



The return of the remnant from exile

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SESSION 2

HOW DID WE GET OUT OF ALL THIS TROUBLE?

Ezr 7:25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.

Ezr 7:26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Ezr 7:27 Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

Ezr 7:28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.



Ezr 8:15 And I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days:

Ezr 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava,

that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him **a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.**

Ezr 8:31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem:

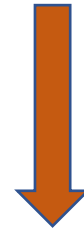
and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy

Ezr 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Ezr 6:20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the Passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

Ezr 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

Ezr 6:22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful



Neh 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spoke unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

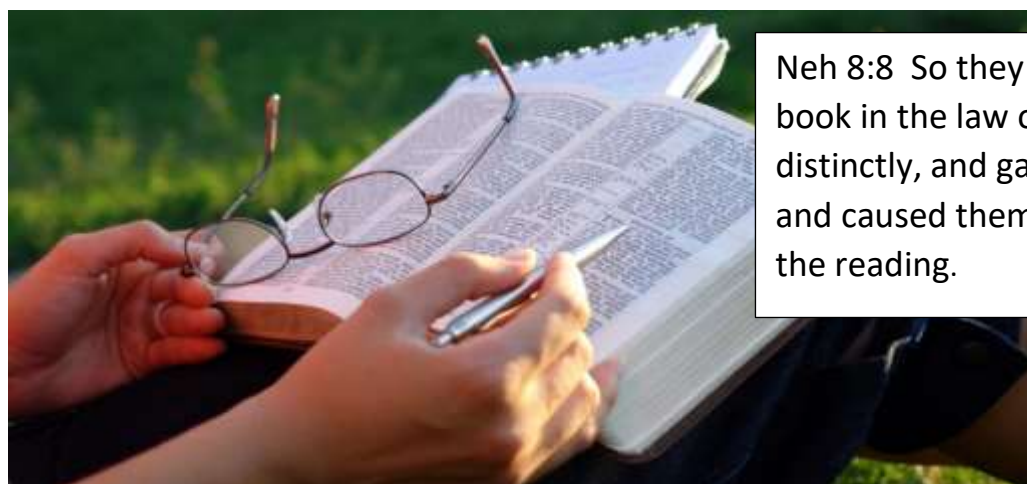
Neh 8:2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

Neh 8:3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.



Neh 8:7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

(Yah saves + built + Yah's heat + Yah's Right Hand + seized by the heel + Sabbatical + Yah's majesty + Yah works + crippled + Yah helps + Yah supplies + beseech (ask favour) + Yah separates)



Neh 8:8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Neh 8:9 And Nehemiah, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

Neh 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Neh 8:11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

Neh 1:5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that kept covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:



Neh 1:6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

Neh 1:7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commanded thy servant Moses.

Neh 1:8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commanded thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

Neh 1:9 **But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them;** though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

Neh 1:10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.



Ezr 10:1 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.

Ezr 10:9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto ... and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.
(would we be willing?)



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.

Ezr 10:12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

Neh 10:28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had **separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God**, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

Neh 10:29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

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- And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, set judges over all such as know the Laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know not the Laws of thy God
- gather together out of Israel chief men to help you
- abide at Ahava (fasting, praying)
- keep all the Feasts, from Pesach to Yom Teruah, so we can keep Sukkoth in the Kingdom
- listen to Jeshua, Bani, Jamin and the rest, to understand the Law
- give yourself as a living sacrifice, with salt (tears)
- turn back to full obedience
- endure uncomfortable conditions
- confess
- separate yourselves
- cleave to your brethren