

## How Hope is Secured Ezra 10:5-44

Ezra 10:5-44 continues the story of hope which was declared in the first five verses where Schechaniah declares, "yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this." However in verses 5-44, it is revealed **how** the hope of repentance was secured. It is one thing to acknowledge your sin, but its another thing to follow through with necessary changes.

### I. Hope is declared, v1-4

1. A very large assembly gathers in sorrow, V1-4 – Hope is declared

### II. Hope is secured v5-44

1. Ezra makes them swear an oath, V5 – there must be clearly defined direction
2. Ezra enters a room and fasts, v6 – there must be help from heaven
3. They issue a proclamation - choose – Put away or be separated, v7-8 – there must be urgency of action
4. Trembling and Confrontation v9-11 – the sins must be named
5. Careful inspection and action is requested – wisdom is necessary, v12-17
6. The repenters are identified, 18-44 – sacrifice must be made

## Applications