# **Vision - New Beginnings - Pt 9 Revival**

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[**Ezra 7:10**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr7.10) “10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

### Prepare our Hearts - Study the Word - Do what it says - Teach others

Read [Ezra 8:1-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr8.1-14)

Why read through this Genealogy?

[Ezra 8:3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr8.3) “3 of the sons of Shecaniah, **of the sons of Parosh**, Zechariah; and registered with him were one hundred and fifty males;”

[Ezra 8:11](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr8.11) “11 **of the sons of Bebai**, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males;”

[Ezra 8:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr8.14) “14 **also of the sons of Bigvai**, Uthai and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.”

Remember early in this series we talked about those whom the Spirit of God moved to return: The Remnant

1. [Ezra 1:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr1.5) “5 Then the heads of the fathers’ houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, **with all whose spirits God had moved**, arose to go up and build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.”

i. **“With all whose spirits God had moved”**

1. **There are those whom God’s Spirit had not moved to return to Israel, or those who rejected the Spirit’s prompting.**

2. [Ezra 2:64-65](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr2.64-65) “64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, 65 besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers.”

3. 1 in 6 Israelites returned or about 50 thousand

### Anybody here praying for a lost family member, maybe a backslidden family member, one whom is not walking with Christ and worshiping here with you today?

**This morning there is hope for you for your loved ones**

**Jesus Brothers:**

[Matthew 13:57](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt13.57) “57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and **in his own house.**””

[John 7:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn7.5) “5 For **even His brothers did not believe in Him**.”

They even thought Jesus was a little Crazy - [Mark 3:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mk3.21) “21 But when **His own people heard** about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, **“He is out of His mind.”**”

**The Greek expression here “His own people” αὐτός autos (Oww-tose) is an intimate one more often relating to immediate family:**

When **his family heard** this they went out to restrain him, for they said, **“He is out of his mind.”**

**C. S. Lewis**popularized the argument that Jesus was either a liar or a lunatic or the Lord**.**

**Anybody in this room this morning have some family members that think you take this Jesus thing a little too seriously?**

**Awe come on you’re taking this religious thing to the extreme**

**Yet something changes that with Jesus! Its the Resurrection!**

**Before the Resurrection, before the crucifixion there is not record of the brothers of Jesus being disciples, rather the contrary. The Resurrection changes everything!**

[**1 Corinthians 15:7**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Co15.7) “7 After that (the Resurrection) He **was seen by James**, then by all the apostles.”

[Acts 1:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac1.14) “14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, **and with His brothers.**”

[1 Corinthians 9:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Co9.5) “5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, **the brothers of the Lord**, and Cephas?”

One encounter with the risen Jesus took Jesus brothers from unbelievers who thought Jesus a lunatic to believers who were at Pentecost and went on the mission field to share Christ!

Twp of Jesus brothers authored books in the New Testament (James and Jude) and James pastored the Jerusalem church!

The Risen Lord can change the dynamic of your family!

Back to our list of the genealogies of [Ezra 8](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr8):

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There was this remnant that returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel and Jeshua

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[Ezra 2:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr2.14) “14 **the people of Bigvai**, two thousand and fifty-six;”

We find in Ezra’s return to Jerusalem **family** who did not originally return with Zerubbabel. What ever reason they had chosen not to return before, now the Lord saw fit to call them out of the **exile life and home with the people of God, into the family of God**.

This is an extremely hope filled passage for those who have family they have been praying for loved ones to come to Christ, return to Christ and even be worshipping with them. **There is HOPE for you today**.

We serve a risen Lord who Can transform anyone who comes to Him.

On encounter with the Risen Jesus can change everything