



Jerusalem's misery. **N E H E M I A H.** *Nehemiah his prayer.*

3538. 21 And of the sons of Harim; Maafciah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uz-ziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maafciah, Ithmaei, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elafah.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shime-i, and Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita) Petha-hiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; Eliafhib; and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover, of Israel: of the sons of Pa-rosch; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Ze-chariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jerimoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eli-afhib, Mattaniah, and Jerimoth, and Zabab, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jafhub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelai, Benaiah, Maafciah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ithi-ith, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mat-tarah, Zabad, Eliphiel, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shime-i.

34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh.

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliafhib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaafau.

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Sime-i,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and A-daiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shafhai, Shara-i,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithi-ah, Zabab, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Be-naiah.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

The book of Nehemiah.

CHAP. I.

1 *Nehemiah understanding by Hanani, the misery of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth. 5 His prayer.*

3550. **T**He words of Nehemiah the son of Ha-chaliah. 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 concern- ing 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 burnt 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 be- fore 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 command- ments.

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 Is- rael thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned a- gainst thee: both I, and my fathers house have sinned.

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

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, say- ing, c If ye transgress, I will scatter you a- broad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; d though there were of you cast out unto the utter- most part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them un- to 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

Nehemiah cometh to Jerusalem. **CHAP. II, III.** *He inciteth the Jews to build.*

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 Jerusa- lem: 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 Je- rusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the foun- tain, and to the kings 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 whether 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 dis- tress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come and let us build up the wall of Je- rusalem, 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 kings 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 Ge- shem 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 you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

CHAP. III.

1 *The names and order of them that builded the wall.*

Then Eliafhib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they build 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 builded the men of Jericho: and next to them builded Zaacur the son of Imri.

3 But the fish-gate did the sons of Hasena- ah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks there- of, and the bars thereof.

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The names of them that **NEHEMIAH.** *built the wall.*

3556. 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 Meshuabeel: 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 Melariah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governour on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Bariah, 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 Hartush the son of Halhabniah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, 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 Beth-haccerem: he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of Col-hosheh, 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 kings 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 Beth-zur, 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 Jehhua, 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 Zabai, 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 Merimoth 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 kings 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 Semaiah, 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 Zaphan, another piece: after him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah, the goldsmiths 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.

CHAP.

Nehemiahs prayer. **CHAP. IV.** **CHAR. iv.** *He armeth the labourers.*

1 While the enemies scoff, Nehemiah prayeth, and continueth the work. 7 Understanding the wrath and secrets of the enemy, he setteth a watch. 13 He armeth the labourers, 19 and giveth military precepts.

3557. **D** Ut it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Sumaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortifie 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 burnt?

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 fort in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I live.

14 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.

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 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, nor washing that every one put them off for washing.

CHAP. V.

1 The Jews complain of their debt, mortgage, and bondage. 6 Nehemiah rebuketh the usurers, and causeth them to make a covenant of restitution. 14 He forbeareth his own allowance, and keepeth hospitality.

A Nd 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

Or, it is to be seen into the wall.

Heb. from the gate.

b Joh. 9. 7.

e 2 Km. 20. 25.

Heb. on his line.

Or, every one went with his own gear.

Nehemiah reformeth usury.
 3550. that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.
 4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the kings 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, You 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 you 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 oyl, 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.
 14 ¶ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governour 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 governour.
 15 But the former governours 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

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Sanballats evil practice.
 servants bare rule over the people: but for 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, besides 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 governour, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.
 19 ^b Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

CHAP. VI.

Sanballat practiseth by craft, by rumours, by hired prophets, to terrifie Nehemiah.
 15 The work is finished to the terror of the enemies. 17 Secret intelligence passeth between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.
 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 the Jews think to rebel: 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

† Heb. was built, consulted in me.

2 Levit. 25. 48.

† Heb. empty, or void.

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† Heb. before me, were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver, yea, even their

The work is finished.
 3550. 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 She-maiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehe-rabbel, 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 prophesie 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 prophets 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.
CHAP. VII.
Nehemiah committeth the charge of Jerusalem to Hanani and Hananiah. 5 A register of the genealogy of them which came at the first out of Babylon, 9 of the people, 39 of the priests, 43 of the Levites, 45 of the Nethinims, 57 of Solomons servants, 63 and of the priests which could not find their pedigree. 66 The whole number of them with their substance. 70 Their oblations.

† Heb. was built, consulted in me.

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CHAP. VII.
Register of them that came from Babylon.
 Now it came to pass when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the fingers, 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 Pahath-moab, 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.
 18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.
 19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.
 20 The

† Heb. were not builded.

2 Ezra. 2. 8. c. 3399. Nebuchad- nizzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem, and to Judah, every one unto his city.

3. 2. 68. 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 Pahath-moab, 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.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

THEIR NUMBER THAT RETURNED

3468. 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 Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

29 The men of Kirjath-jearim, 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 Beth-el 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 seven.

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

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

45 The porters: the children of Shallun, 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 Netthinims: the children of Zihah, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth.

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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 Shalmai,

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 Phafeah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Memuin, the children of Neplihesim,

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

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

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

56 The children of Neziiah, the children of Hatipha,

57 The children of Solomons 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 Shephariah, the children of Hartil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

60 All the Nerthinims, and the children of Solomons servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 And these were they which went up from Tel-mela, Tel-harsina, Cherub, Adon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers 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.

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 man-servants and their maid-servants, 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

THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE GIFTS.

63 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 batons, 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 these 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 Netthinims, and all Israel, dwell in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAPTER VIII.

The religious manner of reading and hearing the law. 9 They comfort the people. 13 The forwardness of them to hear, and be instructed. 16 They keep the feast of tabernacles.

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 mid-day, 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 Shemah, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilki-ah, and Maxai-ah, 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, Fianan, Pelai-ah, 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 you 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.

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.

A Solemn fast. **NEHEMIAH.** *The Levites confession, &c.*

3551. 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.

† Heb. *re-assembly.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *A solemn fast, and repentance of the people.*
 4 *The Levites make a religious confession of Gods goodness, and their wickedness.*

2 Chap. 8. 2. **N**ow in the twenty and fourth day of a this moneth, the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sack-clothes, and earth upon them.

† Heb. *to mge children.*

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.

† Heb. *to mge children.*

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, Hafsnabiah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Perhahiah, 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, b 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 g And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, & heardest their cry by the Red sea: 10 And h 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 thee: so didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

11 i And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and their persecu-

ters thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the k 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 m Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgements, 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 n gavest them bread from heaven, for their hunger, and o 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 hearkned 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, r 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 s 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 v man- ners from their mouth, and gavest them x wa- ter for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their y 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 in- to 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,

CHAP. IX. x *The covenant sealed.*

3551. and, 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 olive-yards, 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: 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 favours, 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 hearkned not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgements (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 b 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 hearkned 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 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 yeeldeth 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 cattel, 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.

CHAP. X.

The names of them that sealed the covenant. 29 *The points of the covenant.*

† Heb. *at the sealing, or sealed.*

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 Azariah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelayah, Hanan, 11 Micha, Rehob, Hafsnabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zathu, 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 Meshhezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hofsea, Hananiah, Hashub, 24 Hallohepsi, Pilecha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah, 28 ¶ a And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the

The points of the covenant. **NEHEMIAH.** *Who dwell in Jerusalem.*

355 i. 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 Gods 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 judgements and his statutes:

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

31 ^c 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 4 seventh year, and the exaction of † every debt.

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

33 For the shew-bread, 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 first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

36 Also the first-born of our sons and of our cattel, (as it is written ^h 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 first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oyl, 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, ^k when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithes 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 oyl, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the fingers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAPTER XI.

1 *The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man chosen by lot, dwell at Jerusalem. 2 A catalogue of their names. 20 The residue dwell in other cities.*

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 Solomons servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin: of the children of Judah; Athai-ah the son of Uzzi-ah, 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 Col-hoseh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adai-ah, 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; Sal-lu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedai-ah, the son of Kolai-ah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ichiel, the son of Jeshiah.

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 Ahicub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house, were eight hundred twenty and

and in other cities.

351. and two: and Adai-ah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelai-ah, 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 Ahafsi, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren mighty men of va-lor, 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.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Afaph, *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 Galai, 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 ^a 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 Mataniah, the son of Micha: of the sons of Afaph, the fingers were over the business of the house of God.

23 For it *was* the kings commandment concerning them, that || a certain portion should be for the fingers, due for every day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshzebeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kir-jath-arba 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 Beth-pheret,

27 And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba and in the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mckonah and in the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jannuth,

CHAPTER xi. xii. *The succession of high-priests.*

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish and the fields thereof, at Azekah and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba, unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin || from Geba, dwelt || at Mickmash, and Aija, and Beth-el, 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.

CHAPTER XII.

1 *The priests 8 and the Levites which came up with Zerubbabel. 10 The succession of high priests. 22 Certain chief Levites. 27 The solemnity of the dedication of the walls. 44 The offices of priests and Levites appointed in the temple.*

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 || Shecaniah, || Rehum, || Merimoth,

4 Iddo, || Ginnetho, Abijah,

5 || Miamin, || Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, 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, Joleph:

15 Of Harim, Adna: of Meraioth, Helkai:

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah: of Ginnethon, Meshullam:

17 Of Abijah, Zichri: of Miniamin, of Mo-adiah, Piltai:

18 Of Bilgah, Sham-nua: of Shemaiah, Jehonathan:

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai: of Jedaiah, Uzzi:

† Heb. by the Levites.

b Exod. 24. 16. Dent. 7. 3

c Exod. 20. 10. Levit. 23. 3. Dent. 6. 17. Chap. 13. 15. &c.

d Levit. 25. 4. Dent. 15. 2.

† Heb. every bund.

f & e Nu. 28. and 29.

g Exod. 22. 12. Levit. 19. 23.

h Exod. 13. 2.

i Levit. 24. 17. Num. 18. 19. & 18. 12. &c.

k Num. 18. 26.

Or, of Gera. Or, to Aijath. m. p.

34 58. of Ezra 2. 1.

Or, Melicu, ver. 14.

Or, Shebaniah, ver. 14.

Or, of Harim, ver. 15.

Or, of Meraioth, ver. 16.

Or, Ginnethon, ver. 15.

Or, of Miniamin, ver. 17.

Or, of Bilgah, ver. 17.

Or, of Piltai, ver. 20.

That is, the High-priest of the Jews.

20 Of Sallai, Kallai: of Amok, Eber:
 21 Of Hillkiah, Hafshabiah: of Jedaiah, Neh-
 thaneel.
 22 ¶ The Levites in the days of Eliashib,
 Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were re-
 corded chief of the fathers: also the priests,
 to the reign of Darius the Persian.
 23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fa-
 thers, were written in the book of the b chro-
 nicles, even until the days of Johanan the
 son of Eliashib.
 24 And the chief of the Levites: Hafshabi-
 ah, Sherubiah, and Jeshua the son of Kad-
 muel, 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 Bakbukish, 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 governour, 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 cym-
 bals, 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 Netophathy,
 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 com-
 panies: of them that gave thanks, whereof one
 went on the right hand upon the wall toward
 the dung-gate:
 32 And after them went Hofhaiah, 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 Asaph:
 36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azara-
 eh, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Ju-
 dab, 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 o-
 ver 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 east-ward.
 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 tur-
 naces, 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 Elea-
 zar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchi-
 jah, and Elam, and Ezer: and the singers
 sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.
 43 Also that day they offered great sacrifi-
 ces, and rejoiced; for God had made them
 rejoyce 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 first-fruits, and for the
 tithes, to gather into them out of the field,
 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 com-
 mandment of David, and of Solomon his son.
 46 For in the days of David and Asaph,
 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 por-
 tions 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.
 CHAP. XIII.
 1 Upon the reading of the law, separation is
 made from the mixed multitude. 4 Nehemi-
 ah at his return causeth the chambers to be
 cleansed. 10 He reformeth the offices in the
 house of God, 15 the violation of the sabbath,
 23 and the marriages with strange wives.

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 Is-
 rael 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, ha-
 ving 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 ves-
 sels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine,
 and the oyl, (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 Artaxer-
 xes 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 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-of-
 fering 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 oyl, unto
 the treasuries.
 13 And I made treasurers over the treasu-
 ries, 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, concern-
 ing 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 Jerusa-
 lem 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 Is-
 rael 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 sab-
 bath-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 sanctifie
 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 lan-
 guage of each people.
 25 And I contended with them, and cur-
 sed them, and smote certain of them, and
 plucked off their hair, and made them swear
 by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daugh-
 ters unto their sons, nor take their daugh-
 ters unto your sons, or for your selves.
 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by
 these things? yet among many nations was
 there no king like him, who was beloved

b 1 Chr. 9. 14. &c

1 Or, Treasuries, or offices.

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1 Or, observations.

1 Heb. before the wall.

1 Or, multitude.

1 Heb. had music to dwell with them.

1 Heb. they discerned not to speak.

1 Heb. of people.

1 Heb. of people.

1 Or, resolved them.

