

Ezra 8:1-10:44

- I. Preparations & Journey
 - A. Heads of fathers' houses (see Ezra 7:10).
 - B. Staff of Levites
 - C. Traveling mercies
 - D. Beginning with worship

- II. Crisis: Intermarriage with Non-Jews
 - A. The bad news (see Numbers 14:39-40; 21:7; Judges 10:10).
 - B. Why is this a problem? (see Deuteronomy 7:1-5; Judges 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:1-6; 1 Corinthians 7:12-13)
 - C. Ezra's prayer of confession

- III. Covenant
 - A. Shecaniah's wisdom
 - B. Covenants of repentance (see Genesis 9:8-17; 15:1-21; 2 Kings 23:2-3; 2 Chronicles 29:6, 10; Malachi 4:16-17)
 - C. Costly grace (see Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:15; John 17:17, 19)