

**FIRST RETURN FROM BABYLON, PART 2:  
RESTORATION OF THE COMMUNITY  
(Ezra 2:1-70)**

I. The ROSTERS

A. List of LEADERS (Ezra 2:1-2)

1. Zerubbabel, descended from DAVID (1 Chron. 3:17-19)
2. Jeshua was HIGH PRIEST and related to EZRA
3. May list the leaders of each of the TWELVE TRIBES (cf. Neh. 7:7)

B. List of FAMILIES (Ezra 2:3-19/20)

C. List of TOWNS (Ezra 2:19/20-35)

D. List of PRIESTS (Ezra 2:36-39)

1. Comprised 10% of the total number of returnees
2. Represented only 4 of the 24 orders established by David

E. List of LEVITES (Ezra 2:40-42)

1. Includes some of the temple SINGERS
2. Includes some of the temple GATEKEEPERS

F. List of TEMPLE SERVANTS (Ezra 2:43-54)

G. List of DESCENDANTS of the servants of SOLOMON (Ezra 2:55-58)

H. List of OTHERS (Ezra 2:59-63)

1. Some could not prove they were of ISRAEL

2. Some could not prove they were PRIESTS
- I. TOTALS (Ezra 2:64-69)
    1. Total PEOPLE in the first return: 49,897
    2. A list of LIVESTOCK is included
  - J. Final SETTLEMENT (Ezra 2:70)
    1. Donated much GOLD and SILVER and many priestly GARMENTS
    2. Those who did not settle in JERUSALEM went to their ANCESTRAL cities
- II. Significance of the Rosters
    - A. Helps “HUMANIZE” the resettlement
    - B. Illustrates the importance to Israel of GENEALOGIES
    - C. Demonstrates the importance of assuring proper PRIESTHOOD to their WORSHIP
    - D. Indicates the importance of this event to God’s program of REDEMPTION
- III. Lessons
    - A. God is faithful to His WORD (Isa. 55:11)
    - B. God is faithful to His PEOPLE
      1. He APPOINTS legitimate LEADERSHIP (cf. Eph. 4:11-12)
      2. He PRESERVES those who are HIS people (cf. Rom. 8:35-39)
      3. He DELIVERS them to their INHERITANCE (cf. 1 Pet. 1:3-5)
      4. He FELLOWSHIPS with His people (cf. John 14:17-20)
      5. He PROVIDES the necessary RESOURCES (cf. John 14:12-14)