

Nehemiah 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,
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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,
- 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:
- ⁶ Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear 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 cupbearer.

Nehemiah 2

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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,
- ³ 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?
- ⁴ Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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 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 well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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?
- 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.

Nehemiah 3

- ¹ Then **Eliashib** the *high priest rose up* with his brethren the priests, and they **buildd** 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**.
- ² And *next* unto him **buildd** the **men** of **Jericho**. And *next* to them **buildd** **Zaccur** the son of **Imri**.
- 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.
- ⁴ And *next* unto them **repaired** **Meremoth** the son of **Urijah**, the son of **Koz**. And *next* unto them repaired **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**.
- 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.

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- 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, **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 **Ophel**, unto the place over against the water gate *toward* the *east*, and the tower that lieth out.
- ²⁷ *After* them the **Tekoites** repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of **Ophel**.
- ²⁸ From *above* the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house. 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. 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. 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. ³² And *between* the going *up* of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Nehemiah 4

- ¹ But it came to pass, that when **Sanballat** heard that we buildded the wall, he was wroth, and took *great 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**, 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.

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- 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.
- 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 buildded 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 buildded. 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 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.

Nehemiah 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.
- 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 lands and vineyards.
- ⁶ And I was *very angry* when I heard their cry and these words.
- 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 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.

Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 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 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 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.

Nehemiah 6

- 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 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.

Nehemiah 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.
- 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,
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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**, **Chephirah**, and **Beeroth**, seven hundred forty and three.
- 30 The men of **Ramah** and **Gaba**, 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.
- 40 The children of **Immer**, a thousand fifty and two.
- 41 The children of **Pashur**, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
- 42 The children of **Harim**, a thousand and seventeen.

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- 43 The **Levites**: the children of **Jeshua**, of **Kadmiel**, and of the children of **Hodevah**, seventy and 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**,
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 and twenty asses.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Nehemiah 8

- ¹ 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.
- ² And Ezra the priest brought the law *before* the congregation both of men 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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 unto the manner.

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- ¹ 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.
- ² And the seed of Israel separated themselves from *all* strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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 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.

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- ¹³ Thou camest *down* also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:
- ¹⁴ And madest known unto them thy holysabbath, 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 that 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, 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.

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

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

Nehemiah 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**, **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**,

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- 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**;
- ³⁰ And that we would **not** give our daughters unto the people of the land, **not** 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 **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**.

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- 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**.

Nehemiah 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 Joarib, 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 Jesiah.
- 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 Joarib, 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;

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

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- 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.

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- ¹ Now these are the priests and the **Levites** that went *up* with **Zerubbabel** the son of **Shealtiel**, and **Jeshua**:
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, Hilkiyah, 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 Moadiah, Piltai**;
- ¹⁸ Of **Bilgah, Shammua**; of **Shemaiah, Jehonathan**;
- ¹⁹ And of **Jojarib, Mattenai**; of **Jedaiah, Uzzi**;
- ²⁰ Of **Sallai, Kallai**; of **Amok, Eber**;
- ²¹ Of **Hilkiyah, Hashabiah**; of **Jedaiah, Nethaneel**.

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- ²² The **Levites** in the days of **Eliashib**, **Joiada**, and **Johan**, 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 **Johan** 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.
- 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 buildded 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 of **Mattaniah**, the son of **Michaiah**, the son of **Zaccur**, the son of **Asaph**:

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- 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;
- ⁴² And **Maaseiah**, and **Shemaiah**, and **Eleazar**, and **Uzzi**, and **Jehohanan**, and **Malchijah**, and **Elam**, and **Ezer**. And the singers sang loud, with **Jezerahiah** 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 **Aaron**.

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- ¹ 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.
- ⁴ 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 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 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 to 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 brought *all* Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.
- 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.

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- 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, 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.
- ²³ In those days also saw I **Jews** that had married wives of **Ashdod**, of **Ammon**, and of **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.

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