

“Through the Bible: Ezra 9-10”

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I. A Great Sin Identified; Ezra’s Great Plea and Prayer (Ezra 9)

- A. “...The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not _____ themselves from the people of the lands, _____ according to their _____” (Ezra 9:1).
- B. What specific evil act was made mention of in Ezra 9:2? _____

- C. How did Ezra react to this news (Ezra 9:3)? _____

- D. Ezra remained in this state until the _____ sacrifice (Ezra 9:4-5). He then began to author a prayer starting with these words, “I am _____ and _____ to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our _____ are increased over our head, and our _____ is grown up unto the heavens” (Ezra 9:6).
- E. What did Ezra say had been shown for a “little space” in Ezra 9:8?

- F. Ezra 9:9 indicates God had “extended _____” to the people of Israel and had given them a “_____.”
- G. Ezra recited God’s law concerning inter-mingling with the people of the land. In the end, Ezra uttered, “O LORD God of Israel, thou art _____: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot _____ before thee because of this” (Ezra 9:15).

II. Repentance and Confession Made; A List of the Offenders (Ezra 10)

- A. “Now when Ezra had _____, and when he had _____, _____ and _____ 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 _____ very _____” (Ezra 10:1).
- B. Shechaniah was the first to speak on this matter. What did he recommend doing to remedy the situation, and did Ezra agree to it (Ezra 10:2-5)?

- C. What signs did Ezra display showing his continued weariness about this situation (Ezra 10:6)? _____

- D. A proclamation was sounded to gather in Jerusalem to resolve this sin. The text reveals, “_____ would not come within _____ days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be _____, and himself _____ from the congregation of those that had been carried away” (Ezra 10:8).
- E. A great gathering occurred in Jerusalem, while at the same time there was a great _____ (Ezra 10:9). Ezra commanded them to make confession of their wrong, and to make the necessary changes. They responded by saying, “But the people are _____, and it is a time of much _____, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a _____ of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing” (Ezra 10:13).
- F. Finally, an end to this matter was made when (Ezra 10:17)?

- G. Ezra 10:18-44 is a listing of those who “were _____ that had taken _____ wives” (Ezra 10:18).