</p> <p>20 Then this Sheshbazzar, after coming here, laid the foundations of the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, and although it has been in process of construction from that time until now, it has not yet reached</p>	<p>made a decree that this house of God should be built.</p> <p>14 And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nabuchodonosor brought out from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried them into the temple of the king, them did king Cyrus bring out from the temple of the king, and gave them to Sabanasar the treasurer, who was over the treasurer;</p> <p>15 and said to him, Take all the vessels, and go, put them in the house that is in Jerusalem in their place.</p> <p>16 Then that Sabanazar came, and laid the foundations of the house of God in Jerusalem: and from that time even until now it has been building, and has not been finished.</p>
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	<p>17 Therefore, if it seem good to the king, let search be made in the royal archives there in Babylon,</p> <p>to see whether a decree was issued by Cyrus the king for the rebuilding of this house of God in Jerusalem.</p> <p>And let the king send us his pleasure in this matter."</p> <p>Ezra 6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in Babylonia,</p> <p>in the house of the archives where the documents were stored.</p> <p>2 And in Ecbatana, the capital which is in the province of Media, a scroll was found on</p>	<p>completion.'</p> <p>21 Now therefore, if it seems wise, O king, let search be made in the royal archives of our lord the king that are in Babylon;</p> <p>22 and if it is found that the building of the house of the Lord in Jerusalem was done with the consent of King Cyrus,</p> <p>and if it is approved by our lord the king, let him send us directions concerning these things."</p> <p>23 Then Darius commanded that search be made in the royal archives that were deposited in Babylon.</p> <p>And in Ecbatana, the fortress which is in the country of Media, a scroll was found in</p>	<p>17 And now, if it seem good to the king, lest search be made in the treasure-house of the king at Babylon,</p> <p>that thou mayest know if it be that a decree was made by king Cyrus to build that house of God that was in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and let the king send to us when he has learnt concerning this matter.</p> <p>LXE Ezra 6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and caused a search to be made in the record-offices,</p> <p>where the treasure is stored in Babylon.</p> <p>2 And there was found in the city, in the palace, a volume, and this was the record written</p>
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	<p>which this was written: "A record.</p> <p>3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king issued a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt,</p> <p>the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt offerings are brought;</p> <p>its height shall be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits,</p> <p>4 with three courses of great stones and one course of timber; let the cost be paid from the royal treasury.</p> <p>5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that is in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and</p>	<p>which this was recorded:</p> <p>24 "In the first year of the reign of Cyrus, King Cyrus ordered the building of the house of the Lord in Jerusalem,</p> <p>where they sacrifice with perpetual fire;</p> <p>25 its height to be sixty cubits and its breadth sixty cubits,</p> <p>with three courses of hewn stone and one course of new native timber; the cost to be paid from the treasury of Cyrus the king;</p> <p>26 and that the holy vessels of the house of the Lord, both of gold and of silver, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the house in Jerusalem and carried away to Babylon,</p>	<p>in it.</p> <p>3 In the first year of king Cyrus, Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the holy house of God that was in Jerusalem, saying, Let the house be built,</p> <p>and the place where they sacrifice the sacrifices.</p> <p>(Also he appointed its elevation, in height sixty cubits; its breadth was of sixty cubits.)</p> <p>4 And let there be three strong layers of stone, and one layer of timber; and the expense shall be paid out of the house of the king.</p> <p>5 And the silver and the gold vessels of the house of God, which Nabuchodonosor carried off from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried to Babylon, let them even be</p>
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	<p>brought back to the temple which is in Jerusalem, each to its place; you shall put them in the house of God."</p> <p>6 "Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and your associates the governors who are in the province Beyond the River, keep away;</p> <p>7 let the work on this house of God alone;</p> <p>let</p> <p>the governor of the Jews</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews</p> <p>rebuild this house of God on its site.</p> <p>8 Moreover I make a decree</p>	<p>should be restored to the house in Jerusalem, to be placed where they had been."</p> <p>27 So Darius commanded Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, and their associates, and those who were appointed as local rulers in Syria and Phoenicia, to keep away from the place,</p> <p>and to permit</p> <p>Zerubbabel, the servant of the Lord</p> <p>and governor of Judea,</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews to</p> <p>build this house of the Lord on its site.</p> <p>28 "And I command that it be</p>	<p>given, and be carried to the temple that is in Jerusalem, and put in the place where they were set in the house of God.</p> <p>6 Now, ye rulers beyond the river, Satharbozanai, and their fellow-servants the Apharsachaeans, who are on the other side of the river, give these things, keeping far from that place.</p> <p>7 Now let alone the work of the house of God:</p> <p>let</p> <p>the rulers of the Jews</p> <p>and the elders of the Jews</p> <p>build that house of God on its place.</p> <p>8 Also a decree has been made</p>
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	<p>regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God;</p> <p>the cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River.</p> <p>9 And whatever is needed -- young bulls, rams, or sheep</p> <p>for burnt offerings to the God of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests at Jerusalem require -- let that be given to them day by day without fail,</p>	<p>built completely, and that full effort be made to help the men who have returned from the captivity of Judea, until the house of the Lord is finished;</p> <p>29 and that out of the tribute of Coelesyria and Phoenicia a portion be scrupulously given to these men,</p> <p>that is, to Zerubbabel the governor,</p> <p>for sacrifices to the Lord, for bulls and rams and lambs,</p> <p>30 and likewise wheat and salt and wine and oil, regularly every year, without quibbling, for daily use as the priests in Jerusalem may indicate,</p>	<p>by me, if haply ye may do somewhat in concert with the elders of the Jews for the building of that house of God:</p> <p>to wit, out of the king's property, even the tributes beyond the river, let there be money to defray the expenses carefully granted to those men, so that they be not hindered.</p> <p>9 And whatever need there may be, ye shall give both the young of bulls and rams, and lambs</p> <p>for whole-burnt-offerings to the God of heaven,</p> <p>wheat, salt, wine, oil:-- let it be given them according to the word of the priests that are in Jerusalem, day by day whatsoever they shall ask;</p>
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	<p>10 that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.</p> <p>11 Also I make a decree that if any one alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled upon it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.</p> <p>12 May the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any king or people that shall put forth a hand to alter this, or to destroy this house of God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>I Darius make a decree; let it be done with all diligence."</p> <p>13 Then, according to the word sent by Darius the king, Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River,</p>	<p>31 in order that libations may be made to the Most High God for the king and his children, and prayers be offered for their life."</p> <p>32 And he commanded that if any should transgress or nullify any of the things herein written, a beam should be taken out of his house and he should be hanged upon it, and his property should be forfeited to the king.</p> <p>33 "Therefore may the Lord, whose name is there called upon, destroy every king and nation that shall stretch out their hands to hinder or damage that house of the Lord in Jerusalem.</p> <p>34 "I, King Darius, have decreed that it be done with all diligence as here prescribed."</p> <p>1 Esdras 7:1 Then Sisinnes the governor of Coelesyria and Phoenicia, and Sathrabuzanes, and their associates,</p>	<p>10 that they may offer sweet savours to the God of heaven, and that they may pray for the life of the king and his sons.</p> <p>11 And a decree has been made by me, that every man who shall alter this word, timber shall be pulled down from his house, and let him be lifted up and slain upon it, and his house shall be confiscated.</p> <p>12 And may the God whose name dwells there, overthrow every king and people who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the house of God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>I Darius have made a decree; let it be diligently attended to.</p> <p>13 Then Thanthanai the governor on this side beyond the river, Satharbuzanai, and his fellow-servants,</p>
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	<p>Shetharbozenai, and their associates</p> <p>did with all diligence</p> <p>what Darius the king had ordered.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the Jews</p> <p>built and prospered,</p> <p>through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo.</p> <p>They finished their building by command of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia;</p>	<p>following the orders of King Darius,</p> <p>2 supervised the holy work with very great care, assisting the</p> <p>elders of the Jews and the chief officers of the temple.</p> <p>3 And the holy work prospered,</p> <p>while the prophets Haggai and Zechariah prophesied;</p> <p>4 and they completed it by the command of the Lord God of Israel. So with the consent of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of the Persians,</p>	<p>according to that which king Darius sent,</p> <p>so they did diligently.</p> <p>14 And the elders of the Jews and the Levites</p> <p>built,</p> <p>at the prophecy of Aggaeus the prophet, and Zacharias the son of Addo:</p> <p>and they built up, and finished it, by the decree of the God of Israel, and by the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Arthasastha, kings of the Persians.</p>
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	<p>15 and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.</p> <p>16 And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.</p> <p>17 They offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>18 And they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses,</p> <p>for the service of God at Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.</p>	<p>5 the holy house was finished by the twenty-third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of King Darius.</p> <p>6 And the people of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the rest of those from the captivity who joined them, did according to what was written in the book of Moses.</p> <p>7 They offered at the dedication of the temple of the Lord one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>8 and twelve he-goats for the sin of all Israel, according to the number of the twelve leaders of the tribes of Israel;</p> <p>9 and the priests and the Levites stood arrayed in their garments, according to kindred,</p> <p>for the services of the Lord God of Israel in accordance with the book of Moses;</p>	<p>15 And they finished this house by the third day of the month Adar, which is the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.</p> <p>16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of the house of God with gladness.</p> <p>17 And they offered for the dedication of the house of God a hundred calves, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs,</p> <p>twelve kids of the goats for a sin-offering for all Israel, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their separate orders,</p> <p>for the services of God in Jerusalem, according to the writing of the book of Moses.</p>
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
	<p data-bbox="638 467 1016 532">Ezra 6:19 On the fourteenth day of the first month</p> <p data-bbox="638 574 982 639">the returned exiles kept the passover.</p> <p data-bbox="638 688 961 786">20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together;</p> <p data-bbox="638 834 928 867">all of them were clean.</p> <p data-bbox="638 1013 1016 1159">So they killed the passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves;</p> <p data-bbox="638 1240 1016 1370">21 it was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by every one who had joined them and</p>	<p data-bbox="1050 321 1415 428">1 Esdras 7:10 The people of Israel who came from the captivity kept the passover</p> <p data-bbox="1050 467 1436 532">on the fourteenth day of the first month,</p> <p data-bbox="1050 688 1457 753">after the priests and the Levites were purified together.</p> <p data-bbox="1050 834 1436 964">11 Not all of the returned captives were purified, but the Levites were all purified together,</p> <p data-bbox="1050 1013 1436 1192">12 and they sacrificed the passover lamb for all the returned captives and for their brethren the priests and for themselves.</p> <p data-bbox="1050 1240 1457 1370">13 And the people of Israel who came from the captivity ate it, all those who had separated themselves from the</p>	<p data-bbox="1491 321 1856 428">LXE Ezra 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover</p> <p data-bbox="1491 467 1877 532">on the fourteenth day of the first month.</p> <p data-bbox="1491 688 1877 753">20 For the priests and Levites were purified,</p> <p data-bbox="1491 834 1856 867">all were clean to a man, and</p> <p data-bbox="1491 1013 1877 1159">they slew the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.</p> <p data-bbox="1491 1240 1877 1370">21 And the children of Israel ate the passover, even they that were of the captivity, and every one who separated</p>

	<p>separated himself from the pollutions of the peoples of the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel.</p> <p>22 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; for the LORD had made them joyful,</p> <p>and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.</p>	<p>abominations of the peoples of the land and sought the Lord.</p> <p>14 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, rejoicing before the Lord,</p> <p>15 Because he had changed the will of the king of the Assyrians concerning them, to strengthen their hands for the service of the Lord God of Israel.</p>	<p>himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>22 and they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with gladness, because the Lord made them glad,</p> <p>and he turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the house of the God of Israel.</p>
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	<p>Ezra 7:1 Now after this, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,</p> <p>2 son of Shallum,</p> <p>son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,</p> <p>3 son of Amariah,</p> <p>son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,</p> <p>4 son of Zerariah,</p> <p>son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,</p> <p>5 son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest --</p> <p>6 this Ezra went up from Babylonia. He was a scribe</p>	<p>1 Esdras 8:1 After these things, when Artaxerxes the king of the Persians was reigning, Ezra came, the son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,</p> <p>son of Shallum,</p> <p>2 son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,</p> <p>son of Amariah,</p> <p>son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,</p> <p>son of Abishua, son of Phineas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest.</p> <p>3 This Ezra came up from Babylon as a scribe skilled in</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Arthasastha king of the Persians, came up Esdras the son of Saraias, the son of Azarias, the son of Chelcias,</p> <p>2 the son of Selum,</p> <p>the son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob,</p> <p>3 the son of Samarias,</p> <p>the son of Esria, the son of Mareoth,</p> <p>4 the son of Zارايا,</p> <p>the son of Ozias, the son of Bokki,</p> <p>5 the son of Abisue, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the first priest.</p> <p>6 This Esdras went up out of Babylon; and he was a ready</p>

	<p>skilled in the law of Moses which the LORD the God of Israel had given;</p> <p>and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the LORD his God was upon him.</p> <p>7 And there went up also</p> <p>to Jerusalem,</p> <p>in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king,</p> <p>some of the people of Israel, and some of the priests and Levites, the singers and gatekeepers, and the temple servants.</p> <p>8 And he came to Jerusalem</p>	<p>the law of Moses, which was given by the God of Israel;</p> <p>4 and the king showed him honor, for he found favor before the king in all his requests.</p> <p>5 There came up with him</p> <p>to Jerusalem</p> <p>some of the people of Israel and some of the priests and Levites and temple singers and gatekeepers and temple servants,</p>	<p>scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel gave:</p> <p>and the king gave him leave, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him in all things which he sought.</p> <p>7 And some of the children of Israel</p> <p>went up,</p> <p>and some of the priests, and of the Levites, and the singers, and the door-keepers, and the Nathinim,</p> <p>to Jerusalem,</p> <p>in the seventh year of Arthasastha the king.</p> <p>8 And they came to Jerusalem</p>
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	<p>in the fifth month,</p> <p>which was in the seventh year of the king;</p> <p>9 for on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylonia, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was upon him.</p> <p>10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach his statutes and ordinances in Israel.</p> <p>11 This is a copy of the letter which King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, learned in matters of the commandments of the LORD and his statutes for Israel:</p>	<p>6 in the seventh year of the reign of Artaxerxes,</p> <p>in the fifth month (this was the king's seventh year);</p> <p>for they left Babylon on the new moon of the first month and arrived in Jerusalem on the new moon of the fifth month, by the prosperous journey which the Lord gave them.</p> <p>7 For Ezra possessed great knowledge, so that he omitted nothing from the law of the Lord or the commandments, but taught all Israel all the ordinances and judgments.</p> <p>8 The following is a copy of the written commission from Artaxerxes the king which was delivered to Ezra the priest and reader of the law of the Lord:</p>	<p>in the fifth month,</p> <p>this was the seventh year of the king.</p> <p>9 For in the first day of the first month he began the going up from Babylon, and in the first day of the fifth month, they came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was upon him.</p> <p>10 For Esdras had determined in his heart to seek the law, and to do and teach the ordinances and judgments in Israel.</p> <p>11 And this is the copy of the order which Arthasatha gave to Esdras the priest, the scribe of the book of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his ordinances to Israel.</p>
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	<p>12 "Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven.</p> <p>And now</p> <p>13 I make a decree that any one of the people of Israel or their priests or Levites in my kingdom, who freely offers to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.</p> <p>14 For you are sent by the king and his seven counselors</p> <p>to make inquiries about Judah and Jerusalem</p> <p>according to the law of your God, which is in your hand,</p> <p>15 and also to convey the silver and gold which the</p>	<p>9 "King Artaxerxes to Ezra the priest and reader of the law of the Lord, greeting.</p> <p>10 In accordance with my gracious decision,</p> <p>I have given orders that those of the Jewish nation and of the priests and Levites and others in our realm, who freely choose to do so, may go with you to Jerusalem.</p> <p>11 Let as many as are so disposed, therefore, depart with you</p> <p>as I and the seven friends who are my counselors have decided,</p> <p>12 in order to look into matters in Judea and Jerusalem,</p> <p>in accordance with what is in the law of the Lord,</p> <p>13 and to carry to Jerusalem the gifts for the Lord of Israel</p>	<p>12 Arthasastha, king of kings, to Esdras, the scribe of the law of the Lord God of heaven,</p> <p>Let the order and the answer be accomplished.</p> <p>13 A decree is made by me, that every one who is willing in my kingdom of the people of Israel, and of the priests and Levites, to go to Jerusalem,</p> <p>be permitted to go with thee.</p> <p>14 One has been sent from the king and the seven councillors,</p> <p>to visit Judea and Jerusalem,</p> <p>according to the law of their God that is in thine hand.</p> <p>15 And for the house of the Lord there have been sent</p>
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	<p>king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>16 with all the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of Babylonia,</p> <p>and with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests, vowed willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>17 With this money, then,</p> <p>you shall with all diligence buy bulls, rams, and lambs, with their cereal offerings and their drink offerings, and you shall offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>18 Whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do</p>	<p>which I and my friends have vowed, and to collect for the Lord in Jerusalem</p> <p>all the gold and silver that may be found in the country of Babylonia,</p> <p>14 together with what is given by the nation for the temple of their Lord which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>both gold and silver for bulls and rams and lambs and what goes with them,</p> <p>15 so as to offer sacrifices upon the altar of their Lord which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>16 And whatever you and your brethren are minded to do with</p>	<p>silver and gold, which the king and the councillors have freely given to the God of Israel, who dwells in Jerusalem.</p> <p>16 And all the silver and gold, whatsoever thou shalt find in all the land of Babylon,</p> <p>with the freewill-offering of the people, and the priests that offer freely for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>17 And as for every one that arrives there,</p> <p>speedily order him by this letter to bring calves, rams, lambs, and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings; and thou shalt offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>18 And whatever it shall seem good to thee and to thy</p>
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	<p>with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do, according to the will of your God.</p> <p>19 The vessels that have been given you for the service of the house of your God, you shall deliver before the God of Jerusalem.</p> <p>20 And whatever else is required for the house of your God, which you have occasion to provide, you may provide it out of the king's treasury.</p> <p>21 "And I, Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers in the province Beyond the River: Whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, requires of you, be it done with all diligence,</p> <p>22 up to a hundred talents of silver, a hundred cors of wheat, a hundred baths of</p>	<p>the gold and silver, perform it in accordance with the will of your God;</p> <p>17 and deliver the holy vessels of the Lord which are given you for the use of the temple of your God which is in Jerusalem.</p> <p>18 And whatever else occurs to you as necessary for the temple of your God, you may provide out of the royal treasury.</p> <p>19 "And I, Artaxerxes the king, have commanded the treasurers of Syria and Phoenicia that whatever Ezra the priest and reader of the law of the Most High God sends for, they shall take care to give him,</p> <p>20 up to a hundred talents of silver, and likewise up to a hundred cors of wheat, a</p>	<p>brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do as it is pleasing to your God.</p> <p>19 And deliver the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of God, before God in Jerusalem.</p> <p>20 And as to the rest of the need of the house of thy God, thou shalt give from the king's treasure-houses,</p> <p>21 and from me, whatever it shall seem good to thee to give.</p> <p>I king Arthasastha have made a decree for all the treasuries that are in the country beyond the river, that whatever Esdras the priest and scribe of the God of heaven may ask you, it shall be done speedily,</p> <p>22 to the amount of a hundred talents of silver, and a hundred measures of wheat, and a</p>
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	<p>wine, a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.</p> <p>23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done in full for the house of the God of heaven, lest his wrath be against the realm of the king and his sons.</p> <p>24 We also notify you that it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll upon any one of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the doorkeepers, the temple servants, or other servants of this house of God.</p> <p>25 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the province Beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God;</p>	<p>hundred baths of wine, and salt in abundance.</p> <p>21 Let all things prescribed in the law of God be scrupulously fulfilled for the Most High God, so that wrath may not come upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.</p> <p>22 You are also informed that no tribute or any other tax is to be laid on any of the priests or Levites or temple singers or gatekeepers or temple servants or persons employed in this temple, and that no one has authority to impose any tax upon them.</p> <p>23 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of God, appoint judges and justices to judge all those who know the law of your God, throughout all Syria and Phoenicia; and those who do not know it you shall teach.</p>	<p>hundred baths of wine, and a hundred baths of oil, and salt without reckoning.</p> <p>23 Let whatever is in the decree of the God of heaven, be done: take heed lest any one make an attack on the house of the God of heaven, lest at any time there shall be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons.</p> <p>24 Also this has been declared to you, with respect to all the priests, and Levites, the singers, porters, Nathinim and ministers of the house of God, let no tribute be paid to thee; thou shalt not have power to oppress them.</p> <p>25 And thou, Esdras, as the wisdom of God is in thy hand, appoint scribes and judges, that they may judge for all the people beyond the river, all that know the law of the Lord thy God; and ye shall make it known to him that knows not.</p>
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	<p>and those who do not know them, you shall teach.</p> <p>26 Whoever will not obey the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be strictly executed upon him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of his goods or for imprisonment."</p> <p>27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>28 and who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty officers.</p> <p>I took courage, for the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered leading men from Israel to go up with me.</p>	<p>24 And all who transgress the law of your God or the law of the kingdom shall be strictly punished, whether by death or some other punishment, either fine or imprisonment."</p> <p>25 Blessed be the Lord alone, who put this into the heart of the king, to glorify his house which is in Jerusalem,</p> <p>26 and who honored me in the sight of the king and his counselors and all his friends and nobles.</p> <p>27 I was encouraged by the help of the Lord my God, and I gathered men from Israel to go up with me.</p>	<p>26 And whosoever shall not do the law of God, and the law of the king readily, judgment shall be taken upon him, whether for death or for chastisement, or for a fine of his property, or casting into prison.</p> <p>27 Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put it thus into the heart of the king, to glorify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem;</p> <p>28 and has given me favour in the eyes of the king, and of his councillors, and all the rulers of the king, the exalted ones.</p> <p>And I was strengthened according to the good hand of God upon me, and I gathered chief men of Israel to go up with me.</p>
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	<p>Ezra 8:1 These are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylonia, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:</p> <p>2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush,</p> <p>3 of the sons of Shecaniah.</p> <p>Of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah, with whom were registered one hundred and fifty men.</p> <p>4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred men.</p> <p>5 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred men.</p>	<p>1 Esdras 8:28 These are the principal men, according to their fathers' houses and their groups, who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:</p> <p>29 Of the sons of Phineas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Gamael. Of the sons of David, Hattush</p> <p>the son of Shecaniah.</p> <p>30 Of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah, and with him a hundred and fifty men enrolled.</p> <p>31 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred men.</p> <p>32 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred men.</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 8:1 And these are the heads of their families, the leaders that went up with me in the reign of Arthasastha the king of Babylon.</p> <p>2 Of the sons of Phinees; Gerson: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Attus.</p> <p>3 Of the sons of Sachania, and the sons of Phoros; Zacharias: and with him a company of a hundred and fifty.</p> <p>4 Of the sons of Phaath-Moab; Eliana the son of Saraia, and with him two hundred that were males.</p> <p>5 And of the sons of Zathoes; Sechenias the son of Aziel, and with him three hundred males.</p>

	<p>6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty men.</p> <p>7 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy men.</p> <p>8 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty men.</p> <p>9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen men.</p> <p>10 Of the sons of Bani, Shelomith the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty men.</p> <p>11 Of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah, the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight men.</p> <p>12 Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten men.</p>	<p>Of the sons of Adin, Obed the son of Jonathan, and with him two hundred and fifty men.</p> <p>33 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Gotholiah, and with him seventy men.</p> <p>34 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zeraiah the son of Michael, and with him seventy men,</p> <p>35 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and twelve men.</p> <p>36 Of the sons of Bani, Shelomith the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and sixty men.</p> <p>37 Of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight men.</p> <p>38 Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten men.</p>	<p>6 And of the sons of Adin; Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.</p> <p>7 And of the sons of Elam; Isaeas the son of Athelia, and with him seventy males.</p> <p>8 And of the sons of Saphatia; Zabadias the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.</p> <p>9 And of the sons of Joab; Abadia the son of Jeiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.</p> <p>10 And of the sons of Baani; Selimuth the son of Josephia, and with him a hundred and sixty males.</p> <p>11 And of the sons of Babi; Zacharias the son of Babi, and with him twenty-eight males.</p> <p>12 And of the sons of Asgad; Joanan the son of Accatan, and with him a hundred and ten males.</p>
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	<p>13 Of the sons of Adonikam, those who came later, their names being Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty men.</p> <p>14 Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them seventy men.</p> <p>15 I gathered them to the river that runs to Ahava, and there we encamped three days. As I reviewed the people and the priests,</p> <p>I found there none of the sons of Levi.</p> <p>16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah,</p> <p>Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan,</p> <p>Zechariah, and Meshullam, leading men,</p>	<p>39 Of the sons of Adonikam, the last ones, their names being Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them seventy men.</p> <p>40 Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai the son of Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.</p> <p>41 I assembled them at the river called Theras, and we encamped there three days, and I inspected them.</p> <p>42 When I found there none of the sons of the priests or of the Levites,</p> <p>43 I sent word to Eliezar, Iduel, Maasmas,</p> <p>44 Elnathan, Shemaiah, Jarib, Nathan, Elnathan,</p> <p>Zechariah, and Meshullam, who were leaders and men of</p>	<p>13 And of the sons of Adonikam were the last, and these were their names, Eliphalat, Jeel, and Samaea, and with them sixty males.</p> <p>14 And of the sons of Bagaue, Uthai, and Zabud, and with him seventy males.</p> <p>15 And I gathered them to the river that comes to Evi, and we encamped there three days: and I reviewed the people and the priests,</p> <p>and found none of the sons of Levi there.</p> <p>16 And I sent men of understanding to Eleazar, to Ariel, to Semeias,</p> <p>and to Alonam, and to Jarib, and to Elnatham, and to Nathan,</p> <p>and to Zacharias, and to Mesollam,</p>
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	<p>and for Joiarib and Elnathan, who were men of insight,</p> <p>17 and sent them to Iddo, the leading man at the place Casiphia,</p> <p>telling them what to say to Iddo and his brethren the temple servants at the place Casiphia, namely, to send us ministers for the house of our God.</p> <p>18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, son of Israel, namely Sherebiah with his sons and kinsmen, eighteen;</p> <p>19 also Hashabiah and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, with his kinsmen and their sons, twenty;</p> <p>20 besides two hundred and</p>	<p>understanding;</p> <p>45 and I told them to go to Iddo, who was the leading man at the place of the treasury,</p> <p>46 and ordered them to tell Iddo and his brethren and the treasurers at that place to send us men to serve as priests in the house of our Lord.</p> <p>47 And by the mighty hand of our Lord they brought us competent men of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, son of Israel, namely Sherebiah with his sons and kinsmen, eighteen;</p> <p>48 also Hashabiah and Annunus and Jeshaiiah his brother, of the sons of Hananiah, and their sons, twenty men;</p> <p>49 and of the temple servants,</p>	<p>and to Joarim, and to Elnathan.</p> <p>17 And I forwarded them to the rulers with the money of the place,</p> <p>and I put words in their mouth to speak to their brethren the Athinim with the money of the place, that they should bring us singers for the house of our God.</p> <p>18 And they came to us, as the good hand of our God was upon us, even a man of understanding of the sons of Mooli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and at the commencement came his sons and his brethren, eighteen.</p> <p>19 And Asebia, and Isaia of the sons of Merari, his brethren and his sons, twenty.</p> <p>20 And of the Nathinim;</p>
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	<p>twenty of the temple servants, whom David and his officials had set apart to attend the Levites. These were all mentioned by name.</p> <p>21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a straight way for ourselves, our children, and all our goods.</p> <p>22 For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way;</p> <p>since we had told the king, "The hand of our God is for good upon all that seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all that forsake him."</p> <p>23 So we fasted and besought our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.</p>	<p>whom David and the leaders had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants; the list of all their names was reported.</p> <p>50 There I proclaimed a fast for the young men before our Lord, to seek from him a prosperous journey for ourselves and for our children and the cattle that were with us.</p> <p>51 For I was ashamed to ask the king for foot soldiers and horsemen and an escort to keep us safe from our adversaries;</p> <p>52 for we had said to the king, "The power of our Lord will be with those who seek him, and will support them in every way."</p> <p>53 And again we prayed to our Lord about these things, and we found him very merciful.</p>	<p>whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites there were two hundred and twenty Nathinim; all were gathered by their names.</p> <p>21 And I proclaimed there a fast, at the river Aue, that we should humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our children, and for all our property.</p> <p>22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a guard and horsemen to save us from the enemy in the way:</p> <p>or we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all that seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath are upon all that forsake him.</p> <p>23 So we fasted, and asked of our God concerning this; and he hearkened to us.</p>
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	<p>24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests: Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their kinsmen with them.</p> <p>25 And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our God which the king and his counselors and his lords and all Israel there present had offered;</p> <p>26 I weighed out into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels worth a hundred talents, and a hundred talents of gold,</p> <p>27 twenty bowls of gold worth a thousand darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze as precious as gold.</p> <p>28 And I said to them, "You are holy to the LORD, and the vessels are holy; and the</p>	<p>54 Then I set apart twelve of the leaders of the priests, Sherebiah and Hashabiah, and ten of their kinsmen with them;</p> <p>55 and I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the holy vessels of the house of our Lord, which the king himself and his counselors and the nobles and all Israel had given.</p> <p>56 I weighed and gave to them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels worth a hundred talents, and a hundred talents of gold,</p> <p>57 and twenty golden bowls, and twelve bronze vessels of fine bronze that glittered like gold.</p> <p>58 And I said to them, "You are holy to the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the silver</p>	<p>24 And I gave charge to twelve of the chiefs of the priests, to Saraia, to Asabia, and ten of their brethren with them.</p> <p>25 And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of the first-fruits of the house of our God, which the king, and his councillors, and his princes, and all Israel that were found, had dedicated.</p> <p>26 I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and a hundred silver vessels, and a hundred talents of gold;</p> <p>27 and twenty golden bowls, weighing about a thousand drachms, and superior vessels of fine shining brass, precious as gold.</p> <p>28 And I said to them, Ye are holy to the Lord; and the vessels are holy; and the silver</p>
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	<p>silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your fathers.</p> <p>29 Guard them and keep them until you weigh them before the chief priests and the Levites and the heads of fathers' houses in Israel at Jerusalem, within the chambers of the house of the LORD."</p> <p>30 So the priests and the Levites took over the weight of the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.</p> <p>31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem; the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.</p> <p>32 We came to Jerusalem,</p>	<p>and the gold are vowed to the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.</p> <p>59 Be watchful and on guard until you deliver them to the leaders of the priests and the Levites, and to the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, in Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of our Lord."</p> <p>60 So the priests and the Levites who took the silver and the gold and the vessels which had been in Jerusalem carried them to the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>61 We departed from the river Theras on the twelfth day of the first month; and we arrived in Jerusalem by the mighty hand of our Lord which was upon us; he delivered us from every enemy on the way,</p> <p>and so we came to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>and the gold are freewill-offerings to the Lord God of our fathers.</p> <p>29 Be watchful and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief priests and the Levites, and the chiefs of families in Jerusalem, at the chambers of the house of the Lord.</p> <p>30 So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring to Jerusalem into the house of our God.</p> <p>31 And we departed from the river of Aue on the twelfth day of the first month, to come to Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and delivered us from the hand of the enemy and adversary in the way.</p> <p>32 And we came to Jerusalem,</p>
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	<p>and there we remained three days.</p> <p>33 On the fourth day, within the house of our God,</p> <p>the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed into the hands of Meremoth the priest, son of Uriah,</p> <p>and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them were the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.</p> <p>34 The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of everything was recorded.</p> <p>35 At that time those who had come from captivity, the returned exiles, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams,</p>	<p>62 When we had been there three days,</p> <p>the silver and the gold were weighed and delivered in the house of our Lord to Meremoth the priest, son of Uriah;</p> <p>63 and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them were Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Moeth the son of Binnui, the Levites.</p> <p>64 The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of everything was recorded at that very time.</p> <p>65 And those who had come back from captivity offered sacrifices to the Lord, the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams,</p>	<p>and abode there three days.</p> <p>33 And it came to pass on the fourth day</p> <p>that we weighed the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, in the house of our God, into the hand of Merimoth the son of Uria the priest;</p> <p>and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with them Jozabad the son of Jesus, and Noadia the son of Banaia, the Levites.</p> <p>34 All things were reckoned by number and weight, and the whole weight was written down.</p> <p>35 At that time the children of the banishment that came from the captivity offered whole-burnt-offerings to the God of Israel, twelve calves for all Israel, ninety-six rams,</p>
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	<p>seventy-seven lambs, and as a sin offering twelve he-goats; all this was a burnt offering to the LORD.</p> <p>36 They also delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps and to the governors of the province Beyond the River; and they aided the people and the house of God.</p> <p>Ezra 9:1 After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said,</p> <p>"The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.</p> <p>2 For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives</p>	<p>66 seventy-two lambs, and as a thank offering twelve he-goats - - all as a sacrifice to the Lord.</p> <p>67 And they delivered the king's orders to the royal stewards and to the governors of Coesylria and Phoenicia; and these officials honored the people and the temple of the Lord.</p> <p>68 After these things had been done, the principal men came to me and said,</p> <p>69 "The people of Israel and the leaders and the priests and the Levites have not put away from themselves the alien peoples of the land and their pollutions, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Edomites.</p> <p>70 For they and their sons have married the daughters of these</p>	<p>seventy-seven lambs, twelve goats for a sin-offering; all whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord.</p> <p>36 And they gave the king's mandate to the king's lieutenants, and the governors beyond the river: and they honoured the people and the house of God.</p> <p>LXE Ezra 9:1 And when these things were finished, the princes drew near to me, saying,</p> <p>The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands in their abominations, even the Chananite, the Ethite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, the Ammonite, the Moabite, and the Moserite and the Amorite.</p> <p>2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and</p>
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	<p>for themselves and for their sons; so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost."</p> <p>3 When I heard this, I rent my garments and my mantle, and pulled hair from my head and beard, and sat appalled.</p> <p>4 Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered round me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.</p> <p>5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle rent, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God,</p>	<p>people, and the holy race has been mixed with the alien peoples of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the leaders and the nobles have been sharing in this iniquity."</p> <p>71 As soon as I heard these things I rent my garments and my holy mantle, and pulled out hair from my head and beard, and sat down in anxiety and grief.</p> <p>72 And all who were ever moved at the word of the Lord of Israel gathered round me, as I mourned over this iniquity, and I sat grief-stricken until the evening sacrifice.</p> <p>73 Then I rose from my fast, with my garments and my holy mantle rent, and kneeling down and stretching forth my hands to the Lord</p>	<p>their sons; and the holy seed has passed among the nations of the lands, and the hand of the rulers has been first in this transgression.</p> <p>3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garments, and trembled, and plucked some of the hairs of my head and of my beard, and sat down mourning.</p> <p>4 Then there assembled to me all that followed the word of the God of Israel, on account of the transgression of the captivity; and I remained mourning until the evening sacrifice.</p> <p>5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from my humiliation; and when I had rent my garments, then I trembled, and I bow myself on my knees, and spread out my hands to the Lord God,</p>
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	<p>6 saying: "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to thee, my God,</p> <p>for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.</p> <p>7 From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt;</p> <p>and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as at this day.</p> <p>8 But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant, and to give us a secure hold within his holy place,</p> <p>that our God may brighten</p>	<p>74 I said, "O Lord, I am ashamed and confounded before thy face.</p> <p>75 For our sins have risen higher than our heads, and our mistakes have mounted up to heaven</p> <p>76 from the times of our fathers, and we are in great sin to this day.</p> <p>77 And because of our sins and the sins of our fathers we with our brethren and our kings and our priests were given over to the kings of the earth, to the sword and captivity and plundering, in shame until this day.</p> <p>78 And now in some measure mercy has come to us from thee, O Lord, to leave to us a root and a name in thy holy place,</p> <p>79 and to uncover a light for us</p>	<p>6 and I said, O Lord, I am ashamed and confounded, O my God, to lift up my face to thee:</p> <p>for our transgressions have abounded over our head, and our trespasses have increased even to heaven.</p> <p>7 From the days of our fathers we have been in a great trespass until this day:</p> <p>and because of our iniquities we, and our kings, and our children, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the Gentiles by the sword, and by captivity, and by spoil, and with shame of our face, as at this day.</p> <p>8 And now our God has dealt mercifully with us, so as to leave us to escape, and to give us an establishment in the place of his sanctuary,</p> <p>to enlighten our eyes, and to</p>
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	<p>our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.</p> <p>9 For we are bondmen; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage,</p> <p>but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to grant us some reviving</p> <p>to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and Jerusalem.</p> <p>10 "And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken thy commandments,</p> <p>11 which thou didst command by thy servants the prophets, saying,</p> <p>`The land which you are entering, to take possession of</p>	<p>in the house of the Lord our God, and to give us food in the time of our servitude.</p> <p>80 Even in our bondage we were not forsaken by our Lord,</p> <p>but he brought us into favor with the kings of the Persians, so that they have given us food</p> <p>81 and glorified the temple of our Lord, and raised Zion from desolation, to give us a stronghold in Judea and Jerusalem.</p> <p>82 "And now, O Lord, what shall we say, when we have these things? For we have transgressed thy commandments,</p> <p>which thou didst give by thy servants the prophets, saying,</p> <p>83 `The land which you are entering to take possession of it</p>	<p>give a little quickening in our servitude.</p> <p>9 For we are slaves, yet in our servitude the Lord our God has not deserted us;</p> <p>and he has extended favour to us in the sight of the kings of the Persians, to give us a quickening,</p> <p>that they should raise up the house of our God, and restore the desolate places of it, and to give us a fence in Juda and Jerusalem.</p> <p>10 What shall we say, our God, after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,</p> <p>11 which thou hast given us by the hand of thy servants the prophets, saying,</p> <p>The land, into which ye go to inherit it, is a land subject to</p>
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	<p>it, is a land unclean with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from end to end with their uncleanness.</p> <p>12 Therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons,</p> <p>and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.'</p> <p>13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that thou, our God, hast punished us less than our iniquities deserved</p> <p>and hast given us such a remnant as this,</p> <p>14 shall we break thy commandments again and</p>	<p>is a land polluted with the pollution of the aliens of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.</p> <p>84 Therefore do not give your daughters in marriage to their sons, and do not take their daughters for your sons;</p> <p>85 and do not seek ever to have peace with them, in order that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.'</p> <p>86 And all that has happened to us has come about because of our evil deeds and our great sins. For thou, O Lord, didst lift the burden of our sins</p> <p>87 and give us such a root as this;</p> <p>but we turned back again to transgress thy law by mixing</p>	<p>disturbance by the removal of the people of the nations for their abominations, wherewith they have filled it from one end to the other by their uncleanness.</p> <p>12 And now give not your daughters to their sons, and take not of their daughters for your sons,</p> <p>neither shall ye seek their peace or their good for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and transmit it as an inheritance to your children for ever.</p> <p>13 And after all that is come upon us because of our evil deeds, and our great trespass, it is clear that there is none such as our God, for thou has lightly visited our iniquities,</p> <p>and given us deliverance;</p> <p>14 whereas we have repeatedly broken thy</p>
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	<p>intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations?</p> <p>Wouldst thou not be angry with us till thou wouldst consume us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape?</p> <p>15 O LORD the God of Israel, thou art just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as at this day.</p> <p>Behold, we are before thee in our guilt, for none can stand before thee because of this."</p>	<p>with the uncleanness of the peoples of the land.</p> <p>88 Wast thou not angry enough with us to destroy us without leaving a root or seed or name?</p> <p>89 O Lord of Israel, thou art true; for we are left as a root to this day.</p> <p>90 Behold, we are now before thee in our iniquities; for we can no longer stand in thy presence because of these things."</p>	<p>commandments, and intermarried with the people of the lands:</p> <p>be not very angry with us to our utter destruction, so that there should be no remnant or escaping one.</p> <p>15 O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as at this day:</p> <p>behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee on this account.</p>
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	<p>Ezra 10:1 While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel; for the people wept bitterly.</p> <p>2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed Ezra: "We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.</p> <p>3 Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and their children,</p> <p>according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done</p>	<p>making his confession, weeping and lying upon the ground before the temple, there gathered about him a very great throng from Jerusalem, men and women and youths; for there was great weeping among the multitude.</p> <p>92 Then Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the men of Israel, called out, and said to Ezra, "We have sinned against the Lord, and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land; but even now there is hope for Israel.</p> <p>93 Let us take an oath to the Lord about this, that we will put away all our foreign wives, with their children,</p> <p>94 as seems good to you and to all who obey the law of the Lord.</p>	<p>LXE Ezra 10:1 So when Esdras had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and praying before the house of God, a very great assembly of Israel came together to him, men and women and youths; for the people wept, and wept aloud.</p> <p>2 And Sechenias the son of Jeel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Esdras, We have broken covenant with our God, and have taken strange wives of the nations of the land: yet now there is patience of hope to Israel concerning this thing.</p> <p>3 Now then let us make a covenant with our God, to put away all the wives, and their offspring,</p> <p>as thou shalt advise: 4 arise, and alarm them with the commands of our God; and let it be done according to the</p>

	<p>according to the law.</p> <p>4 Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it."</p> <p>5 Then Ezra arose and made the leading priests and Levites and all Israel take oath that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.</p> <p>6 Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib,</p> <p>where he spent the night, neither eating bread nor drinking water; for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles.</p> <p>7 And a proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles that they should assemble at Jerusalem,</p>	<p>95 Arise and take action, for it is your task, and we are with you to take strong measures."</p> <p>96 Then Ezra arose and had the leaders of the priests and Levites of all Israel take oath that they would do this. And they took the oath.</p> <p>1 Esdras 9:1 Then Ezra rose and went from the court of the temple to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib,</p> <p>2 and spent the night there; and he did not eat bread or drink water, for he was mourning over the great iniquities of the multitude.</p> <p>3 And a proclamation was made throughout Judea and Jerusalem to all who had returned from the captivity that they should assemble at Jerusalem,</p>	<p>law.</p> <p>Rise up, for the matter is upon thee; and we are with thee: be strong and do.</p> <p>5 Then Esdras arose, and caused the rulers, the priests, and Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word: and they swore.</p> <p>6 And Esdras rose up from before the house of God, and went to the treasury of Joanan the son of Elisub;</p> <p>he even went thither: he ate no bread, and drank no water; for he mourned over the unfaithfulness of them of the captivity.</p> <p>7 And they made proclamation throughout Juda and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should assemble at Jerusalem, saying,</p>
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	<p>8 and that if any one did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all his property should be forfeited, and he himself banned from the congregation of the exiles.</p> <p>9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month.</p> <p>And all the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.</p> <p>10 And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel.</p> <p>11 Now then make confession</p>	<p>4 and that if any did not meet there within two or three days, in accordance with the decision of the ruling elders, their cattle should be seized for sacrifice and the men themselves expelled from the multitude of those who had returned from the captivity.</p> <p>5 Then the men of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within three days; this was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month.</p> <p>6 And all the multitude sat in the open square before the temple, shivering because of the bad weather that prevailed.</p> <p>7 Then Ezra rose and said to them, "You have broken the law and married foreign women, and so have increased the sin of Israel.</p> <p>8 Now then make confession</p>	<p>8 Every one who shall not arrive within three days, as is the counsel of the rulers and the elders, all his substance shall be forfeited, and he shall be separated from the congregation of the captivity.</p> <p>9 So all the men of Juda and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. This was the ninth month: on the twentieth day of the month</p> <p>all the people sat down in the street of the house of the Lord, because of their alarm concerning the word, and because of the storm.</p> <p>10 And Esdras the priest arose, and said to them, Ye have broken covenant, and have taken strange wives, to add to the trespass of Israel.</p> <p>11 Now therefore give praise</p>
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	<p>to the LORD the God of your fathers,</p> <p>and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."</p> <p>12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "It is so; we must do as you have said.</p> <p>13 But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a work for one day or for two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let our officials stand for the whole assembly; let all in our cities who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them the elders and judges of every city, till the fierce wrath of our God over</p>	<p>and give glory to the Lord the God of our fathers,</p> <p>9 and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from your foreign wives."</p> <p>10 Then all the multitude shouted and said with a loud voice, "We will do as you have said.</p> <p>11 But the multitude is great and it is winter, and we are not able to stand in the open air. This is not a work we can do in one day or two, for we have sinned too much in these things.</p> <p>12 so let the leaders of the multitude stay, and let all those in our settlements who have foreign wives come at the time appointed,</p> <p>13 with the elders and judges of each place, until we are freed from the wrath of the Lord over</p>	<p>to the Lord God of our fathers,</p> <p>and do that which is pleasing in his sight: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange wives.</p> <p>12 Then all the congregation answered and said, This thy word is powerful upon us to do it.</p> <p>13 But the people is numerous, and the season is stormy, and there is no power to stand without, and the work is more than enough for one day or for two; for we have greatly sinned in this matter.</p> <p>14 Let now our rulers stand, and for all those in our cities who have taken strange wives, let them come at appointed times,</p> <p>and with them elders from every several city, and judges, to turn away the fierce wrath</p>
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	<p>this matter be averted from us."</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullum and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.</p> <p>16 Then the returned exiles did so.</p> <p>Ezra the priest selected men, heads of fathers' houses, according to their fathers' houses, each of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to examine the matter;</p> <p>17 and by the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.</p> <p>18 Of the sons of the priests who had married foreign women were found</p>	<p>this matter."</p> <p>14 Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah undertook the matter on these terms, and Meshullam and Levi and Shabbethai served with them as judges.</p> <p>15 And those who had returned from the captivity acted in accordance with all this.</p> <p>16 Ezra the priest chose for himself the leading men of their fathers' houses, all of them by name; and on the new moon of the tenth month they began their sessions to investigate the matter.</p> <p>17 And the cases of the men who had foreign wives were brought to an end by the new moon of the first month.</p> <p>18 Of the priests those who were brought in and found to have foreign wives were:</p>	<p>of our God from us concerning this matter.</p> <p>15 Only Jonathan the son of Asael, and Jazias the son of Thecoe were with me concerning this; and Mesollam, and Sabbathai the Levite helped them.</p> <p>16 And the children of the captivity did thus:</p> <p>and Esdras the priest, and heads of families according to their house were separated, and all by their names, for they returned in the first day of the tenth month to search out the matter.</p> <p>17 And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.</p> <p>18 And there were found some of the sons of the priests who had taken strange wives:</p>
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	<p>Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren.</p> <p>19 They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and their guilt offering was a ram of the flock for their guilt.</p> <p>20 Of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah.</p> <p>21 Of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah.</p> <p>22 Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.</p> <p>23 Of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.</p> <p>24 Of the singers: Eliashib.</p>	<p>19 of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren, Maaseiah, Eliezar, Jarib, and Jodan.</p> <p>20 They pledged themselves to put away their wives, and to give rams in expiation of their error.</p> <p>21 Of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah</p> <p>and Maaseiah and Shemaiah and Jehiel and Azariah.</p> <p>22 Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, and Nathanael, and Gedaliah, and Elasah.</p> <p>23 And of the Levites: Jozabad and Shimei and Kelaiah, who was Kelita, and Pethahiah and Judah and Jonah.</p> <p>24 Of the temple singers:</p>	<p>of the sons of Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren; Maasia, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gadalia.</p> <p>19 And they pledged themselves to put away their wives, and offered a ram of the flock for a trespass-offering because of their trespass.</p> <p>20 And of the sons of Emmer; Anani, and Zabdia.</p> <p>21 And of the sons of Eram; Masael, and Elia, and Samaia, and Jeel, and Ozia.</p> <p>22 And of the sons of Phasur; Elionai, Maasia, and Ismael, and Nathanael, and Jozabad, and Elasa.</p> <p>23 And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Samu, and Colia (he is Colitas,) and Phetheia, and Judas, and Eliezer.</p> <p>24 And of the singers; Elisab:</p>
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	<p>Of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.</p> <p>25 And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Hashabiah, and Benaiah.</p> <p>26 Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.</p> <p>27 Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.</p> <p>28 Of the sons of Bebai were Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.</p> <p>29 Of the sons of Bani were Meshullum, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth.</p>	<p>Eliashib and Zaccur.</p> <p>25 Of the gatekeepers: Shallum and Telem.</p> <p>26 Of Israel: of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Asibias, and Benaiah.</p> <p>27 Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah and Zechariah, Jehiel and Abdi, and Jeremoth and Elijah.</p> <p>28 Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Othoniah, Jeremoth, and Zabad and Zerdaiah.</p> <p>29 Of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan and Hananiah and Zabbai and Emathis.</p> <p>30 Of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal and Jeremoth.</p> <p>31 Of the sons of Addi:</p>	<p>and of the porters; Solmen, and Telmen, and Oduth.</p> <p>25 Also of Israel: of the sons of Phoros; Ramia, and Azia, and Melchia, and Meamin, and Eleazar, and Asabia, and Banaia.</p> <p>26 And of the sons of Helam; Matthania, and Zacharia, and Jaiel, and Abdia, and Jarimoth, and Elia.</p> <p>27 And of the sons of Zathua; Elionai, Elisub, Matthanai, and Armoth, and Zabad, and Oziza.</p> <p>28 And of the sons of Babei; Joanan, Anania, and Zabu, and Thali.</p> <p>29 And of the sons of Banui; Mosollam, Maluch, Adaias, Jasub, and Saluia, and Remoth.</p>
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	<p>30 Of the sons of Pahathmoab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh.</p> <p>31 Of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,</p> <p>32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.</p> <p>33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.</p> <p>34 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,</p>	<p>Naathus and Moossias, Laccunus and Naidus, and Bescaspmys and Sesthel, and Belnuus and Manasseas.</p> <p>32 Of the sons of Annan, Elionas and Asaias and Melchias and Sabbaias and Simon Chosamaeus.</p> <p>33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai and Mattattah and Zabad and Eliphelet and Manasseh and Shimei.</p> <p>34 Of the sons of Bani: Jeremai, Maadai, Amram, Joel, Mamdai</p>	<p>30 And of the sons of Phaath Moab; Edne, and Chalel, and Banaia, Maasia, Matthania, Beseleel, and Banui, and Manasse.</p> <p>31 And of the sons of Eram; Eliezer, Jesia, Melchia, Samaias, Semeon,</p> <p>32 Benjamin, Baluch, Samaria.</p> <p>33 And of the sons of Asem; Metthania, Matthatha, Zadab, Eliphalet, Jerami, Manasse, Semei.</p> <p>34 And of the sons of Bani; Moodia, Amram, Uel,</p>
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	<p>35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattanai, Jaasu. 38 Of the sons of Binnui: Shimei, 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel,</p>	<p>and Bedeiah and Vaniah, Carabasion and Eliashib and Machnadebai, Eliasis, Binnui, Elialis, Shimei, Shelemiah, Nethaniah. Of the sons of Ezora: Shashai, Azarel, Azael, Shemaiah, Amariah, Joseph. 35 Of the sons of Nebo:</p>	<p>35 Banaia, Badaia, Chelkia, 36 Uvania, Marimoth, Eliasiph, 37 Matthania, Matthanai: 38 and so did the children of Banui, and the children of Semei, 39 and Selemia, and Nathan, and Adaia, 40 Machadnabu, Sesei, Sariu, 41 Ezriel, and Selemia, and Samaria, 42 and Sellum, Amaria, Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nabu; Jael,</p>
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	<p>Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.</p> <p>44 All these had married foreign women, and they put them away with their children.</p>	<p>Mattithiah, Zabad, Iddo, Joel, Benaiah.</p> <p>36 All these had married foreign women, and they put them away with their children.</p>	<p>Matthanas, Zabad, Zebennas, Jada, and Joel, and Banaia.</p> <p>44 All these had taken strange wives, and had begotten sons of them.</p>
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Nehemiah (Hebrew)	Ezra (Hebrew)	I Esdras (Greek)	LXE 2 Esdras (Greek)
<p>Nehemiah 7:73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.</p> <p>And when the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were in their towns.</p> <p>Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate;</p> <p>and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel.</p> <p>2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.</p>		<p>1 Esdras 9:37 The priests and the Levites and the men of Israel settled in Jerusalem and in the country.</p> <p>On the new moon of the seventh month, when the sons of Israel were in their settlements,</p> <p>38 the whole multitude gathered with one accord into the open square before the east gate of the temple;</p> <p>39 and they told Ezra the chief priest and reader to bring the law of Moses which had been given by the Lord God of Israel.</p> <p>40 So Ezra the chief priest brought the law, for all the multitude, men and women, and all the priests to hear the law, on the new moon of the seventh month.</p>	<p>LXE Nehemiah 7:73 And the priests, and Levites, and porters, and singers, and some of the people, and the Nathinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.</p> <p>LXE Nehemiah 8:1 And the seventh month arrived, and the children of Israel were settled in their cities;</p> <p>and all the people were gathered as one man to the broad place before the water-gate,</p> <p>and they told Esdras the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord commanded Israel.</p> <p>2 So Esdras the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and every one who had understanding was present to hearken, on the first day of the seventh month.</p>

<p>3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose;</p> <p>and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand;</p> <p>and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.</p> <p>5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people;</p>		<p>41 And he read aloud in the open square before the gate of the temple from early morning until midday, in the presence of both men and women; and all the multitude gave attention to the law.</p> <p>42 Ezra the priest and reader of the law stood on the wooden platform which had been prepared;</p> <p>43 and beside him stood Mattathiah, Shema, Anaiah, Azariah, Uriah, Hezekiah, and Baalsamus on his right hand,</p> <p>44 and on his left Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Lothasubus, Nabariah, and Zechariah.</p> <p>45 Then Ezra took up the book of the law in the sight of the multitude, for he had the place of honor in the presence of all.</p>	<p>3 And he read in it from the time of sun-rise to the middle of the day, before the men and the women; and they understood it, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.</p> <p>4 And Esdras the scribe stood on a wooden stage,</p> <p>and there stood next to him Mattathias, and Samaeas, and Ananias, and Urias, and Chelcia, and Massia, on his right hand;</p> <p>and on his left Phadaeas, and Misael, and Melchias, and Asom, and Asabadma, and Zacharias, and Mesollam.</p> <p>5 And Esdras opened the book before all the people, for he was above the people;</p>
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<p>and when he opened it all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God;</p> <p>and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.</p> <p>7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites,</p> <p>helped the people to understand the law,</p> <p>while the people remained in their places.</p> <p>8 And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly;</p>		<p>46 And when he opened the law, they all stood erect.</p> <p>And Ezra blessed the Lord God Most High, the God of hosts, the Almighty;</p> <p>47 and all the multitude answered, "Amen." And they lifted up their hands, and fell to the ground and worshiped the Lord.</p> <p>48 Jeshua and Anniuth and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah and Kelita, Azariah and Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites,</p> <p>taught the law of the Lord, at the same time explaining what was read.</p>	<p>and it came to pass when he had opened it, that all the people stood.</p> <p>6 And Esdras blessed the Lord, the great God:</p> <p>and all the people answered, and said, Amen, lifting up their hands: and they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their face to the ground.</p> <p>7 And Jesus and Banaias and Sarabias</p> <p>instructed the people in the law,</p> <p>and the people stood in their place.</p> <p>8 And they read in the book of the law of God, and Esdras</p>
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<p>and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.</p> <p>9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,</p> <p>"This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.</p> <p>10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared;</p> <p>for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."</p> <p>11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for</p>		<p>49 Then Attharates said to Ezra the chief priest and reader, and to the Levites who were teaching the multitude, and to all,</p> <p>50 "This day is holy to the Lord" -- now they were all weeping as they heard the law -</p> <p>-</p> <p>51 "so go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to those who have none;</p> <p>52 for the day is holy to the Lord; and do not be sorrowful, for the Lord will exalt you."</p> <p>53 And the Levites commanded all the people, saying, "This day</p>	<p>taught, and instructed them distinctly in the knowledge of the Lord, and the people understood the law in the reading.</p> <p>9 And Neemias, and Esdras the priest and scribe, and the Levites, and they that instructed the people, spoke and said to all the people,</p> <p>It is a holy day to the Lord our God; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.</p> <p>10 And the governor said to them, Go, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them that have nothing;</p> <p>for the day is holy to our Lord: and faint not, for the Lord is our strength.</p> <p>11 And the Levites caused all the people to be silent, saying,</p>
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<p>this day is holy; do not be grieved."</p> <p>12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing,</p> <p>because they had understood the words that were declared to them.</p>		<p>is holy; do not be sorrowful."</p> <p>54 Then they all went their way, to eat and drink and enjoy themselves, and to give portions to those who had none, and to make great rejoicing;</p> <p>55 because they were inspired by the words which they had been taught.</p> <p>And they came together.</p>	<p>Be silent, for it is a holy day, and despond not.</p> <p>12 So all the people departed to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth,</p> <p>for they understood the words which he made known to them.</p>

The following table has all possible key dates in the history of the Jewish returns from the Babylonian exile (Dates are from *Babylonian Chronology 626 B.C. - A.D. 75* by Parker & Dubberstein, Brown U. Press, 1956, which reconstructs the Babylonian civil calendar, spring epoch):

A) Return under Sheshbazzar, prince of Judah:

- 1) Departure from Babylon and arrival in Yahud as Governor (Ezra 1:1-10 & 5:14).

Sometime in 1st year of Cyrus (538/537 BC). Exact dates not recorded.

- 2) Started rebuilding the temple. Foundation set (Ezra 1:3 & 5:14-16).

Sometime in 1st year of Cyrus (538/537 BC). Exact date not recorded.

B) Return under leadership of prince Zerubbabel and high priest Joshua:

- 1) Departure from Babylon and arrival in Yahud (Ezra 3:2 & Hag 2:1-4).

Sometime in 2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). Exact dates not recorded.

- 2) The prophet Haggai exhorts Zerubbabel to resume rebuilding the temple (Hag 1:1f & Ezra 5:1-2).

2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). 1st day of the 6th month = Aug 29, 520 BC.

- 3) Rebuilding of Temple, started by Sheshbazzar but not completed, resumes (Hag 1:15).

2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). 24th day of the 6th month = Sep 21, 520 BC.

- 4) Alter erected and sacrifices made (Ezra 3:1-7).

2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). 1st of the 7th month = Sep 27, 520 BC.

- 5) Feast of booths observed (Ezra 3:4).
2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). 15th-21st of the 7th month = Oct 11-17, 520 BC.
- 6) Zechariah's address was given (Zech 1:1 & Ezra 5:1-2).
2nd year of Darius I (520/519 BC). 8th month = Oct/Nov, 520 BC.
- 7) Foundation of the temple laid, and official temple hierarchy re-established (Ezra 3:8-13).
2nd year from arrival, i.e., 3rd year of Darius I (519/518 BC). 2nd month = Apr/May 519 BC.
- 8) The temple was completed (Ezra 6:15).
6th year of Darius I (516/515 BC). 3rd of Adar (12th month) = Mar 12, 515 BC.

For the returns under Nehemiah and Ezra, there are a couple of alternatives. The usual academic reconstruction puts Nehemiah's 2 returns under Artaxerxes I and Ezra's under Artaxerxes II. The alternative favored by evangelicals also puts Ezra's return under Artaxerxes I. Artaxerxes III did not rule long enough to be a possibility for Nehemiah, but is a candidate for Ezra. A ban on building of the city wall was in effect during the reign of "Artaxerxes" (Ezra 4:7-24a) but who made the attempt to build them that caused the ban is not stated. If Nehemiah was recalled for his wall building activity, then how did he maintain his governorship for 12 years? Ezra 4:21 suggests that it happened before Nehemiah's governorship, as a decree from Artaxerxes is required to allow rebuilding. Nehemiah's return was a result of such a decree. Nehemiah then completed the construction as fast as possible to prevent it from being ordered stopped again.

C) Return under Nehemiah:

- 1) Arrives as Governor of Yahud (Neh 2:1-11).
20th year of Artaxerxes I (445/444 BC). Nisan (1st Month) = Apr/May or Oct/Nov 445 BC.

20th year of Artaxerxes II (385/384 BC). 1st Month = Apr/May or Oct/Nov 385 BC.

- 2) Completion of city wall in 52 days (Neh 6:15).

20th year of Artaxerxes I (445/444 BC). 25th of Elul (6th month) = Aug 16 to Oct 7, 445 BC.

20th year of Artaxerxes II (385/384 BC). 25th of Elul (6th month) = Sep 30, 385 BC.

- 3) Nehemiah's recall to Babylon (Neh 13:6).

32nd year of Artaxerxes I (433/432 BC).

32nd year of Artaxerxes II (373/372 BC).

- 4) 2nd return of Nehemiah and possible limits for that governorship (Neh 13:6-7).

Sometime between 33rd and final year of Artaxerxes I (spring 432 to winter 423 BC).

Sometime between 33rd and final year of Artaxerxes II (spring 372 to winter 358 BC).

D) Return under Ezra:

- 1) Departure from Babylon for Jerusalem (Ezra 7:1-10)

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 1st of 1st month = Apr 8, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 1st of 1st month = Apr 5, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 1st of 1st month = Apr 6, 352 BC.

2) Resumes journey for Jerusalem (Ezra 8:31-32) after stopping at river Ahava to pick up Levites (Ezra 8:15-20).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 19, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 16, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 12th of the 1st month = Apr 17, 352 BC.

3) Arrives at Jerusalem (Ezra 7:8-9).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 1st of 5th month = Aug 4, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 1st of 5th month = Jul 31, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 1st of 5th month = Aug 2, 352 BC.

4) Public reading of Law (Neh 8:1-12).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 1st day of 7th month = Oct 2, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 28, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 1st day of 7th month = Sep 30, 352 BC.

5) Celebrates the feast of Booths (The decision was made to celebrate the festival on the 2nd day of the 7th month = Oct 3, 458 BC or Sep 29, 398 BC. Neh 8:13-18. Note that this seems to be paralleled by The dates below are the traditional dates for this feast).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 17-23, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 12-18, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 15th - 21st day of 7th month = Oct 14-20, 352 BC.

- 6) Ezra's speech exhorting Jews to separate from foreigners (Neh 9:1-37).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 26, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 21, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 24th day of 7th month = Oct 23, 352 BC.

- 7) Ezra decrees that all Jews of Yahud divorce their foreign wives (Ezra 10:9).

7th year of Artaxerxes I (458/457). 20th of 9th month = Dec 19, 458 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes II (398/397). 20th of 9th month = Dec 16, 398 BC.

7th year of Artaxerxes III (352/351). 20th of 9th month = Dec 16, 352 BC