

GROUP 1

Ezra stood on a high, wooden platform with other important leaders standing beside him. He opened the book of law.

GROUP 2

As Ezra opened the book, the people stood. Ezra blessed God as the people lifted their hands and said "Amen! Amen!" Then the people bowed down and worshiped God with their faces to the ground.

GROUP 3

Ezra said to the people, "Do not weep. Go eat and have a celebration. Today is special to the Lord. Rejoice in God."
