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• People’s convocation (1; Pr 23:12)

 1. Who--Ezra & people (Er 7:6-10)

 2. What--assembling to learn Law

 3. When--Tishri 1 or October 8, 445 B.C.

 *- Feast of Trumpets (Le 23:23-25; Nu 29:1-6)*

 • Cessation of labor & sacred assembly

 • Presenting Israel to the Lord

 4. Where--Water Gate

 5. Why--commanded by God (Dt 31:9-13)

• Ezra’s instruction (2-6; Ro 10:17)

 1. Reading (& listening) for 5-6 hours

• Levites’ interpretation (7-8; Ac 8:30-31)

• People’s reaction (9; 2 Ki 22:8-13; Pr 15:13)

• Nehemiah’s exhortation (10-11; Pr 15:30)

• People’s celebration (12)

• People’s dedication (13; Pr 29:18)

• People’s commemoration (14-17)

 1. Tishri 10--Day of Atonement (not mentioned)

 *- Cleansing of priests, people, & Holy Place (Le 23:26-32; Nu 29:7-11)*

 2. Tishri 15-21--Feast of Tabernacles

 *- Commemorating Exodus & celebrating harvest* *(Le 23:33-43; Nu 29:12-34)*

• People’s re-education (18)

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• People’s confession (9:1-37; Pr 28:13)

 1. By fasting--to focus on God (1)

 2. With sackcloth & dust--to show mourning (1)

 3. By separation--to be holy (2)

 4. Of God’s gracious actions & Israel’s unfaithful actions

 *- Creation (5-6)*

 *- Abraham (7-8)*

 *- Exodus (9-21)*

 *- Canaan (22-25)*

 *- Monarchies (26-31)*

 *- Present (32-37)*

• People’s decision (9:38-10:39; Pr 16:20)

 1. In writing (9:38-10:27)

 2. By oath--doing seven things to bind themselves to keep promise (10:28-39;

 Ge 21:30)

 *- No intermarriage (10:30)*

 *- Honor Sabbath day, year (10:31)*

 *- Do required temple activities (10:32-33)*

 *- Provide wood for sacrifice (10:34)*

 *- Bring firstfruits of crops (10:35)*

 *- Present firstfruits of family, herds (10:36)*

 *- Give tithes & contributions (10:37-39)*