working bibliography on Ezra-Nehemiah
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**Persian Background**


**Other Materials**


Goodnick, Benjamin. “Ezra Rejects Patrilineal Descent.” Jewish Bible Quarterly 26 (1989): 250-254. [Goodnick deduces that Ezra was “actually concerned with the purity of the Jewish
family through the mother” (253) even though the father’s house is listed in Ezra-Neh, based on the apparent acceptance as citizens of the returning persons who could not verify their patrilineal descent (Ezra 2:59-60). The priests were held to a higher standard (2:60-61). Goodnick does not deal with the fact that the apparently accepted returning persons in 2:59-60 do not appear on the lists in 10:20ff.; Neh 10:2ff. (see Slotki, 123.)


Jakobovits, Immanuel. “The ‘Matrilineal’ Principle: A Comment and a Statement.” *Judaism* 34.1 (winter 1985): 60-61. [Jakobovits criticizes numerous statements by Cohen’s 1985 *Judaism* article. Jakobovits goes on to state the basis of the authority of matrilineal principle is the Talmud, whatever basis it may have in origins from Moses or Ezra. Thus, the problem is not the Talmud’s view is not in line with the problem of intermarriage for either gender in Neh 10:31; 13:25. Also, see note on Goodnick.]


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