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1st day	1st month	(Ezra 7.9) (Ezra 8.21)	they leave Babylon prayer & fasting at Ahava Canal
12th day	1st month	(Ezra 8.31)	they leave Ahava Canal
1st day	5th month	(Ezra 7.9)	they arrive in Jerusalem
17th day	9th month	(Ezra 10.8f)	proclamation following prayer
20th day	9th month	(Ezra 10.9-11)	assembly of people call for separation
1st day	10th month	(Ezra 10.16)	investigations begin
1st day	1st month	(Ezra 10.17)	finished dealing with compromise

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conviction of sin

- what does it look like?
- how does it happen?

repentance unto life

- a communal decision
 - a groundswell of longing (vv.1-5)
 - a season of prayer (v.6)
 - a unity of spirit
- a biblical directive
 - honour the LORD (do His will)
 - separate yourselves
- a pastoral discipline
 - slow
 - sensitive
 - spiritual