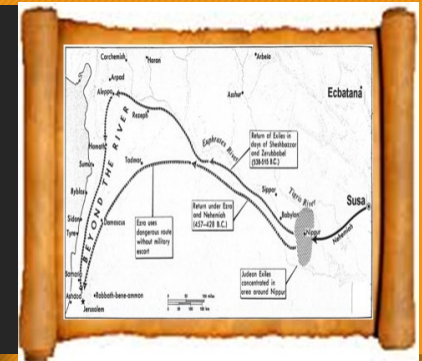


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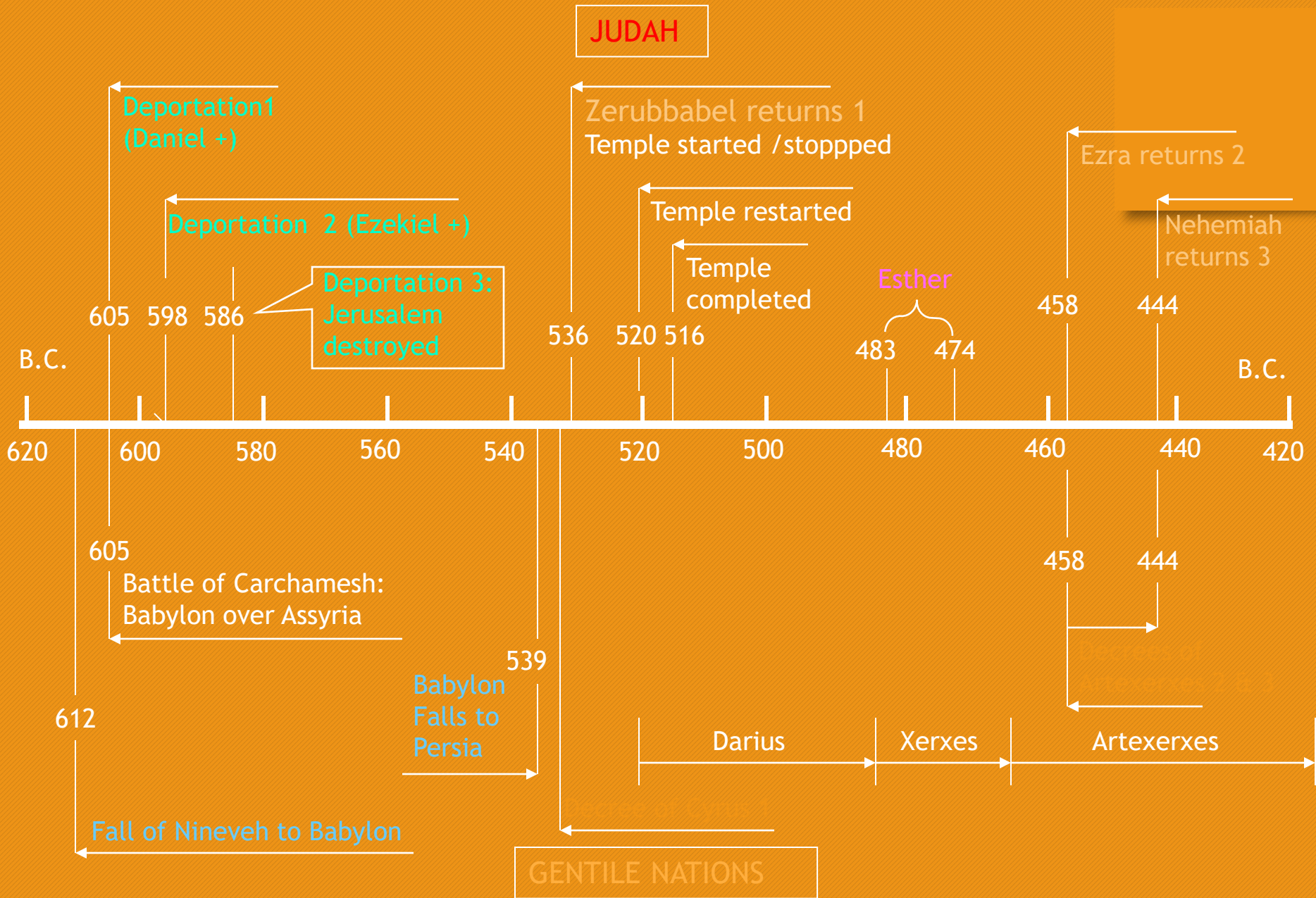
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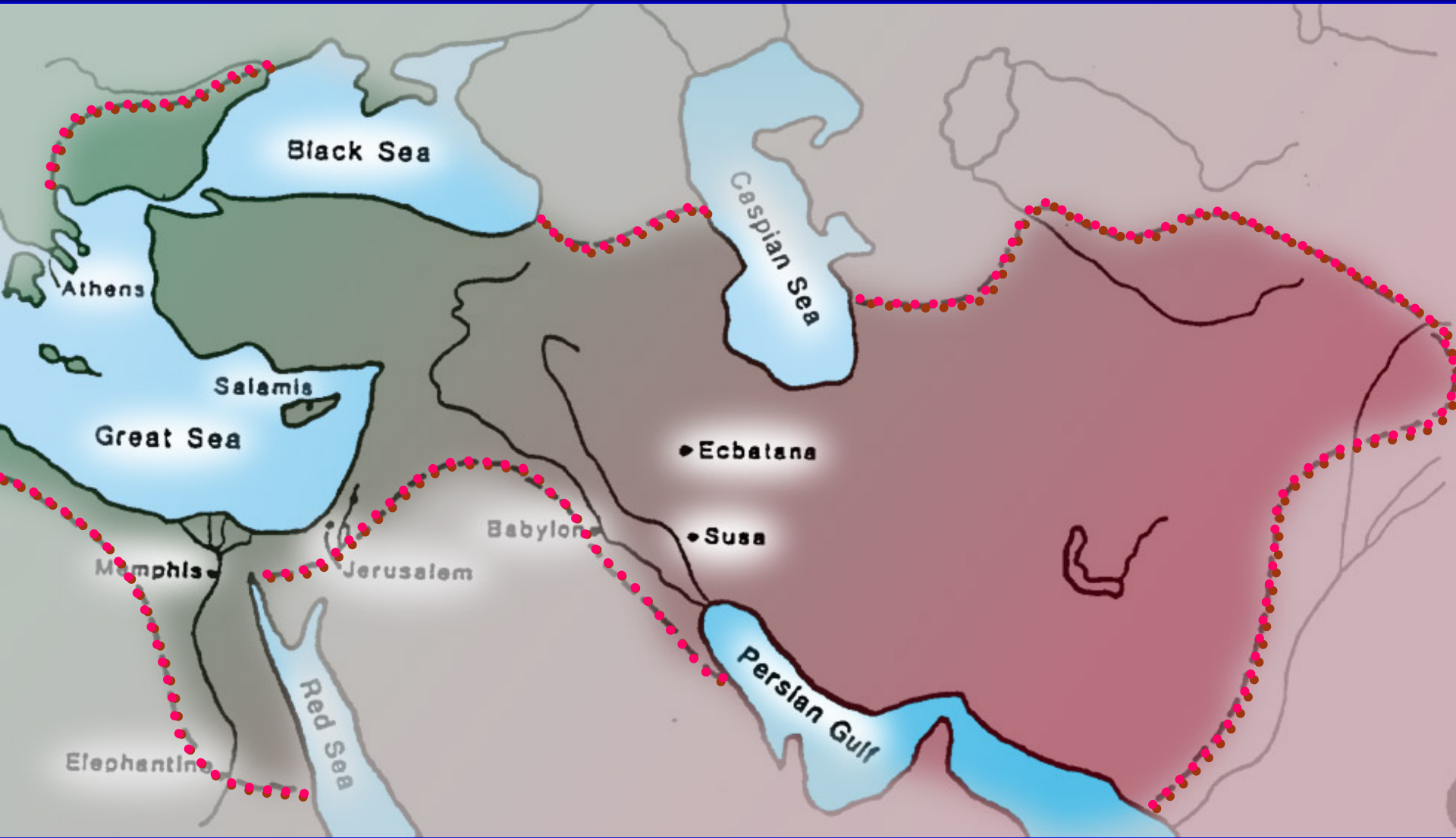


Series: The Trail Back

Ezra 2:1-67

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Persian Empire 539 - 331 B.C.

Persian Rulers

■ **Cyrus** 538 - 530 B.C

■ *Zerubbabel and Joshua*

■ **Cambyses** 530 - 522 B.C.

■ **Smerdis** 522 B.C.

■ **Darius** 521- 486 B.C.

■ *Haggai (520 B.C. / Zechariah (520 - 515 B.C.))*

■ **Xerxes I (Ahasuerus)** 486 - 465 B.C.

■ *Esther (474 B.C.)*

■ **Artaxerxes I** 464 - 423 B.C.

■ *Ezra and Nehemiah*

CHRONOLOGY OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH

539	Ezra 1-6	Cyrus the Great Cambyses	539 - Return to the Land
515			515 - Temple completed
482 473	Esther	Xerxes	480 - War with Greece Esther story
458	Ezra 7-10	Artaxerxes	458 - 2 nd Return under Ezra
445 420	Nehemiah		444 - Nehemiah & Walls 432 - Malachi

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1	1st Return under Sheshbazzar & Zerubbabel	Return from Babylon	The Edict of Cyrus
2			The Exiles who returned
3		Rebuilding of the Temple	Construction begun
4			Construction opposed
5			Construction delayed
6			Construction completed
7	2nd Return under Ezra	Return from Babylon	Decree of Artaxerxes
8			The Journey
9		Restoration of the People	Problem of mixed marriages
10			Solution to the problem

Who was Ezra?

- **Zerubbabel** focused on the physical and was instrumental in (re)building the temple.
- **Ezra** focused on the spiritual and the reestablishment of the priesthood and the rebuilding of the people.

Who was Ezra?

- A priest of the lineage of Aaron. **Ezra 7:1-5**
- A priest who took his job seriously. **Ezra 7:6**
- “... skilled in the law of Moses ...” - while in captivity ... **2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 18:24-26; Malachi 2:1-7**
- A servant who recognized God’s providence and blessings. **Ezra 8:21-22**
- A student who understood God’s dealings with His people - recognized to be the author of 1st and 2nd Chronicles.

Who was Ezra?

His life summarized in **Ezra 7:10**

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord , and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

Ezra's Heart Was Set

- “Set” - Ready and certain. “Fixity and stability of purpose.”
- Speaks of:
 - Focus
 - Consistency
- The one necessary thing. **Luke 10:41-42**
- Weeds have been pulled. **Mark 4:19**
- Not tossed to and fro. **Ephesians 4:14**

Ezra's Heart Was Set

- David as an example ... Psalms 57:7; 112:6-7; 1 Chronicles 22:18-19
- Make choice: Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21
- set your course ... no longer flexible on your mission ... firm state of resolve



The Book of Ezra

➤ **Ch. 1-6 – Restoration of the Temple** (538-516 B.C.; 22 years) 13

- **Ch. 1,2** – First return to Jerusalem (49,897 People)
- **Ch. 3-6** – Construction of the Temple

➤ **Ch. 7-10 – Reformation of the People** (458-457 B.C.; 1 year)

- **Ch. 7,8** – Second return to Jerusalem (1,754 People)
- **Ch. 9,10** – Restoration of the People

FOUR KINDS OF PEOPLE it takes to accomplish God's work

:

I. WE SEE IT TOOK SOME LEADERS!
(EZRA 2:1-2a)

Ezra 2:1

- Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;



CYRUS THE GREAT

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Ezra 2:2

- Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:



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Ezra 2:3

- The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.



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Ezra 2:4

- The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.



Ezra 2:5

- The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.



Ezra 2:6

- The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.



Ezra 2:7

- The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.



Ezra 2:8

- The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.



Ezra 2:9

- The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.



Ezra 2:10

- The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.



Ezra 2:11

- The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.



Ezra 2:12

- The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.



Ezra 2:13

- The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.



Ezra 2:14

- The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.



Ezra 2:15

- The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.



Ezra 2:16

- The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.



Ezra 2:17

- The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.



Ezra 2:18

- The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.



Ezra 2:19

- The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.



Ezra 2:20

- The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.



Ezra 2:21

- The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three.



Ezra 2:22

- The men of Netophah, fifty and six.



Ezra 2:23

- The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.



Ezra 2:24

- The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.



Ezra 2:25

- The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.



Ezra 2:26

- The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.



Ezra 2:27

- The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.



Ezra 2:28

- The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.



Ezra 2:29

- The children of Nebo, fifty and two.



Ezra 2:30

- The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.



Ezra 2:31

- The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.



Ezra 2:32

- The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.



Ezra 2:33

- The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.



Ezra 2:34

- The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.



Ezra 2:35

- The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.



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III. WE SEE IT TOOK SOME OF THE LORD'S MINISTERS! (EZRA 2:36-58)

Ezra 2:36

- **The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.**



Ezra 2:37

- The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.



Ezra 2:38

- The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.



Ezra 2:39

- The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.



Ezra 2:40

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



Ezra 2:41

- **The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.**



Ezra 2:42

- The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine.



Ezra 2:43

- **The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,**



Ezra 2:44

- The children of Keros,
the children of Siaha,
the children of Padon,



Ezra 2:45

- The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,



Ezra 2:46

- The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan,



Ezra 2:47

- The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,



Ezra 2:48

- The children of Rezin,
the children of
Nekoda, the children
of Gazzam,



Ezra 2:49

- The children of Uzza,
the children of
Paseah, the children
of Besai,



Ezra 2:50

- The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,



Ezra 2:51

- The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,



Ezra 2:52

- The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,



Ezra 2:53

- The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,



Ezra 2:54

- The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.



Ezra 2:55

- The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,



Ezra 2:56

- The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,



Ezra 2:57

- The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.



Ezra 2:58

- All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.



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(EZRA 2:59-67)

Ezra 2:59

- **And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:**



Ezra 2:60

- The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.



Ezra 2:61

- **And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:**



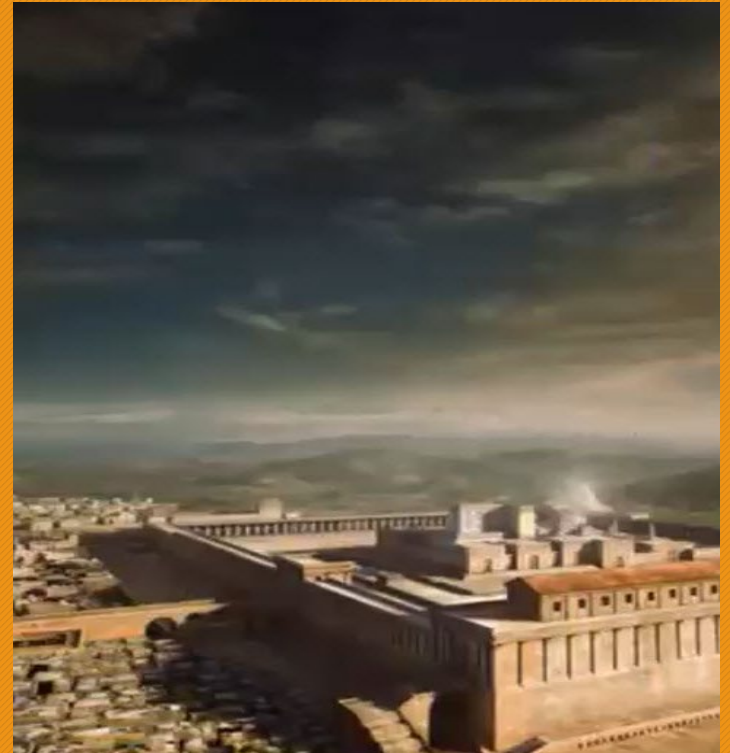
Ezra 2:62

- These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.



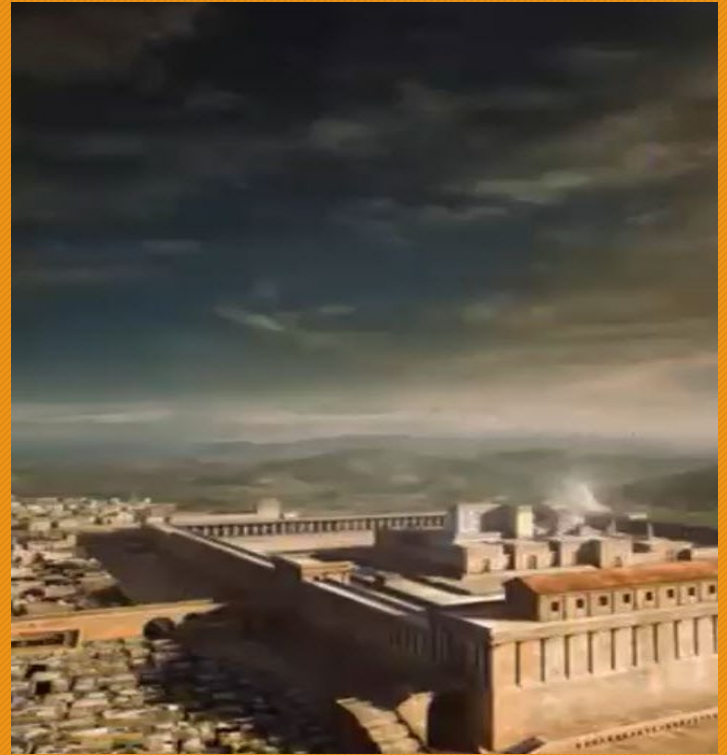
Ezra 2:63

- **And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.**



Ezra 2:64

The whole
congregation together
was forty and two
thousand three
hundred and
threescore,



Ezra 2:65

Beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.



Ezra 2:66

Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;



Ezra 2:67

Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.



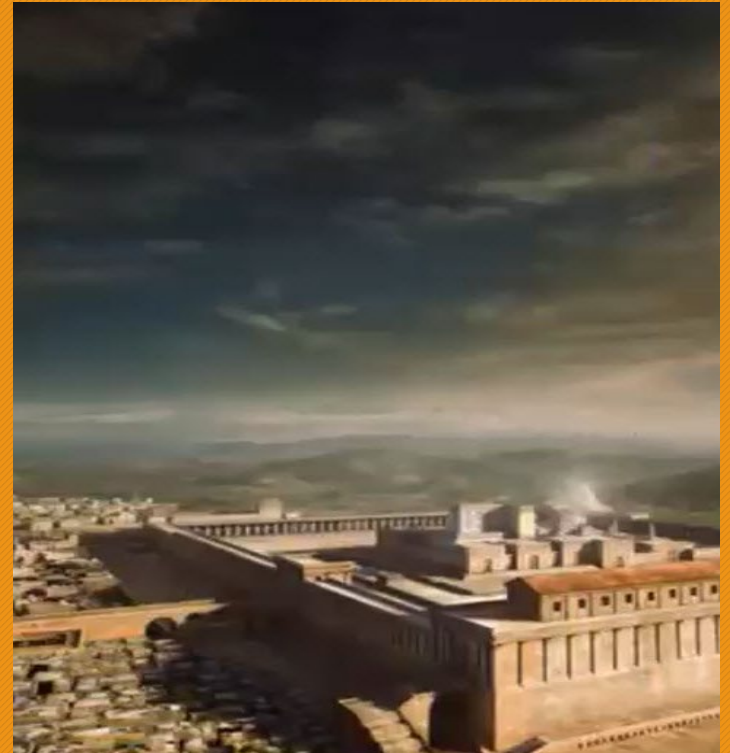
Ezra 2:68

And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the Lord which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:



Ezra 2:69

They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests garments.



Ezra 2:70

So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

