

# Ezra chapters 1-6

## Shivat Tziyon: What Went Wrong and What Went Right

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### 1. **Ezra 2:64** <sup>א</sup>

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

### א. **עזרא ב':ס"ד** <sup>א</sup>

(סד) כָּל־הַקְהָל כְּאַתְדַּ אַרְבַּע רְבֹוא אֲלָפִים  
שְׁלֹש־מֵאוֹת שָׁשִׁים:

### 2. **Ezra 1:1-2** <sup>א</sup>

(1) NOW IN the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying: (2) 'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD, the God of heaven, given me; and He hath charged me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

### ב. **עזרא א':א-ב'** <sup>א</sup>

(א) וּבִשְׁנַת אֶחָת לְכוֹרֶשׁ מֶלֶךְ פָּרְס לְכֹלֹת  
דְּבַר־יְהוָה מִפִּי יִרְמְיָהוּ הַעֵזִיר יְהוָה אֶת־רוּחֹ  
כְּרִשׁ מֶלֶךְ־פָּרְס וַיַּעֲבֹר־קוֹל בְּכָל־מְלָכוֹתָיו  
וְגַם־בְּמִכְתָּב לְאֹמֶר: (ב) כֹּה אָמַר כְּרִשׁ מֶלֶךְ  
פָּרְס כָּל מַמְלָכוֹת הָאָרֶץ גָּמַן לִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי  
הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהוּא־פָקַד עָלַי לְבָנוֹת־לוֹ בַּיִת  
בִּירוּשָׁלַם אֲשֶׁר בְּיְהוּדָה:

### 3. **Ezra 3:12-13** <sup>א</sup>

(12) But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers'houses, the old men that had seen the first house standing on its foundation, wept with a loud voice, when this house was before their eyes; and many shouted aloud for joy; (13) so that the

### ג. **עזרא ג':י"ב-י"ג** <sup>א</sup>

(יב) וְרַבִּים מִהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם וְרֵאשֵׁי הָאָבוֹת  
הַזְקֵנִים אֲשֶׁר רָאוּ אֶת־הַבַּיִת הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּיָסְדּוֹ  
זֶה הַבַּיִת בְּעֵינֵיהֶם בְּכֹחַ גְּדוֹל וְרַבִּים  
בְּתְרוּעָה בְּשִׂמְחָה לְהַרִים קוֹל: (יג) וְאִין הָעָם  
מִכִּרְיִם קוֹל תְּרוּעַת הַשִּׂמְחָה לְקוֹל בְּכֵי הָעָם

people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4. **Yoma 21b** ⌘

In five things the first Sanctuary differed from the second: in the ark, the ark-cover, and the Cherubim, the fire, the *Shekhina*, the Holy Spirit [of Prophecy], and the Urim and Thummim.

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5. **Ezra 2:63** ⌘

(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. .

6. **Ezra 4:1-5** ⌘

(1) Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple unto the LORD, the God of Israel; (2) then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers'houses, and said unto them: 'Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up hither.' (3) But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers'houses of Israel, said unto them: 'Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.' (4) Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and harried them while they were

כִּי הָעָם מְרִיעִים תְּרוּעָה גְדוֹלָה וְהַקּוֹל נִשְׁמָע  
עַד־לְמֶרְחֹק: (פ)

ד. **יומא כ"א ב** ⌘

אלו חמשה דברים שהיו בין מקדש ראשון  
למקדש שני ואלו הן ארון וכפורת וכרובים  
אש ושכינה ורוח הקודש ואורים ותומים

ה. **עזרא ב':ס"ג** ⌘

(סג) וַיֹּאמֶר הַתִּרְשָׁתָא לָהֶם אַשֶׁר לֹא־יֵאָכְלוּ  
מִקֹּדֶשׁ הַקֹּדָשִׁים עַד עֲמֹד פֶּהָן לְאוּרִים  
וּלְתַמִּים:


ו. **עזרא ד':א'-ה'** ⌘

(א) וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ צַרִי יְהוּדָה וּבְנֵימֶן כִּי־בָנִי הַגּוֹלָה  
בּוֹנִים הֵיכָל לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ב) וַיִּגְשׁוּ  
אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל וְאֶל־רֵאשֵׁי הָאָבוֹת וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהֶם  
נִבְנֶה עִמָּכֶם כִּי כָכֶם נִדְרֹושׁ לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְלֹא  
[וְלוֹ |] אֲנַחְנוּ זִבְחִים מִימֵי אֶסֶר חֲדָן מִלְּךָ  
אֲשׁוּר הַמַּעֲלָה אֲתָנוּ פֶּהָ: (ג) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהֶם  
זְרֻבָּבֶל וַיִּשׁוּעַ וּשְׂאֵר רֵאשֵׁי הָאָבוֹת לִישְׂרָאֵל  
לֹא־לָכֶם וְלָנוּ לִבְנוֹת בַּיִת לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי אֲנַחְנוּ  
יְחַד נִבְנֶה לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּנוּ  
הַמֶּלֶךְ כּוֹרֶשׁ מֶלֶךְ־פָּרַס: (ד) וַיְהִי עִם־הָאָרֶץ  
מְרַפִּים יְדֵי עַם־יְהוּדָה וּמְבַלְהִים [וּמְבַהֲלִים]  
אוֹתָם לִבְנוֹת: (ה) וְסֹכְרִים עָלֵיהֶם יוֹעֲצִים  
לְהַפֵּר עֲצָתָם כָּל־יְמֵי כּוֹרֶשׁ מֶלֶךְ־פָּרַס  
וְעַד־מְלָכוֹת דָּרְיָוֶשׁ מֶלֶךְ־פָּרַס:


building, (5) and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

7. **Ezra 6:21** 


(21) And the children of Israel, that were come back out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, did eat,

ז. **עזרא ו':כ"א** 

(כא) וַיֵּאכְלוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל הַשְּׁבִיִּים מִהַגּוֹלָה וְכָל הַנְּבָדָל מִטְּמֵאת גּוֹי־הָאָרֶץ אֲלֵהֶם לְדָרֵשׁ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

8. **Ezra 5:1-2** 

(1) Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel prophesied they unto them. (2) Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them.

ח. **עזרא ה':א'-ב'** 

(א) וְהַתְּנַבִּי חַגִּי נְבִיאָה [נְבִיאָה] וְזַכְרְיָה בֶרֶעֱדוּא נְבִיאֵי [נְבִיאֵי] עַל־יְהוָה וְנָאָה גַי בִּיהוּד וּבִירוּשָׁלַם בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עָלֵיהֶן: (ב) (ג) בְּאֵיִן קָמוּ זְרֻבָבֶל בֶּרֶשָׁאֲלֵתִיאֵל וַיִּשׁוּעַ בֶּרֶשָׁאֲלֵתִיאֵל וְנָאָה גַי בִּירוּשָׁלַם וְעִמָּהֶן נְבִיאֵי [נְבִיאֵי] דִּי־אֱלֹהֵי מְסַעְדֵּין לְהוֹן: (פ)

9. **Berakhot 4a** 

Hence the Sages said : The Israelites were worthy that a miracle should be performed for them in the days of Ezra in the same way that it was performed for them in the days of Joshua, the son of Nun; but sin caused [the miracle to be withheld].

ט. **ברכות ד' א** 

מכאן אמרו חכמים ראויים היו ישראל ליעשות להם נס בימי עזרא כדרך שנעשה להם בימי יהושע בן נון אלא שגרם החטא

