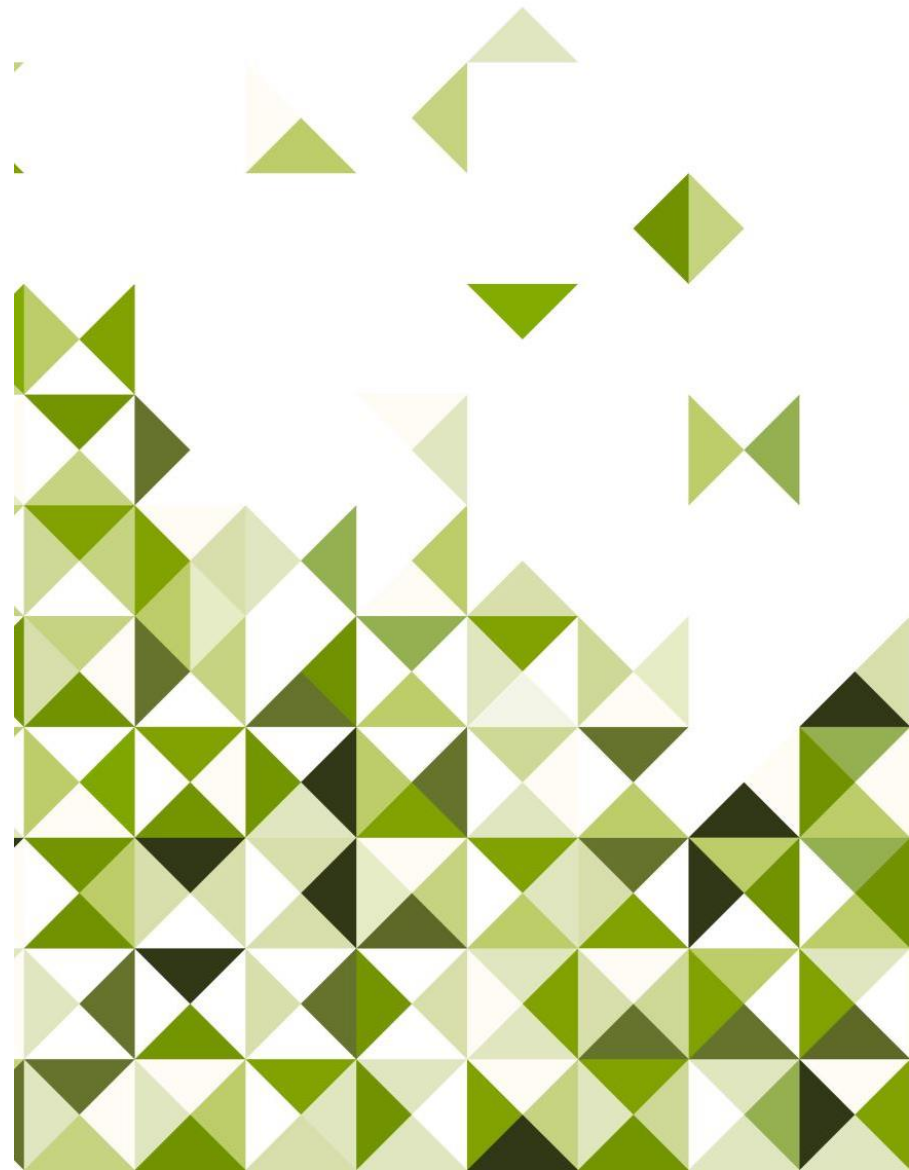

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Ezra 10:4



THE ISSUE

- Captivity came to an end and Israel was allowed to return to Jerusalem
 - Ezra finds out the people of Israel had not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, as commanded by God, but had intermarried with them
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THE RESPONSE OF SHECHANIAH

- We have sinned, let us do what we need to do to be right with God
- “Arise, for this matter is your *responsibility*... Be of good courage, and do it”

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- **Ezra 7:6,10**
 - Ezra was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses and a descendent of Aaron (priest)
 - Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, to do it, and to teach it
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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Parents
 - **Ephesians 6:4** – Bring your children up in the training of the Lord
 - Each generation has the responsibility to teach the next (**Psalm 78:1-8**)



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 - **1 Peter 5:1-4** – Shepherd the flock
 - The flock elders are shepherding is the “church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (**Acts 20:28**)



AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Evangelists
 - **2 Timothy 4:1-5** – Preach the word
 - Declaring the entire council of God (**Acts 20:27**)
 - They are to do this regardless of the response (**Ezekiel 3:17-21**)
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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Individual Christians
 - **Acts 8:4** – Spread the gospel
 - Through our conduct (**1 Peter 2:11-12**)
 - Through verbal teaching (**Matthew 28:18-20**)



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