

People Who Went with Ezra

8:1 **N**ow these are the heads of their fathers' *households* and the genealogical enrollment of those who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of King Artaxerxes: 2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, ^aHattush; 3 of the sons of Shecaniah *who was* of the sons of ^aParosh, Zechariah and with him 150 males *who were in* the genealogical list; 4 of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah and 200 males with him; 5 of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel and 300 males with him; 6 and of the sons of ^aAdin, Ebed the son of Jonathan and 50 males with him; 7 and of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah and 70 males with him; 8 and of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael and 80 males with him; 9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel and 218 males with him; 10 and of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah and 160 males with him; 11 and of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai and 28 males with him; 12 and of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan and 110 males with him; 13 and of the sons of Adonikam, the last ones, these being their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and 60 males with them; 14 and of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and ¹Zabbud and 70 males with ²them.

Ezra Sends for Levites

15 Now I assembled them at ^athe river that runs to Ahava, where we camped for three days; and when I observed the people and the priests, I ^bdid not find any Levites there. **16** So I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, ¹leading men, and for Joiarib and Elnathan, teachers. **17** And I sent them to Iddo the ¹leading man at the place Casiphia; and I ²told them what to say to ³Iddo *and* his brothers, ^athe temple servants at the place Casiphia, *that is*, to bring ministers to us for the house of our God. **18** And ^aaccording to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a ^bman of insight of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, and his sons and brothers, 18 men; **19** and Hashabiah and ¹Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, with his brothers and their sons, 20 men; **20** and 220 of ^athe temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, all of them designated by name.

Protection of God Invoked

21 Then I proclaimed ^aa fast there at ^bthe river of Ahava, that we might ^chumble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a ¹safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions. **22** For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to ¹protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, “^aThe hand of our God is ²favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but ^bHis power and His anger are against all those who ^cforsake Him.” **23** So we fasted and sought our God concerning this *matter*, and He ¹^alistened to our entreaty.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests, ^aSherebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten of their brothers; **25** and I ^aweighed out to them ^bthe silver, the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God which the king and ^chis counselors and his

princes, and all Israel present *there*, had offered. 26 ^aThus I weighed into their hands 650 talents of silver, and silver utensils *worth* 100 talents, *and* 100 gold talents, 27 and 20 gold bowls, *worth* 1,000 darics; and two utensils of fine shiny bronze, precious as gold. 28 Then I said to them, “^aYou are holy to the LORD, and the ^butensils are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fathers. 29 “Watch and keep *them* ^auntil you weigh *them* before the leading priests, the Levites, and the heads of the fathers’ *households* of Israel at Jerusalem, *in* the chambers of the house of the LORD.” 30 So the priests and the Levites ^aaccepted the weighed out silver and gold and the utensils, to bring *them* to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

31 Then we journeyed from ^athe river Ahava on ^bthe twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and ^cthe hand of our God was over us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the ambushes by the way. 32 ^aThus we came to Jerusalem and remained there three days.

Treasure Placed in the Temple

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils ^awere weighed out in the house of our God into the hand of ^bMeremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *were* the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui. 34 Everything *was* numbered and weighed, and all the weight was recorded at that time.

35 ^aThe exiles who had come from the captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: ^b12 bulls for all Israel, 96 rams, 77 lambs, 12 male goats for a sin offering, all as a burnt offering to the LORD. 36 Then ^athey delivered the king’s edicts to ^bthe king’s satraps, and to the governors *in the provinces* beyond the ¹River, and they supported the people and the house of God.

^a 1 Chr. 3:22

^a Ezra 2:3

^a Ezra 2:15; Neh. 7:20; 10:16

¹ Or, *Zakkur*

² Or, *him*

^a Ezra 8:21, 31

^b Ezra 7:7; 8:2

¹ Lit., *heads*

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² Lit., *put words in their mouth to say*

³ So Gr.; Heb., *Iddo his brother*

^a Ezra 2:43

^a Ezra 7:6, 28

^b 2 Chr. 30:22

¹ So Gr.; Heb., *with him Jeshaiiah*

^a Ezra 2:43; 7:7

^a 1 Sam. 7:6; 2 Chr. 20:3

^b Ezra 8:15, 31

^c Lev. 16:29; 23:29; Is. 58:3, 5

¹ Lit., *straight way*

¹ Lit., *help*

^a Ezra 7:6, 9, 28

² Lit., *upon all...*for good

^b Josh. 22:16

^c 2 Chr. 15:2

¹ Lit., *was entreated by us*

^a 1 Chr. 5:20; 2 Chr. 33:13

^a Ezra 8:18, 19

^a Ezra 8:33

^b Ezra 7:15, 16

^c Ezra 7:14

^a Ezra 1:9-11

^a Lev. 21:6-8

^b Lev. 22:2, 3

^a Ezra 8:33, 34

^a Ezra 1:9

^a Ezra 8:15, 21

^b Ezra 7:9

^c Ezra 8:22

^a Neh. 2:11

^a Ezra 8:30

^b Neh. 3:4, 21

^a Ezra 2:1

^b Ezra 6:17

^a Ezra 7:21-24

^b Ezra 4:7; 5:6

¹ I.e., Euphrates River

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.