

## NEHEMIAH

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A verse can express a spiritual truth without being historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh” to “God” and vice versa, there is a new line.

Yahweh is not real: Yahweh is just a materialistic, erroneous, inferior, primitive, physical, corporeal, limited, view of God.

Although the major Old Testament (O.T.) view of the Supreme Ruler of the universe is Yahwistic, some O.T. prophets had a more spiritual view. Their concept of the Supreme Ruler is called God in the 2019 KJV. These latter O.T. prophets are the source of most of the verses in the O.T. which we Christian Scientists love and treasure. Scientists need to differentiate between the Yahwistic view and the more spiritual view of the Supreme Ruler in the O.T., lest Scientist inadvertently try to worship Yahweh. Because to do so, will make it harder for Scientists to take advantage of the healing power of the divine Principle Love, which God is holding out to them.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

1769 King James Version	2019 King James Version
<p>` `</p> <p>1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,</p> <p>`</p> <p>2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.</p> <p>3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.</p> <p>4 ¶ And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,</p> <p>5 And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:</p> <p>6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear</p>	<p><b>Nehemiah prays to Yahweh about the plight of Jerusalem</b></p> <p>1:1 The following are my words, the words of Nehemiah, the son of Hachaliah: It came to pass in the month Chisleu in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,</p> <p>2 that Hanani, one of my brethren, came with certain men of Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped captivity, who were left behind, and concerning Jerusalem.</p> <p>3 And they said to me, “The remnant who survived the captivity and are in Jerusalem are in great affliction and shame. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”</p> <p>4 When I heard these words, I sat down and wept, mourned for days, fasting and praying before the Yahweh of the heavens.</p> <p>5 And I said, “I implore You, O Yahweh of the heavens, the great and terrible Yahweh that keeps covenant and mercy for those who love Him and observe His commandments.</p> <p>6 “Let Your <i>ear</i> [hearing] now be attentive and Your <i>eyes open</i> [sight</p>

the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's

clear], so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now day and night for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have committed against You. Both my family and I and the rest of Israel have sinned.

7 "We have sinned against You, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses.

8 "Remember, I implore You, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you sin, I will scatter you abroad among the nations.

9 "But if you turn to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though you were cast out to the furthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather you from there and bring you to the place where I have chosen to set My name."

10 I continued praying, "Now these are Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your *strong hand* [strength].

11 "O Yahweh, I implore You, let Your *ear* [hearing] be attentive to the prayer of Your servant now, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to respect the power of Your name. And give success, I pray You, to Your servant this day and grant me mercy from the

cupbearer. 、	emperor.” For I was the emperor's cupbearer.
<p>、 、</p> <p><b>2:1</b> And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.</p> <p><b>2</b> Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,</p> <p><b>3</b> And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?</p> <p><b>4</b> Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.</p> <p><b>5</b> And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.</p> <p><b>6</b> And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emperor Artaxerxes II permits Nehemiah to go to Jerusalem</b></p> <p><b>2:1</b> In the month Nisan in the twentieth year of Emperor Artaxerxes II, wine was set before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the emperor. Now I had not previously appeared sad in his presence.</p> <p><b>2</b> Therefore the emperor asked me, “Why do you look sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of the heart.” Then I was very afraid.</p> <p><b>3</b> And I said to the emperor, “Let the emperor live forever. Why should I not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' sepulchers, lies waste, and its gates are consumed with fire?”</p> <p><b>4</b> Then the emperor asked me, “What is your request?” So I prayed to God.</p> <p><b>5</b> And I said to the emperor, “If it pleases the emperor, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, send me to Judah to the city of my ancestors' sepulchers so that I may build the city.”</p> <p><b>6</b> And the emperor asked me, (the empress also sitting by him,) “For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return?” So it pleased the emperor to send me, and I told him when I would return.</p>

to send me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon

7 Moreover, I said to the emperor, "If it pleases the emperor, let letters be given me to give to the Persian governors beyond the Euphrates River so that they may provide safe escort for me until I arrive in Judah.

8 "And let a letter be given to Asaph the keeper of the emperor's forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fort which guards the temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house that I will live in." And the emperor granted me everything I asked for, according to the good *hand* [blessing] of God upon me.

9 Then I went to the Persian governors beyond the Euphrates River and gave them the emperor's letters. Now the emperor had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that a person had come to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days,

12 and I arose in the night with a few soldiers. I did not tell anyone what Yahweh had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem, nor was there any animal with me except the donkey that I rode upon.

13 And I went out at night by the Valley Gate, by the Dragon Well, and to

well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

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17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

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the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which had been consumed by fire.

14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the Kings Pool, but there was no place for the donkey that was under me to pass.

15 Then I went up in the night by the stream, viewed the wall, turned back and reentered Jerusalem by the Valley Gate.

16 And the rulers did not know where I went, or what I did. Nor had I yet told it to the Jews, the priests, the leaders, the rulers, nor to the others who would do the work.

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### **Jerusalemites are inspired by Nehemiah to begin rebuilding Jerusalem**

17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste and its gates have been burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem so that we are no longer a disgrace."

18 Then I told them of the *hand* [grace] of God which was good upon me, and also the emperor's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us arise and build." So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

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<p>19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?</p> <p>20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adversaries of Jerusalem oppose the rebuilding</b></p> <p>19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite and Geshem the Arabian heard it, they mocked and, despised us and said, “What is this thing that you do? Will you rebel against the emperor?”</p> <p>20 Then I answered, “The God of the heavens will prosper us; therefore, we His servants will arise and build. But you have no share, right, nor historic claim in Jerusalem.”</p>
<p>3:1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.</p> <p>2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.</p> <p>3 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.</p> <p>4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Many Jerusalemites rebuild Jerusalem</b></p> <p>3:1 Then Eliashib the high priest arose with the other priests and built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified the wall and set up the gates of it even to the tower of Meah. They sanctified the wall to the tower of Hananeel.</p> <p>2 And next to Eliashib, the people of Jericho worked, and next to them Zaccur, the son of Imri, built.</p> <p>3 The family of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate, laid its beams and set up its doors, its locks and its bars.</p> <p>4 And next to them Meremoth, the son of Urijah, the son of Koz did repair work. And next to them Meshullam, the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel, did repair work. And next to them Zadok, the son of Baana,</p>

Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

did repair work.

5 And next to them the Tekoites did repair work, but their leaders refused to do manual labor for Yahweh.

6 Moreover, Jehoiada, the son of Paseah, and Meshullam, the son of Besodeiah, repaired the old gate. They laid its beams, set up its doors, locks and bars.

7 And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, and the people of Gideon and Mizpah made repairs to places under control of the Persian governor on the west side of the Euphrates River.

8 Next to them Uzziel, the son of Harhaiah of the goldsmiths, did repairs. Next to him also Hananiah, the son of one of the apothecaries, made repairs. And they fortified Jerusalem to the Broad Wall.

9 And next to them Rephaiah, the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, made repairs.

10 And next to them Jedaiah, the son of Harumaph, made repairs to a section by his house. And next to him Hattush, the son of Hashabniah, made repairs.

11 Malchijah, the son of Harim, and Hashub, the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece and the Tower of the Ovens.

12 And next to him Shallum, the son of Haloresh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, with his daughters made

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

14 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren,

repairs.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate; they built it, set up its doors, its locks and its bars. They also rebuilt the wall for fifteen hundred feet to the Dung Gate.

14 But Malchiah, the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem, repaired the Dung Gate; he built it, set up its doors, its locks and its bars.

15 Shallun, the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, and set up its doors, its locks and its bars. At the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, he built the wall to the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him, Nehemiah, the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, made repairs to the place by the sepulchres of David and to the pool that was made and to the house of the mighty.

17 After him the Levite Rehum, the son of Bani, made repairs. Next to him Hashabiah, the ruler of the half district of Keilah, made repairs in his part.

18 After him, Bavai, the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half district of Keilah, made repairs.

19 And next to him Ezer, the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another piece in front of the way to the armory at the turning of the wall.

Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning of the wall.

20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in

20 After him Baruch, the son of Zabbai, earnestly repaired another piece, from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib, the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth, the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, repaired another piece from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him the priests, the men of the plain, made repairs.

23 After them Benjamin and Hashub made repairs near their house. After them Azariah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs by his house.

24 After him Binnui, the son of Henadad, repaired another piece, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall to the corner.

25 Palal, the son of Uzai, made repairs to the turning of the wall, and the tower which lies out from the king's high house that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah, the son of Parosh, made repairs.

26 The wall was next to where the temple workers dwelt in Ophel, to the place opposite the Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece opposite the great projecting tower, even to the wall of Ophel.

28 From above the Horse Gate, the

<p>Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.</p> <p>27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.</p> <p>28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.</p> <p>29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.</p> <p>30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.</p> <p>31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.</p> <p>32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.</p>	<p>priests made repairs, each working next to his own house.</p> <p>29 After them Zadok, the son of Immer, made repairs next to his house. After him Shemaiah, the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, also made repairs.</p> <p>30 After him Hananiah, the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another piece. After them Meshullam, the son of Berechiah, made repairs next to his dwelling.</p> <p>31 After him Malchiah, the goldsmith's son, repaired the wall to the place where the temple workers and the merchants lived next to the Master Gate to the rise of the corner.</p> <p>32 And between the rise of the corner to the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>4:1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great</p>	<p><b>From adversaries come ridicule and threats against those rebuilding the wall</b></p> <p>4:1 But it came to pass that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly</p>

indignation, and mocked the Jews.  
 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 ¶ But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem,

indignant and mocked the Jews.  
 2 And he said before his relatives and the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice to their Deity? Do they think they can rebuild in a day? Will they reuse the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was with him and said, "If even a fox goes upon it, the fox will break down the stone wall they build."

4 I prayed, "Hear, O Yahweh, for we are despised, and turn their reproach upon their own head and turn them into prey in the land of captivity.

5 "And do not overlook their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You, for they have insulted the builders and provoked You to anger."

6 So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together, and the lower half was built; for the people had determined to work.

7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were going up and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry.

8 And all of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to prevent it from being enclosed.

and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

13 ¶ Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

9 Nevertheless, we made our prayer to Yahweh and set a watch against them, watching both day and night because of them.

10 And the people of Judah were saying, "The strength of the workers has weakened and there is too much rubbish, so we are not able to build the wall."

11 And our adversaries said, "They shall not know nor suspect anything until we come in the midst of them, slay them and cause the work to cease."

12 And the Jews who lived near our enemies said to us many times, "From every place where they live, they will come upon you."

### **The Jerusalemites arm themselves and take courage in the support of Yahweh**

13 Therefore on the lower places behind the wall and on the higher places, I set people from each family with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, rose up and said to the Jewish officials, leaders and the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember Yahweh, which is great and terrible, and fight for your relatives, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."

15 And when our enemies heard that

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 ¶ And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his

their plans were known to us and Yahweh had frustrated their plans, then all of us returned to our work on the wall.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that half of my servants worked on the wall while the other half held spears, shields, bows, and wore light armor. And the rulers were behind all the people of Judah, to support them.

17 Those who worked on the wall and those who bore burdens worked on the wall with one hand and with the other hand held a weapon.

18 All of the builders had a sword strapped by their side as they built. And the worker who was to sound the trumpet in case of attack was by me.

19 And I said to the leaders, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work is so extensive, we are separated along the wall, far from one another.

20 "Therefore wherever you are, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, gather to me; our God will defend us."

21 So we labored in the work, and half of those helping to build the wall held spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.

22 Likewise, at the same time, I said to the people, "Let everyone with their servant lodge within Jerusalem, so that during the night they may be a guard to us and labor during the day."

23 So neither I nor my relatives nor my

<p>servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.                  23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing.</p>	<p>servants nor the persons who guarded me removed our clothes except for washing.                  `</p>
<p>`</p> <p>5:1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.                  2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.                  3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.                  4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.                  `</p> <p>5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our</p>	<p><b>The returned exiles cry out against Jewish leaders who are exploiting them</b></p> <p>5:1 And there was a great outcry from the men and their wives against the Jews in power.                  2 For many said, "We, our sons, and our daughters are many. Therefore, we gather grain so that we may eat and live."                  3 Some also said, "We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards and houses so that we might buy grain because of the famine."                  4 There were also some who said, "We had to borrow money to pay the emperor's tax on our lands and vineyards."                  5 "Yet our flesh is the same as the flesh of the Jews in power, our children are as their children, and we have to sell our sons and our daughters to be slaves. And some of our daughters have already been made slaves, and we have no money to redeem them, for other persons have our lands and</p>

lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

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7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of

vineyards.”

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

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**Nehemiah rebukes the wealthy leaders and they restore their greedy gains back to the people**

7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the leaders and the rulers and said to them, “You charge interest from your fellow Jews on all loans.” And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, “To the extent we are able, we have redeemed our fellow Jews who were sold to the heathen. And will you even sell your fellow Jews? Or shall they be sold to us?” Then they were silent, having no answer.

9 Also, I said, “What you do is not good. Should you not walk in fear of Yahweh because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?”

10 “I likewise and my relatives and my servants are lending them money and grain. I urge you, stop demanding usury.

11 “Restore to them, I urge you this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves and their houses, also the usury you charge them, and the grain, the wine and the olive oil, that you exact from them.”

12 Then they said, “We will restore this to them and require nothing of

them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise.

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14 ¶ Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

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15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

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16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered

them; so we will do as you say.” Then I called the priests and took an oath from them that they would act in accord with this promise.

13 Also, I shook the folds of my robe and said, “May Yahweh shake out from their house and from their labor, all who do not perform this promise. Even thus may they be shaken out and emptied.” And all the congregation said, “Amen,” and praised Yahweh. And the people acted in accord with this promise.

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**As governor, Nehemiah has taken nothing from the people**

14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the emperor, that is, twelve years, my relatives and I did not take the food I was entitled to have as governor.

15 But the former governors who had been before me lived off the people and had taken from them forty shekels of silver (forty silver coins) a day for food and wine. Yes, even their servants oppressed the common people, but I did not because I revered God.

16 Yes, I also continued the work on this wall, and I did not buy any land. And all my servants were gathered

<p>thither unto the work.          17 Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.          18 Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.          19 Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.</p>	<p>there to work.          17 Moreover, there were at my table one hundred fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from among the heathen who were around us.          18 Now what was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep. Also, birds were prepared for me, and once every ten days I was given a new supply of wine. But I did not require the feasts of the Persian governor because the taxes were heavy upon this people.          19 I prayed, "Think of me favorably my God according to all that I have done for this people."</p>
<p>、          、          、</p> <p>6:1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)          2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.          3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that</p>	<p><b>The attempts of Sanballat and others to frighten Nehemiah are unsuccessful</b></p> <p>6:1 Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arabian and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates).          2 Then Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.          3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down. Why should</p>

I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us

the work cease while I leave it and come down to you?"

4 Yet they sent messages to me four times with this request, and I answered them in the same manner.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me the fifth time holding an open letter.

6 In this letter was written, "It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews think to rebel. You build the wall so that you may be their king.

7 "And you have also appointed prophets to preach about you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah.' And now it shall be reported to the emperor according to these words. Therefore, come now and let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent a message to him, saying, "There have been no such things done as you say, but you invented this thought out of your own heart."

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, "Their hands shall be weakened from the work so that it will not be done." Therefore, I prayed, "O God, strengthen my hands now."

10 Afterward, I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabeel, who was not well. And he said, "Let us meet together within the temple of Yahweh, and let us shut the doors of the temple. For they will come to slay you; yes, in the night they

shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 ¶ Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came

will come to slay you.”

11 And I said, “Do you see me as a man who flees? And who with Yahweh’s support, as I have, would flee into the temple to save his life? I will not do it.”

12 And, behold, I perceived that Yahweh had not sent him, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me, for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He was hired to make me afraid and sin by fleeing into the temple, so that they might be able to make an evil report with which they could reproach me.

14 I prayed, “Yahweh, think about Tobiah and Sanballat according to their evil works, and on the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who are trying to make me afraid.”

### **The wall around Jerusalem is finished**

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul in fifty-two days.

16 And when all our enemies heard of this and all the heathen who were around us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes. For they perceived that building the wall was the work of God.

17 Moreover, in those days the leaders of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came to them.

<p>unto them.  18 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.  19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.</p>	<p>18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah. And his son Johanan had taken as a wife the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.  19 Also, they reported his good deeds to me and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to try to make me afraid.</p>
<p>、  、  7:1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,  2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.  3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.  、  4 Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nehemiah sets up rules to keep Jerusalem safe</b></p> <p>7:1 Now when the wall was built, and I had set doors in the walls, and the porters, singers and the Levites were appointed,  2 I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace in charge of Jerusalem. For Hanani was a faithful man and feared Yahweh more than many people did.  3 And I said to them, “Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while the guards stand by, let them shut the doors in the evening and bar them. And appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, giving each of them a post, and have every inhabitant watch the vicinity of their house.”  4 Now the city was large, but the people were few in it, and not many houses were rebuilt.</p>

5 ¶ And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

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6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;

7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this;

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

5 And Yahweh put it into my heart to assemble the leaders, rulers and the people so that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came back first from Babylon, and this is what was written:

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### **A list of those who returned to Jerusalem**

6 These are the people of the province who left the captivity, of those whom Nebuchadnezzar the emperor of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city.

7 Those led by Zerubbabel were:

Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum and Baanah. The number of the men in each clan of the people of Israel who returned from exile was this:

8 The descendants of Parosh were two thousand one hundred seventy-two.

9 The descendants of Shephatiah were three hundred seventy-two.

10 The descendants of Arah were six hundred fifty-two.

11 The descendants of Pahathmoab, of the descendants of Jeshua and Joab, were two thousand eight hundred eighteen.

12 The descendants of Elam were one thousand two hundred fifty-four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.  
 14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.  
 15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.  
 16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.  
 17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.  
 18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.  
 19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.  
 20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.  
 21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.  
 22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.  
 23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.  
 24 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.  
 25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.  
 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.  
 27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.  
 28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two.  
 29 The men of Kirjathjearim,

13 The descendants of Zattu were eight hundred forty-five.  
 14 The descendants of Zaccai were seven hundred sixty.  
 15 The descendants of Binnui were six hundred forty-eight.  
 16 The descendants of Bebai were six hundred twenty-eight.  
 17 The descendants of Azgad were two thousand three hundred twenty-two.  
 18 The descendants of Adonikam were six hundred sixty-seven.  
 19 The descendants of Bigvai were two thousand sixty-seven.  
 20 The descendants of Adin were six hundred fifty-five.  
 21 The descendants of Ater of Hezekiah were ninety-eight.  
 22 The descendants of Hashum were three hundred twenty-eight.  
 23 The descendants of Bezai were three hundred twenty-four.  
 24 The descendants of Hariph were one hundred twelve.  
 25 The descendants of Gibeon were ninety-five.  
 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah were one hundred eighty-eight.  
 27 The men of Anathoth were one hundred twenty-eight.  
 28 The men of Bethazmaveth were forty-two.  
 29 The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth were seven

Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.  
 30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.  
 31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.  
 32 The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.  
 33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.  
 34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.  
 35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.  
 36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.  
 37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.  
 38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.  
 39 ¶ The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.  
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40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.  
 41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.  
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42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.  
 43 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.  
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hundred forty-three.  
 30 The men of Ramah and Geba were six hundred twenty-one.  
 31 The men of Michmas were one hundred twenty-two.  
 32 The men of Bethel and Ai were one hundred twenty-three.  
 33 The men of the other Nebo were fifty-two.  
 34 The descendants of the other Elam were one thousand two hundred fifty-four.  
 35 The descendants of Harim were three hundred twenty.  
 36 The descendants of Jericho were three hundred forty-five.  
 37 The descendants of Lod, Hadid, and Ono were seven hundred twenty-one.  
 38 The descendants of Senaah were three thousand nine hundred thirty.  
 39 The priests included the following: the descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three.  
 40 The descendants of Immer were one thousand fifty-two.  
 41 The descendants of Pashur were one thousand two hundred forty-seven.  
 42 The descendants of Harim were one thousand seventeen.  
 43 The Levites included the following: the descendants of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the descendants of Hodevah were seventy-four.

44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 ¶ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 ¶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

44 The singers included the following: the descendants of Asaph were one hundred forty-eight.

45 The porters included the following: the descendants of Shallum, the descendants of Ater, the descendants of Talmon, the descendants of Akkub, the descendants of Hatita and the descendants of Shobai were one hundred thirty-eight.

46 The temple workers included the following: the descendants of Ziha, the descendants of Hashupha, the descendants of Tabbaoth,

47 the descendants of Keros, the descendants of Sia, the descendants of Padon,

48 the descendants of Lebana, the descendants of Hagaba, the descendants of Shalmal,

49 the descendants of Hanan, the descendants of Giddel, the descendants of Gahar,

50 the descendants of Reaiah, the descendants of Rezin, the descendants of Nekoda,

51 the descendants of Gazzam, the descendants of Uzza, the descendants of Phaseah,

52 the descendants of Besai, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants of Nephishesim,

53 the descendants of Bakbuk, the descendants of Hakupha, the descendants of Harhur,

54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these were they which went up also from Telmelah, Telharesha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

54 the descendants of Bazlith, the descendants of Mehida, the descendants of Harsha,

55 the descendants of Barkos, the descendants of Sisera, the descendants of Tamah,

56 the descendants of Neziah and the descendants of Hatiph.

57 The descendants of Solomon's servants included the following: the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Sophereth, the descendants of Perida,

58 the descendants of Jaala, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel,

59 the descendants of Shephatiah, the descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pochereth of Zebaim and the descendants of Amon.

60 All the temple workers and the descendants of Solomon's servants were three hundred ninety-two.

**Some cannot prove their ancestry in the written geneology**

61 And these were those who were carried away also, from Telmelah: Telharesha, Cherub, Addon and Immer. But they could not show their ancestry nor their descendants, whether they were of Israel.

62 The descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah and the descendants of Nekoda were six

63 ¶ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred

hundred forty-two.

63 Among the priests were the descendants of Habaiah, the descendants of Koz and the descendants of Barzillai, who took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to be his wife and was called after their name.

64 These looked for their names among those who were reckoned by genealogy, but their names were not found; therefore, they were put from the priesthood as impure.

65 And Nehemiah the Tirshatha (Persian governor) said to them that they could not eat of the holiest things till a priest was authorized with Urim and Thummim.

### **The whole congregation numbered thousands**

66 The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty,

67 besides their menservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven. And they had two hundred forty-five singing men and women.

68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five;

69 their camels, four hundred thirty-five; and their donkeys six thousand seven hundred twenty.

<p>and twenty asses.</p> <p>70 ¶ And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.</p> <p>71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.</p> <p>72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.</p> <p>73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.</p>	<p>70 And some of the chiefs of the families gave for the work. Nehemiah the governor gave to the treasure seventeen pounds of gold, fifty bowls, and five hundred thirty priests' garments.</p> <p>71 And some of the heads of the families gave to the treasure of the work three hundred thirty-seven pounds of gold and two thousand two hundred pounds of silver.</p> <p>72 And that which the rest of the people gave were three hundred thirty-seven pounds of gold, two thousand nine hundred twenty-three pounds of silver and sixty-seven priests' garments.</p> <p>73 So the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, some of the people, the temple workers and all Israel dwelt in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.</p>
<p>、 、</p> <p><b>8:1</b> And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.</p> <p>2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men</p>	<p><b>Before the Jerusalemites, Ezra reads the law of Yahweh from the scroll</b></p> <p><b>8:1</b> And all the people assembled as one onto the street that was before the Water Gate. And they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll of the law of Moses which Yahweh had commanded Israel to obey.</p> <p>2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all who could hear</p>

and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 And on the square that was before the Water Gate, he read the law from the morning until midday before the men and women, all of whom who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the scroll of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, with Maaseiah on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchiah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people for he was above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 And Ezra praised the great Yahweh. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," while raising their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped Yahweh with their faces to the ground.

7 Also, Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah and the other Levites helped the people to understand the law; and the people stood in their places.

8 So Ezra read from the scroll of the law of Yahweh distinctly, and gave the

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

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meaning, and Levites helped the people to understand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest who was a scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to Yahweh; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then Ezra said to them, “Go your way, eat good food and drink sweet wine and send food to those for whom no food has been prepared. For this day is holy to Yahweh; do not be sorrowful,

for the joy of God is your strength.”

11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, “Do not weep, for the day is holy; do not be sad.”

12 And all the people went their way to eat, to drink, to send food to others and to rejoice because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

13 And on the second day, the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites assembled before Ezra the scribe to understand the words of the law.

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14 And they found written in the law which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according

### **The Jerusalemites make temporary shelters as required by the law of Moses**

14 And they found written in the law which Yahweh had commanded by Moses that the children of Israel should dwell in temporary shelters during the feast of the seventh month,

15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities and Jerusalem, "Go forth to the mount and collect olive branches, pine branches, myrtle branches, palm branches and branches of thick trees to make temporary shelters," as is written.

16 So the people went forth, brought the branches, and made themselves a temporary shelter upon the flat roof of their house, in their court, in the courts of the temple of Yahweh, in the street of the Water Gate and in the street of the Gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of those who had returned out of the captivity made temporary shelters and sat under the temporary shelters. For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also, day by day from the first day to the last day, Ezra read in the scroll of the law of Yahweh to the people. And they kept the feast for seven days, and on the eighth day was a solemn

<p>unto the manner. ,</p>	<p>assembly according to the prescribed manner.</p>
<p><b>9:1</b> Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.  <b>2</b> And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.  <b>3</b> And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.  <b>4</b> ¶ Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.  <b>5</b> Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.  <b>6</b> Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of</p>	<p><b>9:1</b> Now on the twenty-fourth day of the following month, the children of Israel assembled with fasting, and with sack clothes and dirt upon them.  <b>2</b> And the children of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their ancestors.  <b>3</b> And they stood in their places and read from the scroll of the law of Yahweh their Deity during one-fourth of the day. And in another fourth they confessed and worshiped Yahweh their Deity.  <b>4</b> Then the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani stood upon the stairs and cried out with a loud voice to Yahweh their Deity.  <b>5</b> Then the Levites Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah said, “Stand and bless God forever and ever. And blessed is Your glorious <i>name</i> (nature), which is exalted above all blessing and praise.  <b>6</b> “You, only You, are God alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all creatures which are on it, the seas and all which are in them. And You preserve them all, and the host of</p>

heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

10 And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them

heaven worship You.

7 "You are the God who chose Abram and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees and gave him the name of Abraham

8 and found his heart faithful before You. And You, Yahweh, made a covenant with Abraham to give the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and the Girgashites to his descendants. And You have performed Your words, for You are righteous.

9 "And You, Yahweh, saw the affliction of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry by the Sea of Reeds,

10 and showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land. For You knew that the Egyptians dealt proudly against Your people. So You made Yourself a name, as it is this day.

11 "And You divided the sea before them so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land. And You, Yahweh, threw their persecutors into the depths like a stone into mighty waters.

12 "Moreover, You, Yahweh, led them in the day by a cloudy pillar and in the night by a pillar of fire to give them light on the way in which they should go.

13 "You, Yahweh, also came down upon Mount Sinai and spoke with them

from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God who brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night,

from the heavens and gave them right judgments, true laws, good statutes and commandments.

14 “And You made known to them Your holy Sabbath and gave them precepts, statutes and laws by the hands of Moses Your servant.

15 “And You, Yahweh, gave them bread from the heavens for their hunger, brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst and promised them that they would possess the land which You had sworn to give them.

16 “But they and our ancestors dealt proudly and stiffened their necks and did not listen to Your commandments

17 and refused to obey, forgetting Your wonders that You did among them, but stiffened their necks and in their rebellion appointed a captain to lead them to return to their bondage. But You, Yahweh, are ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and did not forsake them.

18 “Yes, when they had made themselves a molten calf and said, ‘This is your god who brought you up from Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies,

19 yet You in Your manifold mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day to lead them in the way, nor did the pillar of fire by night

to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and

not show them light and the way in which they should go during the darkness.

20 “You, God, also gave Your good spirit to instruct them and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and You gave them water for their thirst.

21 “Yes, You, God, sustained them in the wilderness for forty years so that they lacked nothing; their clothes did not grow old, and their feet did not swell.

22 “Moreover, You, Yahweh, gave them kingdoms and nations so they possessed the land of Sihon, the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 “Their descendants also multiplied as the stars of the heavens, and You brought them into the land which You had promised their fathers that You would give their descendants.

24 “So the Israelites went in and possessed the land. And You, Yahweh, subdued the Canaanite inhabitants of the land before the Israelites and gave them into the Israelites’ hands with their kings and people, so that the Israelites could do with them as they would.

25 “And the Israelites took strong cities and fertile land and possessed houses full of all goods, wells already dug, vineyards, olive yards and fruit

oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he

trees in abundance. So they ate all they wanted and were filled and delighted themselves in Your great goodness.

26 “Nevertheless, the Israelites were disobedient and rebelled against You, Yahweh, and cast Your law behind their backs and killed Your prophets who testified against them to turn them to You. And they dishonored Your name.

27 “Therefore You, Yahweh, delivered the Israelites into the hand of their enemies, who tormented them; and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to You, You heard them from heaven. And according to Your abundant mercies, You gave the Israelites saviors who saved them from the hands of their enemies.

28 “But after the Israelites had rest, they committed evil again before You. Therefore, You, Yahweh, left them in the hand of their enemies so that their enemies had dominion over them. Yet when they turned and cried out to You, You heard them from the heavens, and many times You delivered them according to Your mercies.

29 “And You, Yahweh, warned them, so that You might bring them again to Your law. Yet they acted proudly and did not listen to Your commandments, but sinned against Your laws, which if persons obey, they shall live. And they

shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great

stubbornly turned their backs and stiffened their necks and would not hear.

30 “Yet for many years Yahweh, You refrained from punishing the Israelites and continued to warn them by Your spirit through Your prophets. Yet they would not listen to You. Therefore, You gave them into the hands of the people of the lands.

31 “Nevertheless, for Your great mercies' sake You did not utterly consume the Israelites nor forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful Yahweh.

32 “Therefore, Yahweh, the great, the mighty, and the terrible Yahweh, who keeps covenant and mercy, do not let all the trouble seem little before You that has now come upon us. For this trouble has also come on our kings, princes, priests, prophets, ancestors and on all Your people since the time of the emperors of Assyria to this day.

33 “However, You, God, are just in all that is brought upon us, for You have done right, but we have done wickedly.

34 “Neither have our kings, princes, priests nor our ancestors kept your law nor listened to Your commandments and Your testimonies with which You warned them.

35 “For the Israelites have not served You in their kingdom, in Your great goodness that You gave them, and in

goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:

37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

the large and productive land which You gave them. Neither have they turned away from their wicked works.

36 “Behold, we are servants today, and as for the land that You gave to our ancestors to eat the fruit of it and to enjoy the good of it, behold, we are servants in it.

37 “And it has yielded much increase to the rulers whom You, Yahweh, have set over us because of our sins. Also, they have dominion over our bodies and our cattle at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

38 “And because of all this we make a sure covenant and write it, and our princes, Levites and priests seal it.”

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**10:1** Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,  
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,  
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,  
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,  
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,  
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,  
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,  
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.  
9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;  
10 And their brethren, Shebaniah,

**10:1** Now those who signed were, Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,  
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,  
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,  
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,  
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,  
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,  
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,  
8 Maaziah, Bilgai and Shemaiah: these were the priests.  
9 And the Levites were included: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel,  
10 and their relatives, Shebaniah,

Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,  
 11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,  
 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,  
 13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.  
 14 The chief of the people; Parosh,  
 Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,  
 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,  
 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,  
 17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,  
 18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,  
 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,  
 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,  
 21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,  
 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,  
 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,  
 24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,  
 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,  
 26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,  
 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.  
 28 ¶ And the rest of the people, the  
 priests, the Levites, the porters, the  
 singers, the Nethinims, and all they  
 that had separated themselves from  
 the people of the lands unto the law of  
 God, their wives, their sons, and their  
 daughters, every one having  
 knowledge, and having understanding;  
 29 They clave to their brethren, their  
 nobles, and entered into a curse, and  
 into an oath, to walk in God's law,  
 which was given by Moses the servant  
 of God, and to observe and do all the  
 commandments of the Lord our Lord,  
 and his judgments and his statutes;

Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,  
 11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,  
 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,  
 13 Hodijah, Bani and Beninu,  
 14 the chief of the people: Parosh,  
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 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,  
 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,  
 17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,  
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 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,  
 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,  
 24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,  
 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,  
 26 Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,  
 27 Malluch, Harim and Baanah.  
 28 Also included were the rest of the  
 people: the priests, Levites, guards,  
 singers, temple workers and all those  
 who had separated themselves from  
 the people of the lands to the law of  
 Yahweh: their wives, sons and their  
 daughters, everyone having knowledge  
 and understanding.  
 29 They clung to their relatives and  
 their leaders and entered into a curse  
 and oath to walk in Yahweh's law  
 which was given by Moses the servant  
 of Yahweh. And they promised to  
 observe and do all the commandments  
 and the judgments and the statutes of  
 Yahweh.

30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law:

35 And to bring the firstfruits of our

**The Jerusalemites promise to keep themselves separate from the people of the land and to follow certain other rules**

30 And I, Nehemiah, and all the people promised that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons.

31 And we promised that, if the people of the land brought grain or any food on the Sabbath day to sell, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day. And we promised that every seventh year we would cancel all debts.

32 Also, we made a rule for us to charge ourselves yearly with the third of a shekel (a silver coin) for the service of the temple of Yahweh,

33 for the showbread, and for the continual grain offering, and for the continual burnt offering of the Sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work for the temple of Yahweh.

34 And we cast lots among the priests, Levites and the people to determine who would provide the wood offering and bring it into the temple of Yahweh at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of Yahweh our Deity, as is written in the law.

35 And we determined to bring the

ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord:

36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all trees year by year to the temple of Yahweh,

36 also the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as is written in the law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to bring to the temple of Yahweh and to the priests who serve in the temple of Yahweh.

37 And we determined that we would bring the dough made from the first grain harvested, our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine and olive oil, to the priests and the rooms of the temple of Yahweh. And we made tithes of our fields to the Levites so that they might have tithes from all the crops in our land.

38 And the priests who descended from Aaron would be with the Levites when the Levites received tithes. And the Levites would bring a tenth of the tithes into the treasury of the temple of Yahweh.

39 For the children of Israel and the descendants of Levi promised to bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the olive oil to the room where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who serve and the temple guards and the singers. And we promised we would not forsake the temple of Yahweh.

**Where the Israelites dwell**

**11:1** And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

**11:1** And the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem. The rest of the people cast lots to bring one of every ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and the remaining nine to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all those who willingly offered to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 Now the chief of the province dwelt in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah, everyone else: the priests, Levites, temple guards, and the descendants of Solomon's servants dwelt on their property.

4 And at Jerusalem some of the children of Judah and some of the descendants of Benjamin dwelt. Of the children of Judah were Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the descendants of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah and the son of Shiloni.

6 All the descendants of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred sixty-eight valiant men.

7 And these are the descendants of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah;

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

8 and Gabbai and Sallai. Nine hundred twenty-eight Benjaminites lived in Jerusalem.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

10 Among the priests living in Jerusalem were Jedaiah the son of Joiarib and Jachin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the temple of Yahweh.

12 And their brethren who did the work of the temple were eight hundred twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 and his brethren, heads of families numbered two hundred forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brethren, mighty men of valor, numbered one hundred twenty-eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites was Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the work outside the temple of Yahweh.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God.

23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph began the thanksgiving with prayer; and Bakbukiah assisted him among his brethren, as did Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred eighty-four.

19 Moreover, the guards Akkub, Talmon and their relatives who kept the gates were one hundred seventy-two.

20 And the rest of Israel, along with the priests and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah on their inherited property.

21 But the temple workers dwelt in Ophel, and Ziha and Gispa were over the temple workers.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. The clan of the sons of Asaph was over the singing in the temple of Yahweh.

23 For there was a royal decree concerning the musicians which imposed daily obligations on them.

24 And Pethahiah, the son of Meshezabeel, one of the descendants of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's advisor for everything regarding the people.

25 And as for the villages, with their

<p>25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof,                  26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethpheet,                  27 And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and in the villages thereof,                  28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,                  29 And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,                  30 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.                  31 The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages,                  32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,                  33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,                  34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,                  35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.                  36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.</p>	<p>fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba and in the villages nearby at Dibon and in the villages nearby and at Jekabzeel and in the villages nearby,                  26 and at Jeshua, Moladah, Bethpheet;                  27 and at Hazarshual, Beersheba, and in the nearby villages;                  28 and at Ziklag, at Mekonah and in the nearby villages;                  29 and at Enrimmon, Zareah, Jarmuth,                  30 Zanoah, Adullam and in their villages, at Lachish and its fields, at Azekah and in the villages nearby. And they dwelt from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.                  31 Also the descendants of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, Aija, Bethel and in their villages;                  32 and at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,                  33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,                  34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,                  35 Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.                  36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah and in Benjamin.                  `                  `</p>
<p>`                  `</p> <p><b>12:1</b> Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:</p>	<p><b>Those who went with Zerubbabel, the appointed governor</b></p> <p><b>12:1</b> Now these are the priests and the Levites who went with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua: Seraiah,</p>

Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,  
 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,  
 3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,  
 4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,  
 5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,  
 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,  
 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These  
 were the chief of the priests and of  
 their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui,  
 Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and  
 Mattaniah, which was over the  
 thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their  
 brethren, were over against them in  
 the watches.

10 ¶ And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim  
 also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat  
 Joiada,

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and  
 Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were  
 priests, the chief of the fathers: of  
 Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah,  
 Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah,  
 Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah,  
 Joseph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth,  
 Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,  
 Meshullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of

Jeremiah, Ezra,  
 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,  
 3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,  
 4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,  
 5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,  
 6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,  
 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah and Jedaiah.  
 These were the leaders of the priests  
 and their brethren in the days of  
 Jeshua.

8 Moreover, the Levites were Jeshua,  
 Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah and  
 Mattaniah, who was over the singers of  
 thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren,  
 stood opposite them in the services.

10 And Jeshua fathered Joiakim,  
 Joiakim fathered Eliashib, and Eliashib  
 fathered Joiada,

11 And Joiada fathered Jonathan, and  
 Jonathan fathered Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim, the  
 chiefs of each priestly clan were: of  
 Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah,  
 Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah,  
 Jehohanan;

14 of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah,  
 Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,  
 Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of  
 Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah,

Moadiah, Piltai;  
 18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah,  
 Jehonathan;  
 19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah,  
 Uzzi;  
 20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;  
 21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah,  
 Nethaneel.  
 22 ¶ The Levites in the days of  
 Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and  
 Jaddua, were recorded chief of the  
 fathers: also the priests, to the reign of  
 Darius the Persian.  
 23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the  
 fathers, were written in the book of the  
 chronicles, even until the days of  
 Johanan the son of Eliashib.  
 24 And the chief of the Levites:  
 Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the  
 son of Kadmiel, with their brethren  
 over against them, to praise and to  
 give thanks, according to the  
 commandment of David the man of  
 God, ward over against ward.  
 25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah,  
 Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were  
 porters keeping the ward at the  
 thresholds of the gates.  
 26 These were in the days of Joiakim  
 the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak,  
 and in the days of Nehemiah the  
 governor, and of Ezra the priest, the  
 scribe.

Jehonathan;  
 19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;  
 20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;  
 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; and of  
 Jedaiah, Nethaneel.  
 22 In the days of the high priests  
 Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan and Jaddua  
 during the reign of Darius the emperor  
 of Persia, the Levites were recorded,  
 also the priests.  
 23 The sons of Levi, the heads of  
 families, were written in the scroll of  
 the chronicles, even until the days of  
 the high priest Johanan, the grandson  
 of the high priest Eliashib.  
 24 And the chief of the Levites,  
 Hashabiah, Sherebiah and Jeshua, the  
 son of Kadmiel, organized the Levites  
 their brethren into two groups to  
 praise and to give thanks in turn,  
 according to the commandment of  
 David the man of Yahweh.  
 25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah,  
 Meshullam, Talmon and Akkub were to  
 be guards at the thresholds of the  
 gates of the temple.  
 26 These were in the days of Joiakim  
 the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak  
 and in the days of Nehemiah the  
 governor, and of Ezra the priest, the  
 scribe.

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27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;

29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and

Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son

### **The completed wall of Jerusalem is dedicated**

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their homes to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness both with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, with harps and other stringed instruments.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country around Jerusalem, from the villages of Netophathi,

29 also from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages around Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves and purified the people, the gates and the wall.

31 Then, I, Nehemiah, brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall and appointed two great companies of those who gave thanks, of which one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the Dung Gate.

32 And after them, Hoshaiah and half of the princes of Judah went,

33 including Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah,

Jeremiah

35 and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets, namely, Zechariah, the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the

of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:  
 36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph.  
 36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, Judah and Hanani followed, carrying the traditional musical instruments since the time of David the man of Yahweh. And Ezra the scribe went before them.

37 And when they came to the Fountain Gate, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the rise of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate eastward.

38 And the other company of those who gave thanks went in the opposite direction, and I went after them with half of the people. And we walked upon the wall from beyond the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, 39 and from above the Gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Meah, even to the Sheep Gate. And they stood still at the Prison Gate.

40 So the two companies of those who gave thanks stood in the temple of Yahweh, and I and half of the rulers were together.

41 And the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah and Hananiah blew with trumpets.

42 And following them were Maaseiah,

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of

Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam and Ezer. And the singers sang loudly, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 Also that day, they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced, for Yahweh had made them rejoice with great joy.

Their wives and children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

44 And at that time some were appointed over the treasury, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather out of the fields of the cities the portions the law designated for the priests and Levites. For Judah rejoiced because of the priests and the Levites who served in the temple.

45 And both the singers and the doorkeepers kept the regulations of Yahweh, and the regulations of purification, according to the commands of David and of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old, there were chief singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving to Yahweh.

47 And in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel gave portions to the singers and gave the porters their portions every day. And they gave sanctified holy things to the Levites, and the Levites gave the sanctified things to the descendants of

Aaron.	Aaron.
<p>           \            \            \         </p> <p> <b>13:1</b> On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;            2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.            3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.            \            \            \            \            \         </p> <p> <b>4 ¶</b> And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:            5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the         </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Hearing the law of Moses, the Israelites separate from all those who are not of Israel</b> </p> <p> <b>13:1</b> On that day, they read from the scroll of Moses in the hearing of the people, and they found written in the scroll that no Ammonite or Moabite should come into the congregation of God            2 because they did not meet the children of Israel with food and water, but hired Balaam against the Israelites to curse them. However, God turned the curse into a blessing.            3 Now it came to pass when they had heard the law, the Israelites separated from themselves all those who were not of Israel.            \         </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Returning from his absence, Nehemiah orders restoration of certain laws of Yahweh</b> </p> <p> <b>4</b> And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the rooms in the temple of Yahweh, was allied to Tobiah.  <b>5</b> And Eliashib had prepared for Tobiah a great room which previously was used for the meat offerings, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, which by law were to be given to the Levites, the singers, the         </p>

porters; and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, And after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

7 And I came to Jerusalem. And I understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.

11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

12 Then all the children of Israel brought their tithes of grain and new wine and oil to the temple treasury as before.

gatekeepers, as well as the priests.

6 But in all this time I was not at Jerusalem; for in the thirty-second year of Emperor Artaxerxes II of Persia, I came to the emperor, and after certain days, I obtained permission from the emperor to go to Jerusalem.

7 And I came to Jerusalem. And I understood the evil that Eliashib did on behalf of Tobiah, in preparing him a room in the courts of the temple of Yahweh.

8 And it grieved me very much. Therefore, I threw all of Tobiah's household stuff out of the room.

9 Then I commanded, and the priests purified the room, and I ordered that the vessels of the temple of Yahweh, with the grain offering and the frankincense, be returned there.

10 And I perceived that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites and the singers who did the work had fled back home to their village.

11 Then I contended with the rulers and said, "Why is the temple of Yahweh forsaken?" And I gathered them together and reminded them of their responsibilities.

12 Then all the children of Israel brought their tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil to the temple treasury as before.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

15 ¶ In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us,

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe and Pedaiah of the Levites. And next to them was Hanan, the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their duty was to distribute to their brethren.

### **Nehemiah stops people from profaning the Sabbath**

14 I prayed, "Remember me, O my Yahweh, concerning this, and do not overlook my good deeds that I have done for the temple of Yahweh and for its worship."

15 In those days, I saw in Judah some treading wine presses on the Sabbath and bringing in sheaves of grain, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs and all manner of burdens which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I spoke out against them on the day that they sold food.

16 People of Tyre who dwelt in Jerusalem brought fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the leaders of Judah and said to them, "Why are you doing this evil thing and profaning the Sabbath day?"

18 Did not your ancestors act in an evil manner, and did not Yahweh bring all this evil upon us and upon this city?

and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

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23 ¶ In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”

19 And it came to pass, that when darkness began to settle on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates be shut, and ordered that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I set some of my servants at the gates to ensure that no goods for sale would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I spoke out against them and said to them, “Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time forth they did not come anymore on the Sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and guard the gates and keep them shut on the Sabbath to sanctify that day. I prayed, “Remember me, O Yahweh, concerning this also and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy.”

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**Nehemiah stops Jews from marrying foreign women and having foreign children**

23 In those days I also saw Jews who had married wives of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

24 And half of their children spoke in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but spoke according to the language of these people.

25 And I contended with those Jews, and cursed them, and struck some of them, and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by Yahweh, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons, or for yourselves.

26 "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of Yahweh; and Yahweh made him king over all Israel; nevertheless, foreign women caused even him to sin.

27 "Do you intend to continue and do this great evil, to transgress against Yahweh by marrying foreign wives?"

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was married to the daughter of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore, I chased him out of Jerusalem.

29 I prayed, "Remember them, O Yahweh, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites."

30 Thus I purified the people from all foreigners, and assigned the duties of the priests and the Levites, so that they would know their duties.

31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

31 And I provided for the wood used in making burnt offerings to be brought in at appointed times, and for the first fruits. I then prayed, "Remember me, O Yahweh, for good."