

He Drew them to the Altar
Ezra 3:1-7

Introduction

1. He gathered them together for feasting "*on the seventh month,*" v1

The Seven Feasts:

- * Mar-April: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits
- * Summer harvest: Pentecost
- * Sept-Oct: Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles

2. He gave them unity, "*as one man,*" v1

3. He gave them a heart to obey, "*As it is written,*" v2

4. He caused one generation to reverse the trends of the previous generation, *Jeshua the son of Jozadak and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel*
v2

5. He led them to prioritize the altar in their building, *arose and built the altar* v2

6. He used fear to drive them to worship, "*Though fear had come upon them,*" v3

7. He gave them perseverance, "They also gave money," v3-5