

The Return from Captivity

Section 16: Ezra 9-10

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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Intro: “Second Wave” of returnees. Ezra the priest and scribe returned with certain priests, Levites, and other Israelites from Babylon to Jerusalem, furnished with a royal commission to provide for the worship of God and the observance of the law.

Israel Intermarries (9:1-2)

- What did the leaders of the people tell Ezra? _____

- Who had been “foremost” in this practice? _____

Ezra Intercedes with God (9:3-15)

- How did Ezra react to the news? _____

- Why was Ezra astonished until the evening sacrifice? _____
- Why was Ezra so ashamed of his people? _____
- Did God give His people more or less than they deserved? _____

Reformation of Israel (10:1-44)

- What happened while Ezra was praying, confessing, weeping and bowing down before the House of God?

- What did Shechaniah tell Ezra? _____
- What covenant did Shechaniah want to make? With whom?

- What did Ezra make the leaders of the priests, Levites and all Israel swear?

- Why was Ezra mourning? What did he do while in mourning?

- What were the Jews to do with their pagan wives? _____
- How did the priests atone for their sins? _____
