

EZRA 2 vs 1

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Ezra the priest returned to Jerusalem in 500 bc; his work as a scribe is well known, while many forget he is from the priestly family of Zadok; and it is their later generations, obviously those elitists luxuriating in the history of these two great men of faith; at the time Jesus the Messiah stepped on the stage of history, they were the faithless Sadducees, a bunch of atheists who paraded around in their fake superiority seeking to ensnare and destroy the Messiah who came exactly as the beloved Daniel had prophesied. The prophetic books of Esdras – especially Esdras 2, are clearly filled with much truth from the LORD.



The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem,

¹ Now these are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.

² Those who came with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

³ the people of Parosh, 2,172; ⁴ the people of Shephatiah, 372; ⁵ the people of Arah, 775; ⁶ the people of Pahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua and Joab, 2,812; ⁷ the people of Elam, 1,254; ⁸ the people of Zattu, 945; ⁹ the people of Zaccai, 760; ¹⁰ the people of Bani, 642; ¹¹ the people of Bebai, 623; ¹² the people of Azgad, 1,222; ¹³ the people of Adonikam, 666; ¹⁴ the people of Bigvai, 2,056; ¹⁵ the people of Adin, 454; ¹⁶ the people of Ater of Hezekiah, 98; ¹⁷ the people of Bezai, 323; ¹⁸ the people of Jorah, 112; ¹⁹ the people of Hashum, 223; ²⁰ the people of Gibbar, 95; ²¹ the people of Bethlehem, 123; ²² the men of Netophah, 56; ²³ the men of Anathoth, 128; ²⁴ the people of Azmaveth, 42; ²⁵ the people of Kirjath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743; ²⁶ the people of Ramah and Geba, 621; ²⁷ the men of Michmas, 122; ²⁸ the men of Bethel and Ai, 223; ²⁹ the people of Nebo, 52; ³⁰ the people of Magbish, 156; ³¹ the people of the other Elam, 1,254; ³² the people of Harim, 320; ³³ the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725; ³⁴ the people of Jericho, 345; ³⁵ the people of Senaah, 3,630.

³⁶ The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, 973; ³⁷ the sons of Immer, 1,052; ³⁸ the sons of Pashhur, 1,247; ³⁹ the sons of Harim, 1,017.

⁴⁰ **The Levites:** the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, 74.

⁴¹ **The singers:** the sons of Asaph, 128.

⁴² **The sons of the gatekeepers:** the sons of Willum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, 139 in all.

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

⁵⁵ **The sons of Solomon's servants:** the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda, ⁵⁶ the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁷ the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Ami. ⁵⁸ All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants were 392.

⁵⁹ And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not identify their father's house or their genealogy, whether they were of **Israel**: ⁶⁰ the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, 652; ⁶¹ and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name. ⁶² These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled. ⁶³ And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

⁶⁴ **The whole assembly together was 42,360,** ⁶⁵ besides their male and female servants, of whom there were 7,337; and they had 200 men and women singers. ⁶⁶ Their horses were 736, their mules 245, ⁶⁷ their camels 435, and their donkeys 6,720.

⁶⁸ Some of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to erect it in its place:

⁶⁹ According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work 61,000.00 gold coins, 5,000 minas of silver, and 100 priestly garments.

⁷⁰ So the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple workers, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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