



The return of the remnant from exile

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SESSION 1

HOW DID WE GET INTO THIS MUCH TROUBLE?

Neh 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

Neh 1:5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps 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: (Deut 4: 26-31)

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.

How did we get into this much trouble?



Deu 4:27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

Deu 4:28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

Deu 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deu 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

Deu 4:31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

How did we get into this much trouble?



Ezr 5:11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and set up.

Ezr 5:12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them (Judah) into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. (and Israel into the hand of the Assyrian King)

How did we get into this much trouble?

Ezr 9:1 .. The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have **not separated** themselves from the people of the lands,

Ezr 9:2 so that the **holy seed have mingled** themselves with the people of those lands

Ezr 9:3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

Ezr 9:14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? would not thou be angry with us till thou has consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Prophetic Gap

Iron & Clay

Stone

How did we get into this much trouble? (summary)

- have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commanded thy servant Moses.
- served gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.
- provoked the God of heaven unto wrath
- have not separated themselves from the people of the lands,
- mixed themselves with the people of those lands (mixed religion)

SESSION 2

HOW DID WE GET OUT OF ALL THIS TROUBLE?

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,

