

## Book of Ezra Chapter 10

15\_EZR\_10\_01 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

15\_EZR\_10\_02 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, [one] of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

15\_EZR\_10\_03 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

15\_EZR\_10\_04 Arise; for [this] matter [belongeth] unto thee: we also [will be] with thee: be of good courage, and do [it].

15\_EZR\_10\_05 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.

15\_EZR\_10\_06 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and [when] he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

15\_EZR\_10\_07 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

15\_EZR\_10\_08 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

15\_EZR\_10\_09 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It [was] the ninth month, on the twentieth [day] of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of [this] matter, and for the great rain.

15\_EZR\_10\_10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

15\_EZR\_10\_11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

15\_EZR\_10\_12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

15\_EZR\_10\_13 But the people [are] many, and [it is] a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither [is this] a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

15\_EZR\_10\_14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

15\_EZR\_10\_15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this [matter]: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

15\_EZR\_10\_16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, [with] certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by [their] names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of

the tenth month to examine the matter.

15\_EZR\_10\_17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

15\_EZR\_10\_18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: [namely], of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

15\_EZR\_10\_19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and [being] guilty, [they offered] a ram of the flock for their trespass.

15\_EZR\_10\_20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

15\_EZR\_10\_21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah.

15\_EZR\_10\_22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa.

15\_EZR\_10\_23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, [the same [is] Kelita,] Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

15\_EZR\_10\_24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

15\_EZR\_10\_25 Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziel, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

15\_EZR\_10\_26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

15\_EZR\_10\_27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

15\_EZR\_10\_28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, [and] Athlai.

15\_EZR\_10\_29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

15\_EZR\_10\_30 And of the sons of Pahathmoab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

15\_EZR\_10\_31 And [of] the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

15\_EZR\_10\_32 Benjamin, Malluch, [and] Shemariah.

15\_EZR\_10\_33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, [and] Shimei.

15\_EZR\_10\_34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

15\_EZR\_10\_35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

15\_EZR\_10\_36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

15\_EZR\_10\_37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

15\_EZR\_10\_38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

15\_EZR\_10\_39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

15\_EZR\_10\_40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

15\_EZR\_10\_41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

15\_EZR\_10\_42 Shallum, Amariah, [and] Joseph.

15\_EZR\_10\_43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

15\_EZR\_10\_44 All these had taken strange wives: and [some] of them had wives by whom they had children.