

EZRA

THE ARGUMENT.

As the Lord is ever merciful unto his Church, and doeth not punish them, but to the intent they should see their own miseries, and be exercised under the cross, that they might condemn the world and aspire unto the heavens, so after that he had visited the Jewes and kept them now in bondage seventie years in a strange country among infidels and idolaters, he remembered his tender mercies and their infirmities, and therefore for his own sake raised them up a deliverer, and moved both the heart of the chief ruler to pity them, and also by him punished such, which had kept them in servitude. Notwithstanding lest they should grow into a contempt of God's great benefit, he kepeth them still in exercise, and raiseth domestical enemies, which endeavor as much as they can to hinder their most worthy enterprise: yet by the exhortation of the Prophets they went forward by little and little til their work was finished. The author of this book was Ezra, who was Priest, and scribe of the Law, as chap. 7.6, he returned to Jerusalém the sixth year of Darius, who succeeded Cyrus, that is, more then forty years after the return of the first under Zerubbabél, when the Temple was built. He brought with him a great company, and much treasures, with letters to the King's officers, for all such things as should be necessary for the Temple: and at his coming he redressed that which was amiss, and set the things in good order.

Chapter 1

1 Cyrus sendeth again the people that was in captivity, 8 And restoreth them their holy vessels.

Now *in ^athe first year of Cyrus King of Persia (that the word of the Lord, spoken by the ^bmouth of Jeremiah, might be accomplished) the Lord stirred up the ^cspirit of Cyrus King of Persia, and he made a proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing, saying.

2 Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me ^aall the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath commanded me to build him an house in Jerusalém, which is in Judáh.

3 Who is he among you of all his people with whom his God is? let him go up to Jerusalém which is in Judáh, & build the house of the Lord God of Israél: he is the God, which is in Jerusalém.

4 And every one that remaineth in any place (where he sojourneth) ^elet the men of his place relieve him with silver and with gold, and with substance, and with cattle, ^fand with a willing offering, for the house of God that is in Jerusalém.

5 Then the chief father's of Judáh and Benjamin, and the Priests and Levites rose up, with all them whose spirit God had raised to go up, to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalém.

6 And all ^gthey that were about them, strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with substance and with cattle, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7 Also the King Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, ^hwhich Nebuchadnezzár had taken out of Jerusalém, and had put them in the house of his god.

8 Even them did Cyrus King of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredáth the treasurer, and counted them unto ⁱSheshbazzár the prince of Judáh.

9 And this is the number of them, thirty basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, nine and twenty ^kknives,

10 Thirty bowls of gold, and of silver bowls of the second sort, four hundreth and ten, and of other vessels, a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and silver were five thousand and four

1 *2 Chron. 36.22, Ez. 2.1, Jere. 25.12 and 29.10.

1 a After that he and Darius had won Babylon.

1 b Who promised them deliverance after that seventy years were past. Jer. 25.11.

1 c That is, moved him, and gave him heart.

2 d For he was chief Monarch, and had many nations under his dominion, which this heathen King confesses to have received of the living God.

4 e If any through poverty were not able to return, the King's commission was that he should be furnished with necessaries.

4 f Which they themselves should send toward the reparation of the Temple.

6 g The Babylonians and Chaldeans gave them these presents thus rather then the children of God should want for their necessaries, he would stir up the heart of the very infidels to help them.

7 *2 Kings 25.13, 2 Chron. 36.7, Jer. 27.19, Dan. 1.2.

8 h So the Chaldeans called Zerubbabel, who was the chief governor, so that the preeminence still remained in the house of David.

9 i Which served to kill the beasts that were offered in sacrifice.

hundreth. Sheshbazzár brought up all ^kwith them of the captivity that came up from Babél to Jerusalém.

Chapter 2

The number of them that returned from the captivitie.

These ^{*}also are the sons ^aof the province, that went up out of the captivity (whom Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél had carried away unto Babél) and returned to Jerusalém, and to Judáh, every one unto his city,

2 Which came with ^bZerubbabél, to wit, Jeshúa, Nehemiáh, Seraiáh, Reelaiáh, ^cMordecái, Bilshán, Mispár, Biguái, Rehúm, Baanáh. The number of the men ^dof the people of Israél was,

3 The sons of Parósh, two thousand, an hundreth, seventy & two:

4 The sons of Shephatiáh, three hundreth seventy and two:

5 The sons of Aráh, seven hundreth, and seventy and five:

6 The sons of ^ePaháth Moáb, of the sons of Jeshúa and Joáb, two thousand, eight hundreth and twelve:

7 The sons of Elám, a thousand, two hundreth, and four and fifty:

8 The sons of Zattú, nine hundreth, and five and forty:

9 The sons of Zaccái, seven hundreth, and threscore:

10 The sons of Baní, six hundreth, and two and forty:

11 The sons of Bebái, six hundreth, and three and twenty:

12 The sons of Azgád a thousand, two hundreth, & two & twenty:

13 The sons of Adonikám, six hundreth, three score and six:

14 The sons of Biguái, two thousand, and six and fifty:

15 The sons of Adín, four hundreth and four and fifty:

16 The sons of Atér of ^fHizkiáh, ninety and eight:

17 The sons of Bezái, three hundreth, and three and twenty:

18 The sons of Joráh, an hundreth, and twelve:

19 The sons of Hasshúm, two hundreth and three and twenty:

20 The sons of Gibbár, ninety and five:

21 ^gThe sons of Beth-léhem, an hundreth and three and twenty:

22 The men of Netopháh, six and fifty:

23 The men of Anothóth, and hundreth and eight and twenty:

24 The sons of Azmáveth, two and forty:

25 The sons of Kirjáh-arím, of Chephiráh, and Beeróth, seven hundreth and three and forty:

26 The sons of Haramáh and Gába, six hundreth, and one and twenty:

27 The men of Michmás, and hundreth, and two and twenty:

11 k With the Jews that had been kept captives in Babylon.

Chapter 2

1 *Nehe. 7.6, 1 Esdr 5.7.

1 a Meaning Judea, which was a province, that is, a country which was in subjection.

2 b Zerubbabel was chief captain, Jeshua the high Priest, and Nehemiah a man of great authority went not now but came after, 54 years.

2 c This was not that Mordecai which was Ester's kinsman.

2 d Meaning of the common people.

6 ^eOr, of the duke of Moab.

16 e Which were of the posterity of Hezekiah.

21 f That is, inhabitants for so this word (Son) signifies, when it is joined with the names of places.

28 The sons of Beth-él and Ai, two hundreth, and three & twenty:
 29 The sons of Nebó, two and fifty:
 30 The sons of Magbîsh, an hundreth and six and fifty:
 31 The sons of the other Elám, a thousand, and two hundreth, and four and fifty:
 32 The sons of Harím, three hundreth and twenty:
 33 The sons of Lod-hadíd, and Onó, seven hundreth, and five and twenty:
 34 The sons of Jerichó, three hundreth and five and forty:
 35 The sons of Senáah, three thousand, six hundreth and thirty.
 36 ¶ The ^gPriests: of the sons of Jedaiáh of the house of Jeshúa, nine hundreth seventy and three:
 37 The sons of Immér, a thousand and two and fifty:
 38 The sons of Pashúr, a thousand, two hundreth and seven and forty:
 39 The sons of Harím, a thousand and seventeen.
 40 ¶ || The Levites: the sons of Jeshúa, and Kadmiél of the sons of Hodaviáh, seventy and four.
 41 || The singers: the sons of Asaph, an hundreth and eight and twenty.
 42 || The sons of the porters: the sons of Shallúm, the sons of Atér, the sons of Talmón, the sons of Akkúb, the sons of Hatitá, the sons of Shobài, all were an hundreth and nine and thirty.
 43 ¶ The ^hNethinims: the sons of Zihá, the sons of Hasuphá, the sons of Tabbaóth,
 44 The sons of Kerós, the sons of Siahá, the sons of Padón,
 45 The sons of Lebanáh, the sons of Hagabáh, the sons of Akkúb,
 46 The sons of Hagab, the sons of Shámlái, the sons of Hanán,
 47 The sons of Giddél, the sons of Gáhar, the sons of Reaiáh,
 48 The sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekodá, the sons of Gazzám,
 49 The sons of Uzzá, the sons of Paséah, the sons of Besái,
 50 The sons of Asnáh, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,
 51 The sons of Bakbúk, the sons of Hakupá, the sons of Harhúr,
 52 The sons of Bazlúth, the sons of Mehidá, the sons of Harsha,
 53 The sons of Barcós, the sons of Sísará, the sons of Thámah,
 54 The sons of Neziáh, the sons of Hatiphá,
 55 The sons of Salomon's ⁱservants: the sons of Sotáí, the sons of Sophéreth, the sons of Perudá,
 56 The sons of Jaaláh, the sons of Darkón, the sons of Giddél,
 57 The sons of Shephatiáh, the sons of Hattíl, the sons of Pochéreth Hazzebaim, the sons of Amí.
 58 All the Nethinims, and the sons of Salomon's servants were three hundreth ninety and two.
 59 ¶ And these went up from Telmeláh, and from Telharshá, Cherúb, Addán, and Immér, but they could not discern their father's house and their seed, whether they were of Israél.
 60 The sons of Delaiáh, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekodá, six hundreth and two and fifty.
 61 And of the sons of the Priests, the sons of Habaiáh the sons of Coz, the sons of ^kBarzillái: which took of the daughters of Barzillái the Giliadite to wife, and was called after their name.
 62 These sought their writing of the genealogies, but they were

36 g Before he has declared the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and now comes to the tribe of Levi and begins at the Priests.

40 || The Levites.

41 || The Singers.

42 || The Porters.

43 h So called because they were given to the Temple, to cut wood and bear water for the sacrifices, and came of the Gibeonites which were appointed to this use by Joshua, Josh. 9.23.

55 i Which came of them that Solomon had appointed for the work of the Temple.

61 k Of him is made mention 2 Sam. 17.27 and 19.31, and because the Priest's office was had in contempt, these would have changed their estate by their name, and so by God's just judgement lost both the estimation of the world and the dignity of their office.

not found: therefore were they put from the Priesthood.

63 And ^lTirshátha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy thing, til there rose up a Priest with ^mUrim and Thummin.

64 The whole Congregation together was two and forty thousand, three hundreth and threescore,

65 Beside their servants and their maids: of whom were seven thousand, three hundreth and seven and thirty: and among them were two hundreth singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses were seven hundreth, and six and thirty, their mules, two hundreth and five and forty:

67 Their camels four hundreth and five and thirty: their asses, six thousand, seven hundreth and twenty.

68 And *certain* of the chief fathers, when they came to the house of the Lord, which was in Jerusalém, they offered willingly for the house of God, to set it up upon his foundation.

69 They gave after their habilitie unto the treasure of the work, *even* one and threescore thousand ⁿdrammes of gold, and five thousand ^opieces of silver and an hundreth Priest's garments.

70 So the Priests and the Levites, and a *certain* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Israél in their cities.

Chapter 3

2 They build the altar of God 6 They offer to the Lord. 7 They prepare for the Temple, 11 And sing unto the Lord.

And ^{*}when the ^aseventh month was come, and the children of Israél were in their cities, the people assembled them selves as one man unto Jerusalém.

2 Then stood up Jeshúa the son of Jozahák, and his brethren the Priests, and Zerubbabél the ^bson of Shealtiél, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israél, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the Law of Mosés the man of God,

3 And they set the altar upon ^chis bases (for fear was among them, because of the people of those countries) therefore they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, *even* burnt offerings in the morning and at even.

4 They kept also the feast of the Tabernacles, as it is written, and the burnt offering ^ddaily, by number according to the custom day by day,

5 And afterward ^ethe continual burnt offering, both in the new months and in all the feast days that were consecrate unto the Lord, and in all the oblations willingly offered unto the Lord.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord: but the foundation of the Temple of the Lord was not laid.

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the workmen, and meat and drink, and oil unto them of Zidón and of Tyrus, to bring them cedarwood from Lebanón to the sea unto [^]Japhó,

63 l This is a Chalde name and signifies him that has authority over others.

63 m Read Ex. 28.30.

69 n Which mount to of our money 24826. li. 13, shil 4 d esteeming the french crown at 6 shil 4 d. for the dramme is the eight part of an ounce, and the ounce the eight part of a mark.

69 o Which are called mine, and contain a piece two marks so 5000 mines make 550000 franks, which mount to of our money 69666. li 13 shil 4 d. so that the whole sum was 94493 li. 26. shil. 8d.

Chapter 3

1 *1 Esdr. 5.47.

1 a Called Tishri, which answers to part of September and part of October.

2 b Meaning, nephew: for he was the son of Pedaiah, read 1 Chron. 3.19.

3 c In the place where Solomon had placed it.

4 *Ex. 23.16.

5 d That is, after the feast of Tabernacles.

7 ^Or, Joppe.

according to the grant that they had of Cyrus King of Persia.

8 ¶ And in the second year of their coming unto the house of God in Jerusalem in the ^esecond month began Zerubbabél the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshúa the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the Priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem, and appointed the Levites from twenty year old and above, to set forward the work of the house of the Lord.

9 And Jeshúa ⁱstood with his sons, and his brethren, *and* Kadmiél with his sons, *and* the sons of Judáh together to set forward the workmen in the house of God, and the sons of Henadáb with their sons, and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the Temple of the Lord, they appointed the Priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asáph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, ^{*}after the ordinance of David King of Israël.

11 Thus they sang when they gave praise, and when they gave thanks unto the Lord, For he is good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israël. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

12 Many also of the Priests and the Levites and the chief of the fathers, ancient men, which had seen the first house, (when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes) ^gwept with a loud voice: and many shouted a loud for joy,

13 So that the people could not discern the sound of the shout for joy, from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud cry, and the noise was heard far off.

Chapter 4

2 The building of the Temple is hindered and how. 12 Letters to Artaxerxes, and the answer.

But ^athe adversaries of Judáh and Benjamín heard, that the children of the captivity builded the Temple unto the Lord God of Israël.

2 And they came to Zerubbabél, and to the chief fathers, and said unto them, We wil build with you: for we seek the Lord your God as ye *do*: and we have sacrificed unto him since the time of Esár Haddón King of Asshúr which brought us up hither.

3 Then Zerubbabél, and Jeshúa, and the rest of the chief fathers of Israël, said unto them, It is not for you, but for us to build the house of our God: ^bfor we ourselves together wil build it unto the Lord God of Israël, as King Cyrus the King of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Wherefore the people of the land [^]discouraged the people of Judáh, and troubled them in building,

5 And they [^]hired counselors against them, to hinder their device, all the days of Cyrus King of Persia, even until the reign of Darius

8 e Which month contained part of April and part of May, for in the mean season they had provided for things necessary for the work.

9 f They gave them exhortations and encouraged every man forward in the work.

10 *1 Chron. 16.8.

12 g Because they saw that it was nothing so glorious as that Temple, which Solomon had built, notwithstanding Aggeus (Hag. 2.10) comforted them and prophecied that it shall be more beautiful then the first: meaning the spiritual Temple, which are the members of Christ's body.

Chapter 4

1 a Meaning, the inhabitants of Samaria, whom the King of Assyria had placed in the stead of the ten tribes 2 Kings 17.24, 29 and 41. These professed God, but worshipped idols also, and therefore were the greatest enemies to the true servants of God.

3 b For they perceived what their pretense was, to wit, to erect idolatry in stead of true religion.

4 [^]Ebr., made their hands weak.

5 c They bribed the governors under the King, to hinder their work thus they that halt, can not abide, that God should be purely served.

King of Persia.

6 And in the reign of ^eAhashuerósh (in the beginning of his reign) wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judáh and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of ^eArtahshashte, Mithredáth, Tabeél, and the rest of their companions wrote when it was peace unto Artahshashte King of Persia, and the writing of the letter was the Aramites writing, and the thing declared *was* in the language of the Aramites.

8 Rehúm the [^]chancellor, and Shimshái the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artahshashte the King, in this sort.

9 Then *wrote* Rehúm the chancellor, and Shimshái the scribe, and their companions ⁱDinaié, and Apharsathcaié, Tarpelaié, Apharsaié, Archevaié, Bablaié, Shushanchaié, Dehavé, Elmaié,

10 And the rest of the people whom the great and noble ^gAsnappái brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and other that are beyond the ^hRiver and ⁱCheéneth.

11 ¶ This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto King Artahshashte, THY SERVANTS the men beyond the River and Cheéneth, *salute thee*.

12 Be it known unto the King that the Jewes, which came up from thee to us, are come unto Jerusalem (a city rebellious and wicked) and build, and lay the foundations of the walls, and have joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the King, that if this city be built, and the foundations of the walls laid, they wil not give toll, tribute, nor ^kcustom: so shalt thou hinder the King's tribute.

14 Now therefore because [^]we have been brought up in the *King's* palace, it was not mete for us to see the King's dishonor: for this cause have we sent and certified the King,

15 That one may search in the book of the Chronicles of thy fathers, and thou shalt find in the book of the Chronicles, and perceive that this city is rebellious and noisome unto Kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition of old time, for the which cause this city was destroyed.

16 We certify the King *therefore*, that if this city be builded, and the foundation of the walls laid, by this means the portion beyond the River shal not be thine.

17 ¶ The King sent an answer unto Rehúm chancellor, and Shimshái the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwelt in Samaria, and unto the other beyond the River, ⁱShelám and ^mCheéth.

18 ¶ The letter which ye sent unto us, hath been openly read before me,

19 And I have commanded and they have searched, and found, that this city of old time hath made insurrection against Kings, and hath rebelled, and rebellion hath been committed therein.

20 There have been mighty Kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all beyond the River, and toll, tribute, and custom was given unto them.

21 Make ye now a decree, that those men may cease, and that the city be not built, til I have given *another* commandment.

6 d He was also called Artaxerxes, which is a Persian name some think it was Cambyses Cyrus son, or Darius, as verse 5.

7 e Called Artaxerxes, which signified in the Persian tongue, an excellent warrior.

8 [^]Or, counselor.

9 f There were certain people, which the Assyrians placed in Samaria instead of the ten tribes.

10 g Some think it was Saneherib, but rather Salmansar.

10 h To wit, Euphrates, and he means in respect of Babel that they dwelt beyond it.

10 i Which were a certain people that envied the Jews.

13 k Meaning, the gifts that are wont to be given to King's when they pass by any country.

14 [^]Ebr., In the Chalde, we have eaten the salt of the palace.

17 l Some read for Shelam, salutation or greeting.

17 m Called also Cheeneth, as verse 11.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to hurt the King?

23 When the copy of King Artahsháshte's letter was read before Rehúm and Shimshái the scribe, and their companions, they went up in all the haste to Jerusalém unto the Jewes, and caused them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ^oceased the work of the house of God, which was in Jerusalém, and did stay unto the second year of Darius King of Persia.

Chapter 5

1 Haggái and Zechariáh do prophesy. 3 The work of the Temple goeth forward contrary to the mind of Tatnáí. 6 His letters to Darius.

Then [^]Haggái a Prophet and Zechariáh the son of Iddó a Prophet prophesied unto the Jewes that were in Judáh, and Jerusalém, in the Name of the God of Israél, *even* unto them.

2 Then Zerubbabél the son of Shealtiél, and Jeshúa the son of Jozadák arose, & began to build the house of God at Jerusalém, and with them *were* the Prophets of God, which ^ahelped them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnáí, which was captain beyond the River, and Shether-boznái and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath given you commandment to build this house, and to lay the foundations of these walls?

4 ^bThen said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that build this building?

5 But the ^oeye of their God was upon the Elders of the Jewes, that they could not cause them to cease, til the matter came to Darius: and then they answered by letters thereunto.

6 The copy of the letter, that Tatnáí captain beyond the River, and Shether-boznái and his companions Aparsechái, (which were beyond the River) sent unto King Darius.

7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein it was written thus, UNTO DARIUS the King, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the King, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with [^]great stones, and beams are laid in the walls, and this work is wrought speedily, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those Elders, and said unto them thus, Who hath given you commandment to build this house, and to lay the foundation of these walls?

10 We asked their names also, that we might certify thee, *and* that we might write the names of the men that were their rulers.

11 But they answered us thus, and said, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was built of old *and* many years ago, which a ^ogreat King of Israél ^{*}builded, and founded it.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, ^{*}he gave them over into the hand of Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél the Caldean, and he destroyed this house, and carried the people away captive unto Babél.

13 But in the ^ofirst year of Cyrus King of Babél, King Cyrus made

24 n Not all together for the Prophets exhorted them to continue, but they used less diligence because of the troubles.

Chapter 5

1 [^]Or, Hageus.

1 ^{*}Hag. 1.1, 1 Esdr. 6.6.

2 a Which encouraged them to go forward and accused them that they were more careful to build their own houses, then zealous to build the Temple of God.

4 b That is, the enemies asked this, as verse 10.

5 c His favor and spirit of strength.

8 [^]Or, marble.

11 d To wit, Solomon.

11 ^{*}1 King 6.2, 2 Chron. 3.2.

12 ^{*}2 Kings 24.2 and 25.9.

13 e Read Ch. 1.1.

a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzár took out of the Temple, that was in Jerusalém, and brought them into the Temple of Babél, those did Cyrus the King take out of the Temple of Babél, and they gave them unto *one* ^oSheshbazzár by his name, whom he had made captain.

15 And he said unto him, Take these vessels and go thy way, and put them in the Temple that is in Jerusalém, and let the house of God be built in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzár and laid the foundation of the house of God, which is in Jerusalém, and since that time even until now, hath it been in building, yet is it not finished.

17 Now therefore if it please the King, let there be search made in the house of the King's ^otreasures, which is there in Babél, whether a decree hath been made by King Cyrus, to build this house of God in Jerusalém, and let the King send *his* mind concerning this.

Chapter 6

At the commandment of Darius King of Persia, after the Temple was builded and dedicate, the children of Israél keep the feast of unleavened bread.

Then ^{*}King Darius gave commandment, and they made search in the [^]library of the treasures, which were there laid up in Babél.

2 And there was found in a ^ocoffer (in the palace that was in the province of the Medes) a volume, and therein was it thus written, as a memorial,

3 IN THE FIRST year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus made a decree for the house of God in Jerusalém, Let the house be built, *even* the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the walls thereof be joined together: let the height thereof *be* three score cubits, *and* the breadth thereof three score cubits,

4 Three [^]orders of [^]great stones, and one order of timber, and let the expenses be given of the King's house.

5 And also let them render the vessels of the house of God (of gold and silver, which Nebuchadnezzár took out of the Temple, which was in Jerusalém, and brought unto Babél) and let ^bhim go unto the Temple that is in Jerusalém to his place and put them in the house of God.

6 Therefore Tatnáí captain beyond the River, and Shethár Boznái, (and their companions Aparsecaié, which are beyond the River) be ye far ^ofrom thence.

7 Suffer ye the work of this house of God, that the captain of the Jewes and the Elders of the Jewes may build this house of God in his place.

8 For I have given a commandment what ye shal do to the Elders of these Jewes for the building of this house of God, that of the revenues of the King, which is of the tribute beyond the River, there be incontinently expenses given unto these men that they ^ocease not.

9 And that which they shal have need of, let it be given unto them day by day, whether it be young bullocks, or rams, or lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the Priests that are in

14 f Read Ch. 1.8.

17 g Meaning, in the libraries, or places where lay the registers, or records of times.

Chapter 6

1 ^{*}1 Esdr. 6.21.

1 [^]Ebr., house of books.

2 a Wherein were the acts of the Kings of Medes and Persians.

4 [^]Or, rows, or courses.

4 [^]Or, marble.

5 b Meaning, Zerubbabel, to whom he gives charge.

6 c Meddle not with them, neither hinder them.

8 d For lack of money.

Jerusalém, that there be no faute,

10 That they may have to offer sweet odors unto the God of heaven, and pray for the King's life, and for his sons.

11 And I have made a decree, that whosoever shal alter this sentence, the wood shal be pulled down from his house, and shalbe set up, *and* he shal be hanged thereon, and his house shal be made a dung hill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his Name ^eto dwell there, destroy all Kings and people that put their hand to alter, *and* to destroy this house of God, which is in Jerusalém. I Darius have made a decree, let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ *Then Tatnai the captain beyond the River, *and* Shethár Boznái and their companions, according to that which Darius had sent, so they did speedily.

14 So the Elders of the Jewes builded, and they prospered by the prophesying of ^hHaggái the Prophet, and Zechariáh the son of Iddó, and they builded and finished it, by the appointment of the God of Israél, and by the commandment of Cyrus and Darius, and Artahsháshte King of Persia.

15 And this house was finished the third day of the month ^gAdar, which was ^hthe sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 ¶ And the children of Israél, the Priests, and the Levites, and the residue of the children of the captivity kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundreth bullocks, two hundreth rams, four hundreth lambs and twelve goats, for the sin of all Israél, according to the number of the tribes of Israél.

18 And they set the Priests in their order, and the Levites in their courses over the service of God in Jerusalém, as it is written in the ^{*}book of Mosés.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

20 (For the Priests and the Levities were purified all together) and they killed the Passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the Priests, and for them selves.

21 So the children of Israél which were come *again* out of captivity, and all such as had ^lseparated them selves unto them, from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israél, did eat,

22 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them glad, and turned the heart of the King of ^kAsshúr unto them, to [^]encourage them in the work of the house of God, *even* the God of Israél.

Chapter 7

1 By the commandment of the King, Ezrá and his companions come to Jerusalém 27 He giveth thanks to God.

Now after these things, in the reign of ^aArtahsháshte King of Persia, was Ezrá the son of Seraiáh, the son of Azariáh, the son of Hilkiáh,

12 e Who has appointed that place to have his name called upon there.
13 *1 Esdr. 7.1.

14 f Whom God stirred up to assure them that he would give their work good success.

15 g This is the twelfth month, and contains part of February and part of March.

15 h And the two and fortieth after their first return.

18 *Num. 3.6 and 8.9.

21 i Which were of the heathen and forsook their idolatry to worship the true God.

22 k Meaning, Darius who was King of the Medes, Persians & Assyrians.
22 ^Ebr to strengthen their hands.

Chapter 7

1 a The Ebrewes write, that divers of the Kings of Persia were called by this name as Pharaoh was a common name to the Kings of Egypt, and Caesar to the Emperors Romain.

2 The son of Shallúm, the son of Zadók, the son of Ahitúb,

3 The son of Amariáh, the son of Azariáh, the son of Meraióth,

4 The son of Zeraíáh, ths son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abissúa, the son of Phinehás, the son of Eleazár, the son of ^bAarón; the chief Priest.

6 This Ezrá came up from Babél, and was a ^cscribe prompt in the Law of Mosés, which the Lord God of Israél had given, and the King gave him all his request according to the hand of the Lord his God *which was* upon him.

7 And there went up *certain* of the children of Israél, and of the Priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims unto Jerusalém, in the seventh year of King Artahsháshte.

8 And he came to Jerusalém in the ^dfifth month, which was in the seventh year ^eof the King.

9 For upon the first *day* of the first month began he to go up from Babél, & on the first *day* of the first month came he to Jerusalém, according to the good hand of his God *that was* upon him.

10 For Ezrá had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach the precepts and judgements in Israél.

11 ¶ And this is the copy of the letter that King Artahsháshte gave unto Ezrá the Priest *and* scribe, *even* a writer of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes over Israél.

12 ARTAHSHAShte King of Kings to Ezrá the Priest and perfect scribe of the Law of the God of heaven, and to [^]Cheéneth.

13 I have given commandment, that every one, that is willing in my kingdom of the people of Israél, and of the Priests, and Levites ^gto go to Jerusalém with thee, shal go.

14 Therefore art thou sent of the King and his seven counselors, to ^henquire in Judáh and Jerusalém, according to the Law of thy God, which is in ⁱthine hand,

15 And to carry the silver and the gold, which the King and his counselors willingly offer unto the God of Israél (whose habitation is in Jerusalém)

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babél, with the free offering of the people, and that which the Priests offer willingly to the house of their God which is in Jerusalém,

17 That thou maiest buy speedily with this silver, bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings: and thou shalt offer them upon the altar of the house of your God, which is in Jerusalém.

18 And whatsoever it pleaseth thee and thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver, and gold, do ye it according to the wil of your ^kGod.

19 And the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before God in Jerusalém.

20 And the residue that shalbe needful for the house of thy God, which shalbe mete for thee to bestow, thou shalt bestow it out of the King's treasure house,

21 And I King Artahsháshte have given commandment to all the treasurers which are beyond ^lthe River, that whatsoever Ezrá the

5 b Ezra deduced his kindred, til he came to Aaron, to prove that he came of him.

6 c He shows here what a scribe is, who had charge to write the Law and to expound it, whom Mark calls a scribe, Mark 12.28, Mat. and Luke call him a lawyer, or doctor of the Law, Mat. 22.35, Luk. 10.25.

8 d That contained part of July and part of August.

8 e Of King Darius.

12 f Some take this for the name of a people, some for time or continuance meaning that the King wished him long life.

13 g Which remained as yet in Babylon, and had not returned with Zerubbabel.

14 h To examine who lived according to the Law.

14 l Whereof you are expert.

18 k As you know best may serve to God's glory.

21 Which was the River Euphrates, and they were beyond it in respect of Babylon.

Priest and scribe of the Law of the God of heaven shall require of you, that it be done incontinently,

22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, unto an hundred measures of wheat, and unto an hundred baths of wine, and unto an hundred baths of oil, and salt without writing.

23 Whatsoever is by the commandment of the God of heaven, let it be done speedily for the house of the God of heaven: for why should he be wrath against the realm of the King, and his children?

24 And we certify you, that upon any of the Priests, Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers in this house of God, there shall no governor lay upon them toll, tribute nor custom.

25 And thou Ezrâ (after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand) set judges and arbiters, which may judge all the people that is beyond the River, even all that know the Law of thy God, and teach ye them that know it not.

26 And whosoever will not do the Law of thy God, and the King's law, let him have judgement without delay, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, which so hath put in the King's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem,

28 And hath inclined mercy toward me, before the King and his counselors, and before all the King's mighty princes: and I was comforted by the hand of the Lord my God which was upon me, and I gathered the chief of Israel to go up with me.

Chapter 8

1 The number of them that returned to Jerusalem with Ezrâ. 21 He causeth them to fast. 24 He admonisheth the Priests of their duties. 31 What they did when they came to Jerusalem.

These are now the chief fathers of them, and the genealogy of them that came up with me from Babél, in the reign of King Artahsháshte.

2 Of the sons of Phinehás, Gershóm: of the sons of Ithamár, Daniél: of the sons of David: Hattúsh:

3 Of the sons of Shechaniáh, of the sons of Pharósh, Zechariáh, and with him the count of the males, an hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pahath Moáb, Elihoenái, the son of Zerahiáh, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniáh, the son of Jahaziél, and with him three hundred males.

6 And of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathán, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elám, Jeshaiáh the son of Athaliáh, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiáh, Zebadiáh the son of Michaél, and with him four score males.

9 Of the sons of Joáb, Obadiáh the son of Jehiél, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomíth the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and three score males.

11 And of the sons of Bebái, Zechariáh, and son of Bebái, and

with him eight and twenty males.

12 And of the sons of Azgád, Johanán the son of Hakkatán, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the sons of Adonikám, that were the last, whose names are these: Eliphélet, Jehiél and Shemaiáh, and with them three score males.

14 And of the sons of Biguái, Uthái, and Zabbúd, and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them to the River that goeth toward Ahavá, and there abode we three days: then I viewed the people, and the Priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

16 Therefore sent I to Eliézer, to Ariél, to Shemeiáh, and to Elnathán, and to Jaríb, and to Elnathán, and to Nathán, and to Zechariáh, and to Meshullám the chief, and to Joiaríb and to Elnathán, men of understanding,

17 And I gave them commandment, to Iddó the chiefest at the place of Casiphiá, and I told them the words that they should speak to Iddó, and to his brethren the Nethinims at the place of Casiphiá, that they should cause the ministers of the house of our God to come unto us.

18 So by the good hand of our God which was upon us, they brought us a man of understanding of the sons of Mahalí the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiáh with his sons and his brethren, even eighteen.

19 Also Hashabiáh, and with him Jeshaiáh of the sons of Merarí, with his brethren, and their sons twenty.

20 And of the Nethinims, whom David had set, and the princes for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty of the Nethinims, which all were named by name.

21 And there at the River, by Ahavá, I proclaimed a fast, that we might humble ourselves before our God, and seek of him a right way for us, and for our children, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the King an army and horsemen, to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the King, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them that seek him, in goodness, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the Priests, Sherebiáh, and Hashabiáh, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed them the silver and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the King and his counselors, and his princes, and all Israel that were present had offered.

26 And I weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and in silver vessel, an hundred talents, and in gold, an hundred talents:

27 And twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drammes, and two vessels of shining brass very good, and precious as gold.

28 ¶ And I said unto them, Ye are consecrate unto the Lord, and the vessels are consecrate, and the gold and the silver are freely offered unto the Lord God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep them until ye weigh them before the chief Priests and the Levites, and the chief fathers of Israel in

22 ^ Ebr., Corim.

22 m Read 1 King 7.26, and 2 Chron. 2.10.

23 n This declares that the fear of God's judgements caused him to use this liberality, and not the love that he bare to God's glory or affection to his people.

25 o He gave Ezra full authority to restore all things according to the word of God, and to punish them that resisted and would not obey.

27 p Thus Ezra gave God thanks for that he gave him so good success in his affairs by reason of the King.

Chapter 8

1 *1 Esdr. 8.30.

1 a Read Ch. 7.1.

4 ^Or, captain of Moab.

13 b That came to go with Ezra.

15 c To that place of Euphrates, where Ahava the river enters into it.

17 d He was the chiefest that taught there the Law of God unto the Levites.

17 ^Ebr., put words in their mouth.

20 e Read Ch. 2.43.

21 f He shows that the end of fasting is to humble the body to the spirit, which must proceed of the heart lively touched: or else it is but hypocrisy.

22 g He thought it better to commit himself to the protection of God, than by seeking these ordinary means, to give an occasion to others to think that he did doubt of God's power.

26 h Read 1 Kings 9.14.

27 i Read Ch. 2.69.

Jerusalém in the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30 So the Priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and of the gold, and of the vessels to bring *them* to Jerusalém, unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the River of Ahavá on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalém, and the hand of our God was upon us, and delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as layed ^hwait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalém, and abode there three days.

33 And on the fourth day was the silver weighed, and the gold and the vessel in the house of our God by the hand of Meremóth the son of Uriáh the Priest, and with him was Eleazár the son of Phinehás, and with them was Jozabád the son of Jeshúa, and Noadiáh the son of Binnúi the ^hLevites,

34 By number and by weight of every one, and all the weight was written at the same time.

35 Also the children of the captivity, which were come out of captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israél, twelve bullocks for all Israél, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, and twelve he goats for sin: all was a burnt offering of the Lord.

36 And they delivered the King's commission unto the King's officers, and to the captains beyond the River: and they promoted the people, and the house of God.

Chapter 9

1 Ezrá complaineth on the people that had turned them selves from God, and married with the Gentiles. 5 He praieth unto God.

When ^aas these things were done, the rulers came to me, saying, The people of Israél, and the Priests and the Levites are not ^aseparated from the people of the lands (as touching their abominations) *to wit*, of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they have taken their daughters to them selves, and to their sons, and they have mixed the holy seed with the people of the lands, and the hand of the ^bprinces and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

3 But when I heard this saying, I rent my clothes & my garment, and plucked off the hair of mine head, and of my beard, and sat done ^castonied.

4 And there assembled unto me all that feared the words of the God of Israél, because of the transgression of them of the captivity. And I sat down astonied until the ^eevening sacrifice.

5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from mine heaviness, and when I had rent my clothes and my garment, I fell upon my knees, and spread out mine hands unto the Lord my God,

6 And said, O my God, I am confounded and ashamed, to lift up mine eyes unto thee my God: for our iniquities are increased over ^dour head, and our trespass is grown up unto ^ethe heaven.

7 From the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day, and for our iniquities have we, our Kings, and our Priests been delivered into the hand of the Kings of the lands,

31 k This declared that their journey was full of danger, and yet God delivered them according to their prayer.

33 l This was a token of a good conscience and of his integrity, that he would have witnesses of his fidelity.

Chapter 9

1 *1 Esdr. 8.69.

1 a From the time they came home under Zerubbabel until the coming of Ezra, they had degenerate contrary to the Law of God, and married where it was not lawful. Deu. 7.3.

2 b That is, the governors are the chief beginners hereof.

3 c As one doubting whether God would continue his benefits toward us or els destroy this which he had begun.

4 *Ex. 29.39, Num. 28.4.

6 d That is, we are drowned in sin.

6 e They so exceed that they can not grow greater.

unto the sword, into captivity, into a spoil, and into confusion of face, as *appeareth* this day.

8 And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God, in causing a remnant to escape, and in giving us a ^anail in his holy place, that our God may light our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our servitude.

9 For *though* we were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath inclined mercy unto us in the sight of the Kings of Persia, to give us life, and to erect the house of our God, and to redress the desolate places thereof, and to give us a wall in Judáh and in Jerusalém.

10 And now, our God, what shal we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments.

11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the Prophets, saying, *The land whereunto ye go to possess it, is an unclean land, because of the filthiness of the people of the lands, which by their abominations, and by their uncleanness have filed it from corner to corner.

12 Now therefore shal ye not give your daughters unto their sons, neither shal ye take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their ^apeace nor wealth for ever, that ye may be strong and eat the goodness of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your sons for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, & for our great trespasses (seeing that thou our God hast staid *us from being* beneath ^afor our iniquities, and hast given us such deliverance)

14 Should we return to break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of such abominations? woldest not thou be angry toward us til thou haddest consumed *us*, so that there *should be* no remnant nor any escaping?

15 O Lord God of Israél, thou art just, for we have been ^breserved to escape, as *appeareth* this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespass: therefore we cannot stand before thee because of it.

Chapter 10

1 The people repent and turn, and put away their strange wives.

Whiles ^aEzrá prayed thus, and ^aconfessed him self weeping, and falling down before the house of God, there assembled unto him of Israél a very great Congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept with a great lamentation.

2 Then Shechaniáh the son of Jehiél one of the sons of Elám, answered, and said to Ezrá, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land, yet now there is ^bhope in Israél concerning this.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God, to put away ^call the wives (and such as are born of them) according to the counsel of the Lord, & of those that fear the commandments of our God, and let it be done according to the Law.

4 Arise: for the matter ^dbelongeth unto thee: we also wil be with thee: be of comfort and do it.

8 f In giving us a resting place, it is a similitude taken of them that remain still in a place, which smite nails to hang things upon, Is. 22.23.

11 *Ex. 23.32 and 34.12,15, Deut. 7.23.

12 *Deut. 23.6.

13 g Has not utterly cast us down and destroyed us for our sins, Deu. 28.15.

15 h He shows that God is just in punishing his people, and yet merciful in reserving a residue to whom he shows favor.

Chapter 10

1 *1 Esdr. 8.92.

1 a He confessed his sins and the sins of the people.

2 b Meaning, that God would receive them to mercy.

3 c Which are strangers and married contrary to the law of God.

4 d Because God has given you authority, and learning to persuade the people herein and to command them.

5 ¶ Then arose Ezrá, and caused the chief Priests, and Levites, and all Israël, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they sware.

6 *And Ezrá rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanán the son of Eliashíb: he went even thither, *but* he did eat neither bread, nor dronke water: for he mourned, because of the transgression of them of the captivity.

7 And they caused a proclamation to go throughout Judáh and Jerusalém, unto ^all them of the captivity, that they should assemble them selves unto Jerusalém.

8 And whosoever would not come within three days according to the counsel of the princes and Elders, all his substance should be ^forfeit, and he should be separate from the Congregation of them of the captivity.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judáh and Benjamin assembled them selves unto Jerusalém within three days, which was the twentieth *day* of the ^eninth month, and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling for this matter, and for the ^rain.

10 And Ezrá the Priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to ⁹increase the trespass of Israël.

11 Now therefore ^hgive praise unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his wil and separate your selves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 And all the Congregation answered, and said with a loud voice, So wil we do according to thy words unto us.

13 But the people are many, and it is a rainy weather, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is it* the work of one day or two: for we are many that have offended in this thing.

14 Let our rulers stand therefore ^before all the Congregation, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities, come at the time appointed, and with them the Elders of every city and the judges thereof, til the fierce wrath of our God for this matter turn away from us.

15 Then were appointed Jonathán the son of Asah-él, and Jahaziáh the son of Tikuah over this matter, and Meshullám and Shabbethái the Levites helped them.

16 And they of the captivity did so and ^kdeparted, *even* Ezrá the Priest, *and* the men *that were* chief fathers to the family of their father's by name, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And until the first day of the first month they were finishing the

6 5 *1 Esdr. 9.1.

7 ^Ebr., sons of the captivity.

8 ^Or, condemned.

9 e Which contained part of November and part of December.

9 f For the season was given to rain, and so the weather was more sharp and cold, and also their conscience touched them.

10 g You have laid one sin upon another.

11 h Read Josh. 7.19.

14 l Let them be appointed to examine this matter.

16 k They went to the chief cities to sit on this matter which was three months in finishing.

business with all the men that had taken strange wives,

18 And of the sons of the Priests there were men found, that had taken strange wives, *to wit*, of the sons of Jeshúa, the son of Jozadák, and of his brethren, Maaseráh, A Eliézer, and Jaríb and Gedaliáh.

19 And they gave ^their hands, that they would put away their wives, & they that had trespassed, *gave* a ram for their trespass.

20 And of the sons of Immér, Honaní, and Zebadiáh.

21 And of the sons of Harím, Maaseiáh, and Elijá, and Shemai-áh, and Jehiél, and Uzziáh.

22 And of the sons of Pashúr, Elioenái, Maaseiáh, Ishmaél, Nethaneél, Jozabáb, and Elásáh.

23 And of the Levites, Jozabád and Shimeí and Kelaiáh, (which is Kelitáh) Pethahiáh, Judáh and Ebézer.

24 And of the singers, Eliashíb. And of the porters, Shallúm, and Telém, and Urí.

25 And of ^mIsraél: of the sons of Parósh, Ramiáh, and Jesiáh, and Malchiáh, and Miámin, and Eleazár, and Malchijáh, and Benaiáh.

26 And of the sons of Elám, Mattaniáh, Zechariáh, and Jehiél, and Abdí, and Jeremóth, and Eliáh.

27 And of the sons of Zattú, Elioenái, Eliashíb, Mattaniáh, and Jerimóth, and Zabád, and Azizá.

28 And of the sons of Bebái, Jehohanán, Hananiah, Zabbái, Athlá.

29 And of the sons of Baní, Meshullám, Mallúch, and Adaiáh, Jashúb, and Sheál, Jeramóth.

30 And of the sons of ^Paháth Moáb, Adná, and Chelál, Benaiáh, Maaseiáh, Mattaniáh, Bezaleél, and Binnúi, and Manasséh.

31 And of the sons of Harím, Eliézer, Ishijáh, Malchiáh, Shemai-áh, Shimeón,

32 Benjamin, Mallúch, Shamatiah.

33 Of the sons of Hashúm, Mattená, Mattattáh, Zabáh, Eliphélet, Jeremái, Menasséh, Shimeí,

34 Of the sons of Baní, Maadá, Amrá, and Uél,

35 Banaiáh, Bediáh, Chellúh,

36 Vaniáh, Meremóth, Eliashíb,

37 Mattaniáh, Mattená, and Jaasáu,

38 And Banní and Bennúi, Shimeí,

39 And Shelemiáh, and Nathan, and Adaiáh,

40 Machnadebái, Shashái, Sharái,

41 Azareél, and Shelemiáh, Shemariáh,

42 Shallúm, Amariáh, Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Nebó, Jerél, Mattithiáh, Zabád, Zebiná, Jadaú, and Joél, Benaiáh.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and among them were women that had ⁿchildren.

19 l As a token that they would keep promise and do it.

25 m Meaning, of the common people for before he spoke of the Priests and Levites.

30 ^Or, the captain of Moab.

44 n Which also were made illegitimate because the marriage was unlawful.