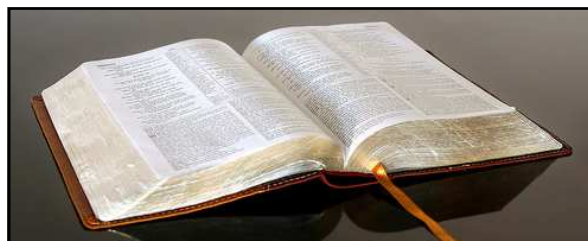


Interfaith Marriages?



Ezra (9:1-3)

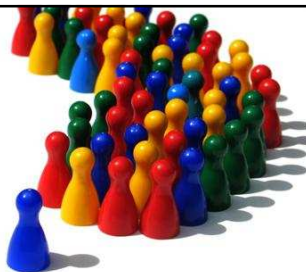


The Book of Ezra is about:

- The return of the exiles
- The rebuilding of the temple
- The Spiritual restoration of the exiles

Ezra was:

- A scribe and a priest
- A Godly leader with an uncompromising loyalty to God's word (7:10)



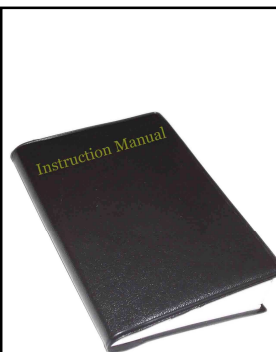
Compromise of the Israelites

The people of Israel, including the priests and Levites, married the daughters of pagans.



The result of their compromise

The Israelites lost their purity and their identity.




God's instructions regarding interfaith marriage (Exo. 34:15-16)

- Do not make treaties with pagans
- Do not marry the sons and daughters of pagans



God's instructions regarding cultural assimilation (Lev. 18:1-4)

Do not follow the practices of pagans




Do not be yoked together with an unbeliever (2 Cor. 6:14)

Paul is telling us that what is true for the ox and donkey is also true for the Christian and non-Christian

Why does God forbid interfaith marriage?

- You are God's treasured possession (Ex. 19:5)
- You are God's priests and a holy nation (Ex. 19:6)
- You are a royal priesthood



Make a decision today that you will marry only a believer of Jesus Christ.

