

Ezra 2:1-70 **First Captives to Return from Persia to Jerusalem**

The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:6-73)

1 Now these are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.

2 Those who came **with Zerubbabel** were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the people of **Parosh**, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

4 the people of **Shephatiah**, three hundred and seventy-two;

5 the people of **Arah**, seven hundred and seventy-five;

6 the people of **Pahath-Moab**, of the people of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve;

7 the people of **Elam**, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

8 the people of **Zattu**, nine hundred and forty-five;

9 the people of **Zaccai**, seven hundred and sixty;

10 the people of **Bani**, six hundred and forty-two;

11 the people of **Bebai**, six hundred and twenty-three;

12 the people of **Azgad**, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two;

13 the people of **Adonikam**, six hundred and sixty-six;

14 the people of **Bigvai**, two thousand and fifty-six;

15 the people of **Adin**, four hundred and fifty-four;

16 the people of **Ater of Hezekiah**, ninety-eight;

17 the people of **Bezai**, three hundred and twenty-three;

18 the people of **Jorah**, one hundred and twelve;

19 the people of **Hashum**, two hundred and twenty-three;

20 the people of **Gibbar**, ninety-five;

21 the people of **Bethlehem**, one hundred and twenty-three;

22 the men of **Netophah**, fifty-six;

23 the men of **Anathoth**, one hundred and twenty-eight;

24 the people of **Azmaveth**, forty-two;

25 the people of **Kirjath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth**, seven hundred and forty-three;

26 the people of **Ramah and Geba**, six hundred and twenty-one;

27 the men of **Michmas**, one hundred and twenty-two;

28 the men of **Bethel and Ai**, two hundred and twenty-three;

29 the people of **Nebo**, fifty-two;

30 the people of **Magbish**, one hundred and fifty-six;

31 the people of the other **Elam**, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

32 the people of **Harim**, three hundred and twenty;

33 the people of **Lod, Hadid, and Ono**, seven hundred and twenty-five;

34 the people of **Jericho**, three hundred and forty-five;

35 the people of **Senaah**, three thousand six hundred and thirty.

36 **The priests:**

the sons of **Jedaiah**, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;

37 the sons of **Immer**, one thousand and fifty-two;

38 the sons of **Pashhur**, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
39 the sons of **Harim**, one thousand and seventeen.

40 **The Levites**: the sons of **Jeshua** and **Kadmiel**, of the sons of **Hodaviah**, seventy-four.

41 **The singers**: the sons of **Asaph**, one hundred and twenty-eight.

42 The sons of the **gatekeepers**: the sons of **Shallum**, the sons of **Ater**, the sons of **Talmon**, the sons of **Akkub**, the sons of **Hatita**, and the sons of **Shobai**, one hundred and thirty-nine in all.

43 **The Nethinim**:

the sons of **Ziha**, the sons of **Hasupha**, the sons of **Tabbaoth**,
44 the sons of **Keros**, the sons of **Siaha**, the sons of **Padon**,
45 the sons of **Lebanah**, the sons of **Hagabah**, the sons of **Akkub**,
46 the sons of **Hagab**, the sons of **Shalmal**, the sons of **Hanan**,
47 the sons of **Giddel**, the sons of **Gahar**, the sons of **Reaiah**,
48 the sons of **Rezin**, the sons of **Nekoda**, the sons of **Gazzam**,
49 the sons of **Uzza**, the sons of **Paseah**, the sons of **Besai**,
50 the sons of **Asnah**, the sons of **Meunim**, the sons of **Nephusim**,
51 the sons of **Bakbuk**, the sons of **Hakupha**, the sons of **Harhur**,
52 the sons of **Bazluth**, the sons of **Mehida**, the sons of **Harsha**,
53 the sons of **Barkos**, the sons of **Sisera**, the sons of **Tamah**,
54 the sons of **Neziah**, and the sons of **Hatipha**.

55 **The sons of Solomon's servants**: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,
56 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Ami.
58 **All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants** were three hundred and ninety-two.

59 And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer;
but they **could not identify their father's house or their genealogy**, whether they were of Israel:
60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two;
61 and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the sons of Barzillai, who
took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.

62 **These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.**

63 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
65 besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers.

66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,
67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and their donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for Beit Elohiym (the house of God), to erect it in its place:

69 According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments.

70 So the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The returning people that came with **Zerubbabel** were listed by the names of their cities and recorded the number in each group. [\[Ezra 2:1-35\]](#)
- ✧ The Priests, Levites, Singers, and Gatekeepers are listed according to their group and the number of them is recorded. [\[Ezra 2:36-42\]](#)
- ✧ **Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants** were three hundred and ninety-two listed by their fathers names. [\[Ezra 2:43-58\]](#)
- ✧ Six hundred and fifty two could not identify their father's house or their genealogy, whether they were of Israel: **These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.** [\[Ezra 2:59-63\]](#)
- ✧ The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers. [\[Ezra 2:64-65\]](#)
- ✧ The livestock was also numbered. [\[Ezra 2:66-67\]](#)
- ✧ Some of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for Beit Elohiym (the house of God), to erect it in its place:
According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments. [\[Ezra 2:68-69\]](#)
- ✧ They all dwelt in their cities. [\[Ezra 2:70\]](#)