

The Book of Ezra
Study #5
(Ezra 2:1-70)
A Jewish Homecoming!

I. The Surprises of the List

- A. The Two Families Called Elam (7,31)
- B. The Affluence of the People Coming (65)
- C. The family of Pashur (38)
- D. The Nethinims (58)
- E. The Men of Anathoth (23)
- F. The Children of Solomon's Servants (55-58)
- G. The Generous Gifts of Those Returning (69)

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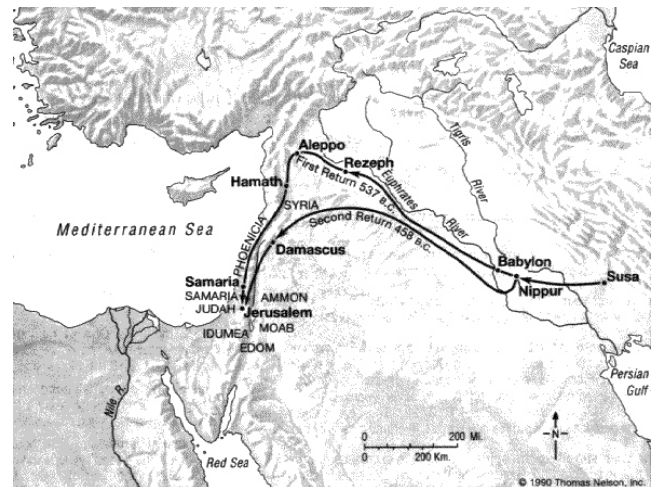
Word Bank

Use these words to fill in the blanks of section I. on the handout.

- Anathoth
- Elam
- Nethinims
- Pashur

II. The Sadness of the List

- A. The Jews are Called the Children of the Province (1-2)
- B. The Priests that Remained (36-39)
- C. The Apathy of the Levites (40-42)
- D. Those Who Lost Their Genealogy (59-63)
 - 1. The Pedigree
 - 2. The Problem
 - 3. The Pronouncement
 - 4. The Pity



III. The Significance of the List

- A. Some Significant Persons (2)
- B. A Significant Place: Bethlehem (21)
- C. A Significant Privilege (Lk. 10:20; Is. 49:16)
- D. A Significant Promise (70; Jer. 25:11; 29:10)

CONCLUSION:

We see tonight ...

- 1. The certainty of God's word.
- 2. The reality of divine punishment.
- 3. The wonder of God's renewed grace.
- 4. The importance of staying near the church.
- 5. The faithfulness of God's promises.

N Word Study Box

Drams (v. 69) The Persian Darius the Great (522-486 b.c.) minted coins of gold. The coin known as a *daric*, which bore his name, was common with the Israelites during the Captivity. It was similar to a U.S. five-dollar gold piece. *(Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)*

Pound (v. 69) This would be the *mina*, a Persian silver coin. One mina weighed 1 1/4 pounds.