

Ezra Prays for the People

Ezra 9:1-10:3

And at the end of these things, the leaders came near to me, saying, the people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, as to their abomination, even the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

For they have taken from their daughters for themselves, and for their sons. So the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of the lands. Yes, the hand of the leaders and the overseers has been foremost in this treachery.

And when I heard this thing, I tore my garments and my robe, and pulled off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stunned. Then were gathered to me everyone who trembled at the Words of the Elohim of Israel because of the treachery of the exiles. And I remained stunned until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening offering I rose up from my fasting, and with my garment and my robe torn, I even fell on my knees and spread out my hands to YAHWEH my Elohim.

And I said, O my Elohim, I am ashamed and wounded to lift up my face to You, O my Elohim. For our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown to the heavens. Since the days of our fathers we have been in great guilt until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to shame of faces to this day. And now, for a little time grace has been shown from YAHWEH our Elohim to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our Elohim may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were slaves, yet our Elohim has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to raise up the house of our Elohim, and to make stand its ruins, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our Elohim, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments which You have commanded by Your servants the

prophets, saying, The land into which you go, to possess it, it is an unclean land with the impurity of the people of the lands, with their abominations with which they have filled it, from mouth to mouth with their uncleanness.

And now do not give your daughters to their sons, and do not take their daughters to your sons, or seek their peace, or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your sons forever.

And after all that has come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since You our Elohim have held back the rod on our iniquities, and have given us such an escape as this, shall we again turn back to break Your commandments and intermarry with the people of these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had destroyed us, until there is no remnant or survivor?

O YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel, You are righteous. For we are left as a survivor, as it is this day. Behold, we are before You in our guilt, for none is able to stand before You because of this.

And while Ezra was praying and making his confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of The Elohim, a very great congregation of men and women and children gathered to him out of Israel. For the people wept with a great weeping. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our Elohim, and have dwelt with foreign women from the peoples of the land. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

And now let us cut a covenant with our Elohim to put away and cause to leave all the women, and those born of them, according to the counsel of YAHWEH and of those who tremble at the commandment of our Elohim. And let it be done according to the Torah.



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Abominations

Daughters

Elam

Ezra

Fasting

Foreign

Forsaken

Garment

Holy Seed

Israel

Jehiel

Leaders

Levites

Praying

Priests

Put Away

Separate

Shechaniah

Treachery

Unclean

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