

Ezra 9:1-4 – Ezra Judges the People (Part 1)

Observations

Verses 1-2

- When? more than _____ after arrival in Jerusalem
- What?
- Why? Lack of _____; *from* the peoples of the lands
 - 1) From what? The _____ of the peoples of the lands
 - 2) Manifestation: _____ with pagans (Deut. 7:3-4)
- Who?
- Result? The holy race _____ with the pagans of the land

Verses 3-4 – Ezra's response

- _____ his garments
- Pulled out his _____
- Sat down _____
- Others gathered to him

Interpretation

- Ezra viewed as a _____ (a _____ issue)
- A problem of _____ from peoples of the land
 - 1) God's plan was that Israel be a _____ people
 - 2) _____ was a major trap
 - a) A _____ issue
 - b) Malachi 2:11-16
- Ezra's response -
 - 1) Why? The nation's _____ (1 Kings 11; 2 Chron. 36)
 - 2) Why? Concern for God's _____

Application

- When people have _____, who do they go to?
 - 1) The one whose life shows inner strength and _____
 - 2) Watch your _____. True separation is...
- *DO NOT* be _____ yoked (2 Cor. 6:14^{ff})
 - 1) Very _____ to God
 - 2) Parental responsibility – guide children to _____