

EZRA 9 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.



Intermarriage with Pagans,

¹ When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the horrific acts of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians, and Amorites.

² For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this stepping over the line.

³ So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished. ⁴ Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of those who stepped over the line, who had been carried away captive, and I sat speechless until the evening sacrifice.

⁵ At the evening sacrifice I got up from fasting; having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the Lord my God. ⁶ And I said: O God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our crimes have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. ⁷ Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our crimes we, our kings, and our priests have been handed over to the kings of the lands, to the sword, captivity, plunder, and humiliation, as it is this day.

⁸ And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

⁹ For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

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¹⁰And now, O our God, what more will we say? Because we abandoned Your instructions, ¹¹which You instructed by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land, with unclean peoples of the lands, with their horrific acts that fill it from one end to another with their filth.

¹²So now, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and do not seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.

¹³And after all that because our evil deeds and great guilt, since You our God punished us less than our crimes deserve, and rescued us, ¹⁴should we again break Your instructions, and join in marriage with those committing horrific acts? Would You not be angry with us until You destroyed us, that there would be no remnant or survivor?

¹⁵O Lord God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!

3 Days are still on His Calendar

Every Praise

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