

Ezra 9

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9 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. (The Israelites had taken wives from the heathen tribes. This was against God's commands to Israel. They had even taken on the heathen women's idols as gods and worshipped them. Although Ammonites, the Moabites were Adamic people descended of Lot, they were heathen on a spiritual level. They worshipped the same idols that the Canaanites did. The Perizzites and the Amorites were even worse. They had mixed with the fallen angels and produced Geeber – hybrid giants)

Exodus-34:12-16, Deuteronomy-7:1-4 (God warned them that if they married into the heathen tribes; that they would eventually lose their way spiritually, and worship their idols)

²For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. (They didn't learn a thing during the captivity. They went right back into defying God)

(mingled = arab <Hebrew> – to braid together, to blend or mix – where our word Arab comes from – mixed peoples. Their leaders were even more guilty than the people. They should have known better. As the leaders go, so goes most of the nation)

(God promised Adam and then, Abraham that He would come into the world through his seed line. He wanted it kept unmingled until He would arrive. HE also knew that taking in heathen spouses would eventually mean taking in their idols and their false religions) See Deuteronomy-7:1-4

³And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. (Ezra was totally stunned at the perversion and idolatry that was going on)

⁴Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. (The faithful people assembled themselves with Ezra)

⁵And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, (HE was totally disgusted with what he found in Jerusalem)

⁶And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

⁷Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. (They were corrupt idolaters before the captivity; and afterwards, here they are again – corrupt idolaters. Even the priests had done this. Of all people, they should have known better)

⁸And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. (And now when God gave them a chance to return to Jerusalem and to set things right, they totally failed again. They brought their perversions with them)

⁹For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. (God ended the nation and punished the people but He protected them through the captivity. And now He had blessed them with Cyrus and Darius; to return to Jerusalem. And yet, they went right back to their perversions and idolatry by mixing with the heathen peoples)

¹⁰And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, (They sure did)

¹¹Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the

filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. (The Canaanite tribes have returned with the rest of the surrounding heathen people and are back sacrificing their children to Molech; as well as their orgies to Ishtar <Our Easter, today>, and other idols and perversions; - multiculturalism, as Obama called it)

¹² Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. (Live by God's laws and receive His blessings. You will prosper and be happy in this life)

¹³ And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; (They deserved far worse punishment than what they got. It's high time to repent and make things right with God)

¹⁴ Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? (If god destroys them completely, there won't be anyone left to rebuild the temple. It's not good to try to out-bargain God. We need Him a lot more than He needs us)

¹⁵ O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this. (Acknowledging our sins is the first step towards repentance. Will they finally get things right?)