



The return of the remnant from exile

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SESSION 3

WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US

Ezr 3:8 Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

Zerûbbâbel – זְרֻבָּבֶל	=	Contender of Babel
Shaltîy'êl – שְׁאַלְתִּי אֵל	=	Enquire of El
Yêshûa' - יֵשׁוּעַ	=	Yah-Saves
Yôtsâdâq - יוֹצֵדֵק	=	Yah is righteous



The Contender of Babylon, Enquire of El works with Yah saves, Yah is righteous and all they (us) that comes out of captivity to work on the Kingdom of Yah

Ezr 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endures for ever toward Israel. 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.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation

1Co 3:11 For no one is able to lay any other foundation except that which is laid, which is יְהוֹשֻׁעַ Messiah.

We have our work cut out for us: (what is our work in all this?)

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

We have our work cut out for us: (what is our work in all this?)

Ezr 6:16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

Ezr 6:17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

(although they were only Judah and Benjamin, the inclusion of the Lost 10 Tribes here is the attitude we must all have in these End Day work we do in the House of God)



Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim (Rom_11:17-24, Isa_14:1)

Eph 2:20 having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone,

Eph 2:21 in whom all the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,

Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.

Ezr 5:2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

(Yah our Saviour, the contender of Baal, and the prophets – the Law and the Prophets)

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Matthew 5:17

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Yashua said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me." Luke 24:44

"Philip found Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Yashua of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:45

"And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." Acts 13:15

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of יהושע Messiah.

Psa 119:124 Do with Your servant according to Your loving-commitment, And teach me Your laws.

Psa 119:125 I am Your servant – make me understand, That I might know Your witnesses.

Psa 119:168 I have guarded Your orders and Your witnesses, For all my ways are before You.

Rev 14:12 Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones, here are those guarding the commands of Elohim and the testimony of יהושע.

WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US - OTHERWISE, WHAT GOT US INTO THIS MESS, WILL BE REPEATED AGAIN:

Neh 9:34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

Neh 9:30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testified against them by thy spirit in thy prophets:



Ezra had a really comfortable life in Babylon. It seems he was in some sort of high position because he went to the king requesting quite a few things, and the king granted him everything he requested. (Ezr 7v6)

He probably had a nice house, a good family life, a secure job and a large community. Would we be willing to give all that up – and travel back to a desolate country, a destroyed city, a stubborn people? Is what is important to Yhwh important to us, to sacrifice a lot in order for the **Kingdom of God to be restored?**

Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Some of us will follow our hearts and leave Babylon physically to fulfil our destiny and do the work laid upon us (like Ezra and Nehemiah)

But some of us will stay behind in Babylon and fulfil our destiny there, and do the work laid upon us (like Esther)

Both of us are placed at a specific time, in a specific situation, for a time such as this:



Ezr 7:12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at **SUCH A TIME**.



Est 4:13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

Est 4:14 For if thou altogether holds thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for **SUCH A TIME AS THIS?**



Ecc 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a **TIME** to every purpose under the heaven

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints (1),
for the work of the ministry (2),
for the edifying of the body of Messiah (3) (the Tabernacle, the Temple, Jerusalem)

Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Rom 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Habakkuk 2:3 - For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come!!!

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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.

(fast / repentance / seeking Him.....we do not have the answers for exactly how we and our little ones (our children) will have substance when we are not part of the One World Government in the end days – but here we have our example – at the river Ahava. What does Ahava mean?)



WE CANNOT RELY ON THIS WORLD FOR OUR SUBSTANCE! LIKE IN THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY, LIKE WITH EZRA, WE HAVE TO LEARN TO RELY ON YHWH.

Ezr 8:22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, *The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him.*

Ezr 8:23 So we fasted and besought our God for this!!!

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We have our work cut out for us: (what is our work in all this?) (summary)

Prepare your hearts (minds / plans / dreams)

Be willing to sacrifice and give up the “normal” life we have gotten used to in Babylon

Know, love and live the Torah (Law and Prophets)

Learn to trust in Yhwh, not in any man (your boss/your government/the leaders of the new world)

### Who was doing all this work?

(who was physically doing all the hard work rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?)

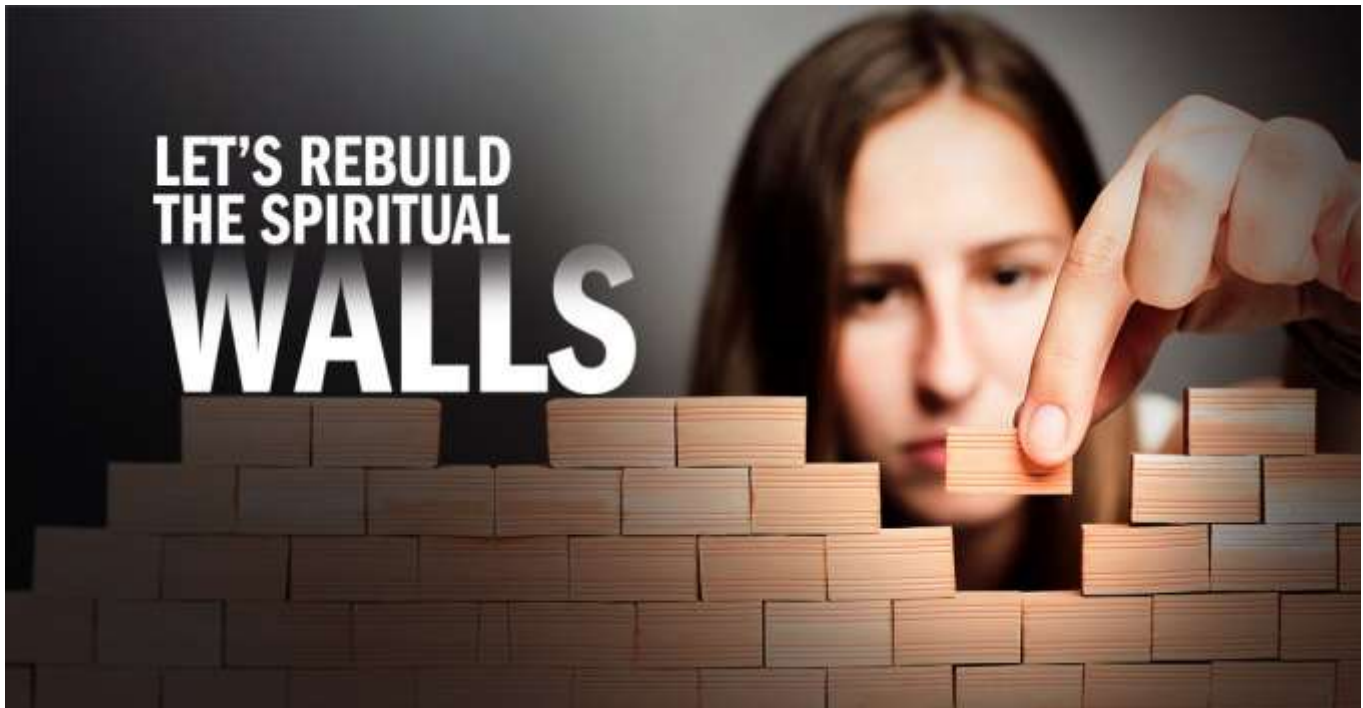
Only strong men right?

Only those who has muscles and endurance right?)



Neh 3 gives us a list of all the men who each worked at his specific place on the wall.... But...

Neh 3:12 And next to Malchijah repaired Shallum the son of Haloresh, he and his daughters.



End:

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

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,

