

## NECHEMYAH

and kol HaAm sat in the rechof before the Beis HaElohim, distressed by the occasion and the heavy rain.  
|10| Then Ezra HaKohen stood up and said to them, You have been unfaithful and have married foreign women adding to Ashmat Yisroel.  
|11| Now, therefore, make confession to Hashem Elohei Avoteichem and do His will; separate yourselves from the am ha'aretz and from the foreign women.  
|12| Then Kol HaKahal answered and said with a kol gadol, Ken! As you have said, so it is our duty to do.  
|13| But there are Am rav, it is the rainy season, and we are not able to stand bachotz (outside). Nor can the matter be done in one or two days, for we have transgressed greatly in this matter.  
|14| Let our leaders represent the Kol HaKahal and let all those in our towns who have married foreign women come at appointed times, together with the ziknei ir and shofetim of each town until the charon af Eloheinu on account of this matter is turned away from us.  
|15| Only Yonatan ben Asah'el and Yachzeyah ben Tikvah supported by Meshulam and Shabtai the Levi stood opposed.  
|16| But the Banim of the Golus did so. And Ezra HaKohen selected anashim who were Rashei HaAvot for each of their father's households, all of them by shemot. So they convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter.  
|17| And they finished investigating all men who had married foreign women by the 1st day of the 1st month.  
|18| And among the Bnei HaKohanim who had married foreign women were found of

the Bnei Yeshua ben Yotzadak, and his brothers; Ma'aseiyah, Eliezer, Yariv, and Gedalyah.  
|19| And they pledged to put away their women, and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their asham.  
|20| And of the Bnei Immer there were Chanani and Zevadyah;  
|21| and of the Bnei of Charim; Ma'aseiyah, Eliyah, Shemayah, Yechiel, and Uzziyah;  
|22| and of the Bnei of Pashchur; Elyoeinai, Ma'aseiyah, Yishmael, Netanel, Yozavad, and Elasah.  
|23| And of Levi'im there were Yozavad, Shimei, Kelayah (that is, Kelita), Petachyah, Yehudah, and Eliezer.  
|24| And of the singers there was Elyashiv; and of the gatekeepers; Shallum, Telem, and Uri.  
|25| And of Yisroel, of the Bnei of Parosh there were Ramyah, Yizziyah, Malchiyah, Miyamin, Eleazar, Malkiyah, and Benayah;  
|26| And of the Bnei Elam; Mattanyah, Zecharyah, Yechi'el, Avdi, Yeremot, and Eliyah;  
|27| And of the Bnei Zattu; Elyoeinai, Elyashiv, Mattanyah, Yeremot, Zavav, and Aziza;  
|28| And of the Bnei Bevai; Yehochanan, Chananyah, Zabbai, and Atlai;  
|29| And of the Bnei Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adayah, Yashuv, Sheal, and Ramot;  
|30| And of the Bnei Pachat-Moav; Adna, Kelal, Benayah, Ma'aseiyah, Mattanyah, Betzalel, Binnui, and Menasheh;  
|31| And of the Bnei Charim; Eliezer; Yishiyah, Malkiyah, Shemayah, Shim'on,

|32| Benyamin, Malluch, and Shemaryah;  
|33| Of the Bnei of Chashum; Matnai, Mattattah, Zavav, Eliphelet, Yeremai, Manasheh, and Shimei;  
|34| Of the Bnei Bani; Ma'adai, Amram, U'el,  
|35| Benayah, Bedyah, Keluhi,  
|36| Vanyah, Meremot, Elyashiv,  
|37| Mattanyah, Mattnai, Ya'asai,  
|38| Bani, Binnui, Shimei,  
|39| Shelemyah, Natan, Adayah,  
|40| Machnavdai, Shashai, Sharai,  
|41| Azarel, Shelemyah, Shemaryah,  
|42| Shallum, Amaryah, and Yosef.  
|43| Of the Bnei Nevo there were Yeiel, Mattityah, Zavav, Zevina, Yadai, Yoel, and Benayah.  
|44| All these had taken foreign women, and some of them wives by whom they had banim.

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**1** The Divrei Nechemyah ben Chachalyah. And it came to pass in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year [*i.e.*, 445 B.C.E.], as I was in Shushan the capital [*of Persia*],  
|2| That Chanani, one of my achim [*see* 7:2], came, he and certain men, from Yehudah; and I asked them concerning the remnant of the Yehudim that had survived the Exile [*the Golus*], and concerning Yerushalayim.  
|3| And they said unto me, The remnant that have survived the Exile [*the Golus*] there in the province are in ra'ah gedolah and reproach; the Chomat Yerushalayim also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with eish.