

NEHEMIAH

THE ARGUMENT

God doeth in all ages and at all times set up worthy persones for the commoditie and profit of his Church, as now within the compass of seventie yeres he raised up divers excellent men for the preservation of his people, after their returne from Babylon, as Zerubbabél, Ezrá, and Nehemiáh. Whereof the first was their captaine, to bring them home, and provided that the Temple was buylded: the second reformed their maners and planted religion: and the third buylded up the walls, delivered the people from oppression, and provided that the Law of God was put in execution among them. He was a godlie man and in great authoritie with the King, so that the King favored him greatly, and gave him most ample letters for the accomplishment of all things which he could desire. This booke is also called of the latins the second of Ezrá, because he was the writer thereof.

Chapter 1

1 Nehemiáh bewaileth the calamitie of Jerusalém. 5 He confesseth the sinnes of the people, and prayeth God for them.

THe words of Nehemiáh the sonne of Hachaliáh, in the month ^aChisléu, in the twentieth yere, as I was in the palace of Shushán,

2 Came Hanani, one of my ^bbrethern, he and the men of Judáh, and I asked them concerning the Jewes that were delivered, which were of the residue of the captivitie, and concerning Jerusalém.

3 And they said unto me, The residue that are left of the captivitie there in the ^cprovince, are in great affliction and in reproche, and the wall of Jerusalém is broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fyre.

4 And when I heard these wordes, I sate down and wept, and mourned *certeine* dayes, and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, *O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that kepeth covenant and mercie for them that love him, and observe his commandments,

6 I pray thee, let thine eares be attent, & thine eyes open, to hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee daily, day & night for the children of Israél thy servants, & confess the sinnes of the children of Israél, which we have sinned against thee, bothe I & my father's house have sinned:

7 We have [^]grievously sinned against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgements, which thou commandedst thy servant Mosés.

8 I beseeche thee, remember the worde that thou commandedst thy servant Mosés, saying, Ye wil transgresse, and I *wil scatere you aboarde among the people.

9 But if ye turne unto me, & kepe my commandements, and do them, though your scattering were to the uttermost part of the heaven, yet wil I gather you from thence and wil bring you unto the place that I have chosen, to place my Name there.

10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whome thou hast redemed by thy great power, and by thy mighty hand.

11 O Lord, I beseeche thee, let thine eare now hearken to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to ^dfeare thy Name, & I pray thee, cause thy servant to prosper this day, and give him favour in the presence of ^ethis man: for I was the King's butler.

1 a Which contained part of November and part of December, and was their ninth month.

2 b A Jew as I was.

3 Meaning, in Judea.

5 *Dan. 9.4.

7 [^]Ebr., corrupted.

8 *Deut. 29.25-28, 30.4.

11 d That is, to worship you.

11 e To wit, the King Attahshashte

Chapter 2

1 After Nehemiáh had obtained letters of Artaxerxes, 11 He came to Jerusalém, 17 And buylded the walles.

Now in the moneth ^aNisan in the twentieth yere of King ^bAttahshashte, the wine stood before him, and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the King, now I was not *before time* sad in his presence.

2 And the King said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seing thou art not sicke? this is nothing, but sorrow of heart. Then was I sore afraid,

3 And I said to the King, God save the King for ever: why shulde not my countenance be sad, when the city and house of the sepulchers of my fathers lieth waste and the gates thereof are devoured with frye?

4 And the King said unto me, For what thing doest thou require? Then I praied ^cto the God of heaven,

5 And said unto the King, If it please the King, and if thy servant have founde favour in thy sight, *I desire* that thou woldest send me to Judáh unto the citie of the sepulchers of my fathers, that I may buylde it.

6 And the King said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him) How long shal thy journey be? and when wilt thou come again? So it pleased the King, and he sent me, and I set him a time.

7 After I said unto the King, If it please the King, let them give me letters to the captaines beyond the [^]River, that they may convaye me over, til I come into Judáh,

8 And letters unto Asáph the keeper of the King's [^]parke, that he may give me timber to buylde the gates of the palace (which appertained to the house) and for the walles of the citie, and for the house that I shal entre into. And the King gave me according to ^othe good hand of my God upon me.

9 ¶ Then came I to the captaines beyond the River, and gave them the King's letters. And the King had sent captaines of the armie and horsemen with me.

10 But ^eSanballát the Horonite, and Tobiáh a servant an Ammonite heard it, and it grieved them sore, that there was come a man which soght the wealth of the children of Israél.

11 So I came to Jerusalém, and was there three dayes.

12 And I rose in the night, I, and a few men with me: for I tolde no man, what God had put in mine heart to do at Jerusalém, and there was not a beast with me, save the beast whereon I rode.

1 a Which was the first month of the year and contained part of March and part of April.

1 b Who is also called Darius, read Ezr. 7.1-12.

4 c I desired God in my heart to prosper my enterprise.

7 [^]Or, Euphrates.

8 [^]Or, paradise.

8 d As God moved me to ask, and as he gave me good success therein.

10 e These were great enemies to the Jews and labored always both by force and subtlety to overcome them, and Tobiáh because his wife was a Jewess, had advertisement ever of their affairs and so wrought them great trouble.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, and *came* before the draggon well, and to the dung port, and vewed the walles of Jerusalém, how they were broken down, and the ports thereof devoured with fire.

14 Then I went forth unto the gate of the [^]fountain, and to the King's fish pool, and there was no room for the beast that was under me to pass.

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

16 And the rulers knew not whether I was gone, nor what I did, neither did I as yet tell it unto the Jewes, nor to the Priests, nor to the noble men, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that labored in the work.

17 Afterward I said unto them, Ye see the miserie that we are in, how Jerusalém lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fyre: come & let us buylde the wall of Jerusalém, that we be no more [^]a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God, (which was good over me) and also of the King's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise, and buylde. So they [^]strengthened their hand to good.

19 But when Sanballát the Horonite, and Tobiáh the servant an Ammonite, and ^hGeshém the Arabian heard it, they mocked us and despised us, and said, What a thing is this that ye do? Wil ye [^]rebell against the King?

20 Then answered I them, and said to them, The God of heaven, he wil prosper us, and we his servants wil rise up and buylde: but as for you, ye have no portion nor right, nor ^kmemorial in Jerusalém.

Chapter 3

The number of them that buylded the walles.

Then arose Eliashib the high Priest with his brethren the Priests, and they buylt the shepegate: they ^arepaired it, and set up the doors thereof: even unto the tower of Meáh repaired they it, *and* unto the tower of Hananeél.

2 And next unto him buylded the men of Jerichó, and beside him Zaccúr the son of Imrí.

3 But the fish port did the sons of Senaáh buylde, which also layed the beams thereof, and set on the doors thereof, the lockes thereof, and the bars thereof.

4 And next unto them fortified Merimóth, the son of Urijah, the son of Hakkóz: & next unto them fortified Meshullam, the son of Berechiáh, the son of Meshezabeél: and next unto them fortified Zidók, the son of Baaná:

5 And next unto them fortified the Tekoites, but the great

14 [^]Or, conduit.

17 ^f That is, contemned of other nations, as though God had forsaken us.

18 ^g They were encouraged and gave themselves to do well, and to travail in this worthy enterprise.

19 ^h These were three chief governors under the King of Persia beyond Euphrates.

19 ⁱ Thus the wicked when they will burden the children of God, ever lay treason unto their charge, both because it makes them most odious to the world, and also stirs the hatred of princes most against them.

20 ^k Neither you are of the number of the children of God (to whom he has appointed this city only) neither did any of your predecesors ever fear God.

Chapter 3

1 ^a In Ebrew, they sanctified it, that is, they finished it, and so dedicated it to the Lord by prayer, in desiring him to maintain it.

men of them ^bput not their necks to the work of their lords.

6 And the gate of the ^{*}old *fishpool* fortified Jehoiadá the son of Paséah, and Meshullám the son of Besodaiáh, they laid the beams thereof, and set on the doors thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 Next unto them also fortified Melatiáh the Gibeonite, and Jadón the Meronothite, men of Gibeón, and of Mizpáh, unto the ^cthrone of the Duke, *which* was beyond the River.

8 Next unto him fortified Uzziél the son of Harhobiáh [^]of the gold smiths: next unto him also fortified Hananiah, the son [^]of Harakkahím, and they repaired Jerusalém unto the broad wall.

9 Also next unto them fortified Rephaiáh, and son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalém.

10 And next unto him fortified Jedaiáh the son of Harumáph, even over against his house: and next unto him fortified Hattúsh, the son of Hashabniáh.

11 Malchijáh the son of Harím, & Hashúb the son of Pahát Moáb fortified the second [^]portion, and the tower of the fornaces.

12 Next unto him also fortified Shallúm, the son of Halloésh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalém, he, and his daughters.

13 The valley gate fortified Hanúm, and the inhabitants of Zanuáh: they buylt it, and set on the doors thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, even a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung porte.

14 But the dung porte fortified Malchiáh, the son of Recháb, the ruler of the fourte parte of Beth haccárem: he buylt it, and set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountaine fortified Shallún, the son of Col-hozéh, the ruler of the fourte parte of Mizpáh: he buylded it, & covered it, and set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, & the barres thereof, and the wall unto the fishpoole of [^]Sheláh by the King's garden, and unto the steppes that go down from the citie of David.

16 After him fortified Nehemiáh the son of Azbák, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zúr, until the otherside over against the sepulchers of David, and to the fishpoole that was repared, and unto the house of the mightie.

17 After him fortified the Levites, Rehúm the son of Baní, and next unto him fortified Hashabiah the ruler of the half part of Keiláh in his quarter.

18 After him fortified their brethren: Bavái, the son of Henadád the ruler of the half part of Keiláh:

19 And next unto him fortified Ezer, the son of Jeshúa the ruler of Mizpáh, the other portion over against the going up to the ^dcorner of the armour.

20 After him was earnest Barúch the son of Zacchái, & fortified another portion from the corner unto the dore of the house of Eliashib the hie Priest.

21 After him fortified Merimóth, the son of Urijáh, the son of Hakkóz, another portion from the dore of the house of Eliashib, even as long as the house of Eliashib extended.

22 After him also fortified the Priests, the men of ^ethe plaine.

5 ^b The rich & mighty would not obey them, which were appointed officers in this work, neither would they help thereunto.

6 ^{*}Is. 22.11.

7 ^c Unto the place where the Duke was want to sit in judgement, who governed the country in their absence.

8 [^]Or, of Zorephim.

8 [^]Or, of the apothecaries.

11 [^]Or, measure.

15 [^]Or, Siloe [Siloam].

19 ^d Where the weapons and armor of the city lay.

22 ^e Which dwelt in the plain country by Jorden and Jericho.

23 After them fortified Benjamín, and Hasshúb over against their house: after him fortified Azariáh, the son of Maaseiáh, the son of Ananiáh, by his house.

24 After him fortified Binnúi, the son of Henadád another portion, from the house of Azariáh unto the turning and unto the corner.

25 Palál, the son of Uzai, from over against the corner, and the high tower, that lyeth out from the King's house, which is beside the court of the prison. After him, Pedaiáh, the son of Parósh.

26 And the ^fNethinims they dwelt in the fortress unto the *place* over against the water gate, Eastward, and to the tower that lyeth out.

27 After him fortified the Tekoites another portion over against the great tower, that lyeth out, even unto the wall of the fortress.

28 From above the horsegate forthe fortified the Priests, every one over against his house.

29 After them fortified Zadók the son of Immér over against his house: and after him fortified Shemaiáh, the son of Shechaniáh the keper of the Eastgate.

30 After him fortified Hananiáh, the son of Shelemiáh, and Hanún, the son of Zaláph, the ^gsixt, another portion: after him fortified Meshullám, the son of Berechiáh, over against his chamber.

31 After him fortified Malchiáh the goldsmith's son, until the house of the Nethinims, and of the merchants over against the gate ^hMiphkád, and to the chamber in the corner.

32 And between the chamber of the corner unto the shepe-gate fortified the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Chapter 4

7 The buylding of Jerusalém is hindered, 15 But God breaketh their enterprise. 17 The Jewes buylde with one hand, and hold their weapons in the other.

BUt when Sanballát heard that we buylded the wall, then was he wroth and sore grieved, and mocked the Jewes, 2 And said before his ^abrethren and the armie of Samaria, thus he said, What do these ^bweak Jewes? wil they fortifie themselves? wil they sacrifice? wil they finish it in a day? wil they make the stones whole again out of the heaps of dust, seing they are burnt?

3 And Tobiáh the Ammonite *was* beside him, and said, Although they buylde, *yet* if a foxe go up, he shal even break downe their stony wall.

4 ^cHeare, ô our God (for we are despised) and turne their shame upon their owne head, and give them unto a prey ^din the land of their captivitie,

5 And cover not their ^einiquity, neither let their sin be put out in thy presence: for they have provoked *us* before the buylders.

26 f Read Ezra, Ch. 2.43.

30 g Meaning, the sixth of his sons.

31 h Which was the place of judgement, or execution.

Chapter 4

2 a Of his companions that dwelt in Samaria.

2 b Thus the wicked, that consider not that God's power is ever in a readiness for the defense of his, mock them as though they were weak and feeble.

4 c This is the remedy that the children of God have against the derision and threatenings of their enemies, to flee to God by prayer.

4 d Let them be spoiled and led away captive.

5 e Let your plagues declare to the world that they set themselves against you, and against your Church thus he prays, only having respect to God's glory, and not for any private affection, or grudge.

6 So we buylt the wall, and all the wall was joined unto the [^]half thereof, and the heart of the people was to worke.

7 ¶ But when Sanballát, and Tobiáh, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodims heard that the wallles of Jerusalém were repared, (for the breaches began to be stopped) then thei were verie worth,

8 And conspired altogether to come and to fight against Jerusalém, and to [^]hinder them.

9 Then we prayed unto our God, and set watchemen by them, day and night, because of them.

10 And Judáh said, The strength of the bearers is weakened, & there *is* much earth, so that we are not able to buylde the wall.

11 Also our adversaries had said, Thei shal not knowe, nether se, til we come into the middes of them and slaye them, and cause the worke to cease.

12 But when the Jewes (which dwelt beside them) came, they tolde us ⁱten times, ⁹From all places whence ye shal returne, *they wil be* upon us.

13 Therefore set I in the lower places behinde the wall upon the toppes of the stones, and placed the people by their families, with their swordes, their speares and their bowes,

14 Then I beheld, and rose up, and said unto the princes, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not afraid of them: ^hremember the great Lord, and feareful, and fight for your brethren, your sonnes, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And when our enemies heard that it was knowen unto us, then God broght their counsel to noight, and we turned all again to the wall, every one unto his worke.

16 And from that day, halfe of the yong men did the labour, and the other halfe parte of them held the speares, and shields, and bowes, and habergins: and the rulers *stode* ⁱbehind all the house of Judáh.

17 They that buylded on the wall, & they that bare burdens, *and* they that laded, did the work with one hand, and with the other helde the sworde.

18 For everie one of the buylders *had* his sworde girde on his loynes, and so buylded: and he that blewe the trumpet, was behind me.

19 Then said I unto the princes, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The worke is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one farre from another.

20 In what place *therefore* ye heare the sound of the trumpet, ^kresorte ye thither unto us: our God shal fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the worke, and halfe of them helde the speares, from the appearing of the morning, til the stars came forth.

22 And at the same time said I unto the people, Let everie one with his servant lodge within Jerusalém, that they may be a watche for us in the night, and labour in the day.

23 So nether I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the warde, (which followed me) none of us did put off our clothes, *save* everie one put them off ^lfor washing.

6 [^]Or, half height.

8 [^]Ebr., make to stay, meaning the people.

12 f That is, often times.

12 g They, which brought the tidings, said thus, When you leave your work, and go either to eat, or the rest, your enemies will assail you.

14 h Who is ever at hand to deliver his out of danger, and therefore seeing they should fight for the maintenance of God's glory and for the preservation of their own lives and of theirs, he encourages them to play the valiant men.

16 i To oversee them and to encourage them to their work.

20 k Meaning, to resist their enemies if need required.

23 l That is, when they purified themselves, or els when they washed their clothes.

Chapter 5

1 *The people are oppressed and in necessitie* 6 *Nehemiáh remedieth it* 14 *He toke not the portion of others that had ruled before, lest he shulde grieve the people.*

NOW there was a great crye of the people, and of their wives ^aagainst their brethren the Jewes. 2 For there were that said, We, our sonnes & our daughters are many, therefore we take up ^bcorn, that we may eat and live.

3 And there were that said, We must ⁺gage our lands, & our vineyards, and our houses and take up corn for the famine.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the King's ^ctribute upon our lands and our vineyards.

5 And now our flesh *is* as ^dthe flesh of our brethren, *and* our sonnes as their sonnes: and lo, we bring into subjection our sonnes, and our daughters, as servants, and there be of our daughters *now* in subjection, and there *is* no power ^ein our hands, for other men have our lands and our vineyards.

6 Then was I very angrie when I heard their crye and these words.

7 And I thought in my mind, and I rebuked the princes, and the rulers, and said unto them, You laie ^fburdens everie one upon his brethren: & I set a great ^gassemblie against them,

8 And I said unto them, We (according to our abilitie) have redeemed our brethren the Jewes, which were solde unto the heathen: and wil you sell your brethren again, or shal they be ^hsolde unto us? Then helde they their peace, and colde not answere.

9 ⁱI said also, That which ye do, is not good. Oght ye not to walke in the feare of our God, for the ^kreproche of the heathen our enemies?

10 For even I, my brethren, and my servants do lend them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this ^lburden.

11 Restore, I pray you, unto them this day their lands, their vineyardes, their olives, & their houses, & *remit* the hundreth parte of the silver and of the corne, of the wine, and of the oyle ^lthat ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We wil restore it, and wil not require it of them: we wil do as thou hast said. Then I called the Priests, and causes them to sweare, that they shulde do according to this promes.

13 So I shooke my lappe, & said, So let God shake out everie man that wil not performe this promes from his house, and from his labour: even thus let him be shaken out, and emptied. And all the Congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord, & the people did according to this promes.

1 a Against the rich, which oppressed them.

2 b This is the complaint of the people, showing to what extremitie they were brought unto.

3 + use as collateral on a loan, offer of good faith.

4 c To pay our tribute to the King of the Persians, which was exacted yearly of us.

5 d By nature the rich is no better than the poor.

5 e We are not able to redeem them, but for poverty are constrained to hire them to others.

7 f You press them with usury and seek how to bring all things into your hands.

7 g Both because they should be moved with pity, seeing how many were by them oppressed, and also hear the judgement of others, which should be as it were witnesses of their dealing toward their brethren.

8 h Seeing God has once delivered them from the bondage of the heathen, shall we make them our slaves?

9 i Meaning, Nehemiah.

9 k Who by this occasion will blaspheme the Name of God seeing that our acts are no better than theirs.

10 ^Or, usury.

11 l Which you take of them for the loan.

14 And from the time that *the King* gave me charge to be governour in the land of Judáh from the twentieth yere, even unto the two and thirtieth yere of King Artahsháshte, *that is*, twelve yere, I, and my brethren have not eaten the ^mbread of the governour.

15 For the former governours that were before me, had been chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread & wine, besides fourtie shekels of silver: yea, and their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

16 But rather I fortified a *porcion* in the worke of this wall, and we boght no land, and all my servants came thether together unto the worke.

17 Moreover there *were* at my table an hundreth and fiftie of the Jewes, and rulers, which came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

18 And there was prepared daiely an ox, *and* six chosen shepe, and birdes were prepared for me, and ⁿwithin ten dayes wine for all ⁿin abundance. Yet for all this I required not the bread of the governour: for the bondage was grievous unto this people.

19 Remember me, ô my God, in goodness, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

Chapter 6

3 *Nehemiáh answereth with great wisdome, and zeal to his adversarie.* 11 *He is not discouraged by the false Prophetes.*

AND when Sanballát, & Tobiáh, & Géshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had buylt the wall, and that there were no mo ^abreaches therein (thogh at that time I had not set up the dores upon the gates)

2 Then sent Sanballát and Géshem unto me, saying, Come thou that we may mete together in the villages in the plaine of Onó: and they thought to do me evil.

3 Therefore I sent messengers unto them, saying, I have a great worke to do, and I can not come downe: ^bwhy shulde the worke cease, whiles I leave it, and come downe to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me foure times after this sorte. And I answered them after the same maner.

5 Then sent Sanballát his servant after this sorte unto me the fift time, with an open letter in his hand,

6 Wherein was writen, It is reported among the heathen, and ^cGashmú hathe said it, that thou and the Jewes thinke to rebell, for the which cause thou buyldest the wall and thou wilt be their King according to these ^cwordes.

7 Thou hast also ordained ^dthe Prophetes to preache of thee at Jerusalém, saying, *There is* a King in Judáh • and now according to these wordes it shal come to the King's eares: come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, It is not done according to these words that thou sayest, for thou fainest them of thine

14 m I received not that portion, and diet, which the governors, that were before me, exacted, wherein he declares that he rather sought the wealth of the people, then his own commodity.

18 ^Or, once in ten days.

18 n Where as at other times they had by measure, at this time they had most liberally.

Chapter 6

1 a That is, that they were joined together, as Chap. 4.6.

3 b Meaning, that if he should obey their request the work, which God had appointed, should cease, showing hereby that we should not commit ourselves to the hands of the wicked.

6 ^Or, Geshem.

6 c As the fame goes.

7 d You have bribed, and set up false Prophets, to make yourself King and so defraud the King of Persia of that subjection, which you owe unto him.

owne heart.

9 For all thei afraied us, saying, Their hands shal be weakened from the worke, and it shal not be done now therefore [^]encourage thou me.

10 ¶ And I came to the house of Shemaiáh the son of Delaiáh the son of Mehetabeél, and he was [°]shut up, and he said, Let us come together into the house of God in the middes of the Temple, and shut the dores of the Temple: for they wil come to slay thee: yea, in the night wil they come to kil thee.

11 Then I said, ^fShulde such a man as I, flee? Who is he, being as I am, that wolde go into the Temple to live? I wil not go in.

12 And lo, I perceived, that God had not sent him, but that he pronounced this prophecie against me: for Tobiáh and Sanballát had hyred him.

13 Therefore was he hyred, that I might be afrayed, and do thus, and sinne, and that they might have an evil report that they might reproche me.

14 My God, remember thou Tobiáh, & Sanballát according unto these their works, and Noadiáh the ⁹Prophetesse also, & the rest of the Prophetes that would have put me in fear.

15 ¶ Notwithstanding the wall was finished on the five and twentieth *day* of ^hEiúl, in two and ⁱfiftie dayes.

16 And when all our enemies heard thereof, *even* all the heathen that were about us, thei were afrayed, & their courage failed them: for they knew, that this work was wrought by our God.

17 And in these dayes *were* there manie of the princes of Judáh, whose ^kletters went unto Tobiáh, & those of Tobiáh came unto them.

18 For there *were* manie in Judáh, that were sworn unto him, for he was the sonne in law of Shechaniáh, the sonne of Aráh: and his sonne Jehonathán had the daughter of Meshullám, the sonne of Berechiáh.

19 Yea, they spake in his praise before me, and tolde him my wordes, *and* Tobiáh sent letters to put me in feare.

Chapter 7

1 After the wall once buylded, is the watche appointed. 6 They that returned from the captivitie are numbered.

DOW ^{*}when the wall was buylded, and I had set up the dores, and the porters, and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 Then I commanded my brother Hanáni and Hananiáh the prince of the palace in Jerusalém (for he was doutles a faithful man, and feared God above manie)

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalém be

9 [^]Ebr., strengthen thou my hand.

10 ^e As though he would be secret, to the intent that he might pray unto God with greater liberty, and receive some revelation, which in him was but hypocrisy.

11 ^f He doubted not but God was able to preserve him, and knew that, if he had obeyed this counsel, he should have discouraged all the people: thus God gives power to his, to resist false prophecies though they seem to have never so great probability.

14 ^g Very grief caused him to pray against such, which under the pretense of being ministers of God, were adversaries to his glory, and went about to overthrow his Church, declaring also hereby that where there is one true minister of God, the devil has a great sort of hirelings.

15 ^h Which was the sixth month and contained part of August, and part of September.

15 ⁱ After that I had sent Sanballat his answer.

17 ^k Thus the Church of God has ever more enemies within itself, which are more dangerous than the outward & professed enemies.

Chapter 7

1 ^{*}Eccles, 49.13.

opened, until the heat of the sunne: and while ^athey stand by, let them shut the dores, and [^]make them fast; and I appointed wards of the inhabitants of Jerusalém, everie one in his ward, and everie one over against his house.

4 Now the citie was large and great, but the people *were* few therein, and the houses were not buylded.

5 And my God put into mine heart, & I gathered the princes, and the rulers, and the people, to count their genealogies: and I found a boke of the genealogie of them, ^{*}which came up at the first, and founde written therein,

6 These are the ^bsonnes of the province that came up from the captivitie that was carried away (whom Nebuchadnezzár King of Babél had carried away) and they returned to Jerusalém and to Judáh, every one unto his citie.

7 They which came with Zerubbabél, Jeshúa, Nehemiáh, [°]Azariáh, Raamiáh, Nahamáni, Mordecái, Bilshán, Mispé-reth, Bigváí, Nehúm, Bannáh. *This is* the number of the men of the people of Israël.

8 The sonnes of Parósh, two thousand an hundreth seventie and two.

9 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, three hundreth seventie & two.

10 The sonnes of Aráh, six hundreth fiftie and two.

11 The sonnes of [^]Paháth Moáb of the sonnes of Jeshúa, and Joáb, two thousand, eight hundreth and eightene.

12 The sonnes of Elám, a thousand, two hundreth fiftie and foure.

13 The sonnes of Zattú, eight hundreth and fyve and fourtie.

14 The sonnes of Zaccháí, seven hundreth and three score.

15 The sonnes of Binnúi, six hundreth and eight and fourtie.

16 The sonnes of Bebái, six hundreth and eight and twentie.

17 The sonnes of Azgád, two thousand, three hundreth and two and twentie.

18 The sonnes of Adonikám, six hundreth three score and seven.

19 The sonnes of Bigváí, two thousand three score & seven.

20 The sonnes of Adin, six hundreth, and fyve and fiftie.

21 The sonnes of Atér of Hizkiáh, ninetie and eight.

22 The sonnes of Hashúm, three hundreth and eight and twentie.

23 The sonnes of Bezái, three hundreth & foure and twentie.

24 The sonnes of Haríph, an hundreth and twelve.

25 The ^dsonnes of Gibeón, ninetie and fyve.

26 The men of Beth-léhem and Netopháh, an hundreth foure score and eight.

27 The men of Anathóth, an hundreth and eight and twentie.

28 The men of Beth-azmáveth, two and fourtie.

29 The men of Kirjath-jearím, Chephiráh and Beeróth, seven hundreth, and three and fourtie.

30 The men of Ramáh and Gába, six hundreth and one and twentie.

31 The men of Michmás, an hundreth and two and twentie.

32 The men of Beth-él & Ai, an hundreth & three & twentie.

33 The men ^eof the other Nebó, two and fiftie.

34 The sonnes of the other Elám, a thousand, two hundreth and foure and fiftie.

35 The sonnes of Harím, three hundreth and twentie.

36 The sonnes of Jerichó, three hundreth & fyve and fourtie.

37 The sonnes of Lod-hadíd and Onó, seven hundreth, and one and twentie.

3 a To wit, they that are mentioned, verse 2.

3 [^]Ebr., hold them, meaning till the bars were put in.

5 ^{*}Ezr. 2.1.

6 b That is, the inhabitants of Judah.

7 c In Ezra chap. 2.2, Azariah is called Seraiah, & Raamiah is called Reeliah.

11 [^]Or, the captain of Moab.

25 d That is, the inhabitants of Gibeon.

33 e For there were two cities of this name.

38 The sonnes of Senaáh, three thousand, nine hundreth and thirtie.
 39 The Priests: the sonnes of Jedaiáh of the house of Jeshúa, nine hundreth seventie and three.
 40 The sonnes of Immér, a thousand and two and fiftie.
 41 The sonnes of Pashúr, a thousand, two hundreth and seven and fourtie.
 42 The sonnes of Harím, a thousand and seventeen.
 43 ¶ The Levites: the sonnes of Jeshúa of Kadmiél, and of the sonnes of ^hHodiváh, seventie and foure.
 44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asáph, an hundreth, and eight and fourtie.
 45 The porters: the sonnes of Shallúm, the sonnes of Atér, the sonnes of Talmón, the sonnes of Akkúb, the sonnes of Hatitá, the sonnes of Shobái, an hundreth & eight and thirtie.
 46 ¶ The ⁱNethinims: the sonnes of Zihá, the sonnes of Hашuphá, the sonnes of Tabaóth,
 47 The sonnes of Kerós, the sonnes of Siá, the sonnes of Padón,
 48 The sonnes of Lebaná, the sonnes of Hagabá, the sonnes of Shalmái,
 49 The sonnes of Hanán, the sonnes of Giddél, the sonnes of Gahar,
 50 The sonnes of Reaiáh, the sonnes of Rezin, the sonnes of Nekodá,
 51 The sonnes of Gazzám, the sonnes of Uzzá, the sonnes of Paséah,
 52 The sonnes of Besái, the sonnes of Meuním, the sonnes of Nephishesim,
 53 The sonnes of Bakkúb, the sonnes of Hakuphá, the sonnes of Harhúr,
 54 The sonnes of Bazlith, the sonnes of Mehidá, the sonnes of Harshá,
 55 The sonnes of Barkós, the sonnes of Sissera, the sonnes of Támah,
 56 The sonnes of Neziáh, the sonnes of Hatiphá,
 57 The sonnes of Salomon's servants, the sonnes of Sotai, the sonnes of Sophéreth, the sonnes of Peridá,
 58 The sonnes of Jaalá, the sonnes of Darkón, the sonnes of Giddél,
 59 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, the sonnes of Hattíl, the sonnes of Pochéreth of Zebaim, the sonnes of Amón.
 60 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomon's servants were three hundreth, ninetie and two.
 61 ¶ And these came up from Tel-meláh, Tel-hareshá, Cherúb, Addón, and Immér: but thei could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, or if they were of Israël.
 62 The sonnes of Delaiáh: the sonnes of Tobiáh, the sonnes of Nekodá, six hundreth and two and fourtie.
 63 And of the Priests: the sonnes of Habaiáh, the sonnes of Hakkóz, the sonnes of Barzillái, which took one of the daughters of Barzillái the Giliadite to wife, and was named after their name.
 64 These sought their writing of the genealogies, but it was not found: therefore they were put from the Priesthood.
 65 And ⁹the Tirshátha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy, til there rose up a Priest with *Urím and Thummím.
 66 All the Congregation together was two and fourtie thousand, three hundreth and threescore,
 67 Besides their servants and their maids, which were seven thousand, three hundreth and seven and thirtie: and

43 ^hOr, Hodaiah.

46 f Read Ezra 2.43.

65 g Meaning Nehemiah for Tirshatha in the Chaldean tongue signifies a butler.

65 *Exodus 28.30.

they had two hundreth and five and fourtie singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses were seven hundreth and six and thirtie, and their mules two hundreth and five and fourtie.

69 The camels foure hundreth and five and thirtie, and six thousand, seven hundreth and twentie asses.

70 And certain of the chief fathers gave unto the worke. The Tirshátha gave to the treasure, a thousand ^hdrammes of gold, fiftie basins, five hundreth and thirtie Priest's garments.

71 And some of the chief fathers gave unto the treasure of the work, twentie thousand drammes of gold and two thousand and two hundreth ^hpieces of silver.

72 And the rest of the people gave twentie thousand drammes of gold, and two thousand pieces of silver, and three score and seven Priest's garments.

73 And the Priests and Levites, and the porters and the singers and the rest of the people and the Nethinims, and all Israël dwelt in their cities: and when the ⁱsevent moneth came, the children of Israël were in their cities.

Chapter 8

2 *Ezrá gathereth together the people, and readeth to them the Law. 12 They rejoyce in Israël for the knowledge of the worde of God. 15 They kepe the feast of Tabernacles or booths.*

AND all the people assembled them selves ^htogether, in the streat that was before the watergate, and they spake unto Ezrá the ^oscribe, that he wolde bring the boke of the Law of Mosés, which the Lord had commanded to Israël.

2 And Ezrá the Priest broght the Law before the Congregation both of men and women, and of all that ^bcould hear and understand it, in the first day of the sevent moneth,

3 And he red therein in the streat that was before the watergate (from the morning until ^cthe midday) before men and women, and of them that understode it, and the eares of all the people *hearkened* unto the boke of the Law.

4 And Ezrá the scribe stode upon a pulpit of wood, which he had made for the preaching, & beside him stode Mattithiáh, & Shéma, & Ananiáh, and Urijáh, and Hilkiáh, and Maaseiáh on his right hand, & on his left hand Pedaiáh, and Mishaél, and Malchiáh, and Hashúm, and Hashbadána, Zechariáh, and Meshullám.

5 And Ezrá opened the boke before all the people: for he was ^dabove all the people: and when he opened it, all the people stode up.

6 And Ezrá praised the Lord the great God, and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed them selves, and worshiped the Lord with their faces toward the grounde.

7 Also Jeshúa, and Baní, and Sherebiáh, Jamín, Akkúb, Shabbethái, Hodijáh, Maaseiáh, Kelitá, Azariáh, Jozabád, Hanán, Pelaiáh, and the Levites caused the people to understand the Law, and the people *stode* in their place.

8 And they red in the boke of the Law of God distinctly and gave the sense, & caused them to understand the reading.

9 Then Nehemiáh (which is Tirshátha) & Ezrá the Priest and scribe, and the Levites that instructed the people, said unto

70 h Read Ezra 2.69.

71 ^hOr, mines.

73 i Which contained part of September and part of October.

Chapter 8

1 ^hEbr., as one man.

1 a Read Ezra 7.6.

2 b Which had age and discretion to understand.

3 c This declares the great zeal, that the people had to hear the word of God.

5 d To the intent that his voice might be the better heard.

all the people, This daye is holy unto the Lord your God: mourne not, nether wepe: for all the people ^ewept, when they heard the wordes of the Law.

10 He said also unto them, Go, *and* eat of the fat, and drink the sweet, & send parte unto them, for whome none *is* ^fprepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: be ye not sory therefore: for the ^gjoy of the Lord is your strength.

11 And the Levites made silence throughout all the people, saying, Holde your peace: for the day is holy, be not sad therefore.

12 Then all the people went to eat and to drinke, and to send away parte, and to make great joye, because they had understand the wordes that they had taught them.

13 And on the seconde day the chief fathers of all the people, the Priests and the Levites were gathered unto Ezrâ the scribe, that he also might instruct them in the wordes of the Law.

14 And they founde written in the Law, (that the Lord had commanded by Mosés) that the children of Israél shulde dwell in *booths in the feast of the sevent moneth,

15 And that thei shulde cause it to be declared & proclaimed in all their cities, and in Jerusalém, saying, Go forthe unto the mount, and bring olive branches, and pine branches, and branches of [^]myrtus, and palme branches, and branches of thicke trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 So the people went forthe & broght *them* and made them booths, everie one upon the ^hrofe of his house, and in their courts, & in the courts of the house of God, and in the strete by the watergate, and in the strete of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the Congregation of them that were come againe out of the captivitie, made booths, and sate under the booths: for since the ⁱtime of Jeshúa the sonne of Nun unto this day, had not the children of Israél done so, and there was very great joye.

18 And he red in the boke of the Law of God everie day, from the first daye unto the last daye. And thei kept the feast seven dayes, and on the eight daye a solemne assemblie, according unto the maner.

Chapter 9

1 The people repent, and forsake their strange wives 5 The Levites exhorte them to praise God, 6 Declaring his wonders, 26 And their ingratitude, 30 And God's great mercies toward them.

IN the foure & twentieth day of this ^amoneth the children of Israél were assembled with *fasting, & with sackcloth, and earth upon them.

2 (And they that were of the sede of Israél were separated from all the [^]strangers) and thei stode and confessed their sinnes and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stode up in their place and red in the boke of the Law of the Lord their God foure times on the day, and thei ^bconfessed and worshiped the Lord their God foure times.

9 ^e In considering their offenses against the Law. Therefore the Levites do not reprove them for mourning, but assure them of God's mercies for as much as they are repentant.

10 ^f That is, remember the poor.

10 ^g Rejoyce in the Lord, and he will give you strength.

14 *Levi. 23.34.

15 [^]Or, goodly branches, as Levi. 23.40.

16 ^h For their houses were made flat above, read Deut. 22.8.

17 ⁱ Which was almost a thousand years.

Chapter 9

1 ^a Meaning, the seventh.

1 *3 Esdr. 9.4.

2 [^]Ebr., strange children.

3 ^b They made confession of their sins and used prayers.

4 Then stode up upon the staires of the Levites Jeshúa, and Baní, Kadmiél, Shebaniáh, Bunni, Sherebiáh, Baní Chenáni, & cryed with a loude voice unto the Lord their God.

5 And the Levites said, *even* Jeshúa and Kadmiél, Baní, Hashabniáh, Sherebiáh, Hodijáh, Shebaniáh *and* Pethahiáh, Stand up, *and* praise the Lord your God for ever, and ever, & let them praise thy glorious Name, ô God, which excelleth above all thanksgiving and praise.

6 Thou art Lord alone: thou hast made heaven, & the heaven of all heavens, with all their hoste, the earth, & all things that are therein, the seas, & all that are in them, & thou preservest them all, & the hoste of the heaven worshipeth thee.

7 Thou art, ô Lord, the God, that hast chosen Abrám, and broghest him out of *Ur in Caldea *and madest his name Abrahám,

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, *and madest a covenant with him, to give unto his sede the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, & Perizzites, and Jebusites, and Girgashites, and hast performed thy wordes, because thou art just.

9 *Thou hast also considered the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their crye by the red Sea,

10 And shewed tokens and wonders upon Pharaóh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that thei dealt proudly against them: therefore thou madest thee a Name, as *appeareth* this day.

11 *For thou didest breake up the Sea before them, and they went through the middes of the Sea on drye land: and those that pursued them, hast thou cast into the bottoms as a stone, in the mightie waters:

12 And *leddest them in the daye with a pillar of a cloud, and in the night with a pillar of frye to give them light in the way that they went.

13 *Thou camest downe also upon mount Sinái, & spakest unto them from heaven, and gavest them right judgements, and true lawes, ordinances and good commandments,

14 And declaredst unto them thine holy Sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, and ordinances, and laws, by the hand of Mosés thy servant:

15 *And gavest them bread from heaven for their hungre, *and broghest forthe water for them out of the rock for their thirst: and *promisedst them that thei shulde go in, and take possession of the land: for the which thou haddest lift up thine hand for to give them.

16 But thei and our fathers behaved them selves proudly and hardened their necke, so that they hearkened not unto thy commandements,

17 But refused to obey, & would not remember thy marvelous works that thou hadest done for them, but hardened their necks & had in their heads to returne to their bondage by their rebellion: but thou, ô God of mercies, gracious and ful of compassion, of long suffering and of great mercie, yet forsokest them not.

18 Moreover when they made them a molten calfe (and said, This is thy god that broght thee up out of the land of Egypt) and committed great blasphemies,

19 Yet thou for thy great mercies forsokest them not in the

7 *Gen. 11.31.

7 *Gen. 17.5.

8 *Gen. 15.18.

9 *Exod. 3.7.

11 *Exod. 14.22.

12 *Exod. 13.21.

13 *Exod. 20.1.

15 *Exod. 16.15.

15 *Exod. 17.6.

15 *Deut. 1.8.

wilderness: *the pillar of the cloude departed not from them by day to lead them the way, neither the pillar of fyre by night, to shewe them light, and the way whereby they shulde go.

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

21 Thou didest also fede them fourtie yeres in the wilderness: thei lacked nothing: *their clothes waxed not olde, and their fete ^cswelled not.

22 And thou gavest them kingdoms & people, and ^dscatterest them into corners: so they possessed *the land of Sihón and the land of the King of Heshbón, and the land of Og King of Bashán.

23 And thou didest multiplie their children, like the starres of the heaven, and brogthest them into the land, whereof thou hadest spoken unto their fathers, that they shulde go, and possesse it.

24 So the children went in, & possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, *even* the Canaanites, & gavest them into their hands, with their Kings & the people of the land, that they might do with them what they wolde.

25 And they toke their strong cities and the fat land, and possessed houses, full of all goods, cisterns digged out, vineyardes, and olives, and trees for food in abundance, and they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and lived in pleasure through thy great goodness.

26 Yet they were disobedient, & rebelled against thee, and cast thy Law behinde their backs and slewe thy Prophets (which ^eprotested among them to turn them unto thee) and committed great blasphemies.

27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies that vexed them: yet in the time of their affliction, when they cryed unto thee, thou heardest them from the heaven, & through thy great mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries.

28 But when they had ^frest, they returned to do evil before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them, yet when they converted & cryed unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven, and deliveredst them according to thy great mercies many times,

29 And protestedst among them that thou mightiest bring them again unto thy Law: but they behaved them selves proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commmandements, but sinned against thy judgements (*which a man shulde do and live in them) and ^gpulled away the shuldre, and were stifnecked, and wolde not ^hheare.

30 Yet thou [^]didest forbear them many yeres, and protestedst among them by thy Spirit, *even* by the hand of thy Prophets, but they wolde not heare: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Yet for thy great mercies, thou hast not consumed them,

19 *Exod. 13.22, Num. 14.14, 1 Cor. 10.1.

21 *Deut. 8.4.

21 c Though the way was tedious and long.

22 d Meaning the heathen whom he drove out.

22 *Num. 21.26.

26 e Taking heaven and earth to witness that God would destroy them, except they returned, as 2 Chron. 24.19.

28 f He declares how God's mercies ever contended with the wickedness of the people, who ever in their prosperity forgot God.

29 *Levi. 18.3, Ezek. 20.11, Rom 10.5, Gal. 3.12.

29 g Which is a similitude taken of oxen, that shrink at the yoke or burden, as Zach. 7.11.

29 h When you did admonish them by your Prophets.

30 ^Ebr., you did prolong upon them many years.

nether forsaken them: for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore our God, *thou great God, mightie and terrible, that kepest covenant and *mercie, let not all the affliction that hath come unto us, seem a little before thee, *that is*, to our Kings, to our princes, and to our Priests, and to our Prophetes and to our fathers, and to all thy people since the time of the Kings of ⁱAsshúr unto this day.

33 Surely thou art just in all that is come upon us: for thou ^hhast delt truly, but we have done wickedly.

34 And our Kings and our princes, our Priests and our fathers have not done thy Law, nor regarded thy commandments nor thy protestations, wherewith thou hast ⁱprotested among them.

35 And they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou shewedst unto them, and in the large and fat land which thou settest before them, and have not converted from their evil works.

36 Beholde, we are servants this day, and the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the ^mfrute thereof, and the goodness thereof, beholde, we are servants therein.

37 And it yeldeth much frute unto the Kings whom thou hast set over us, because of our sinnes: and they have dominion over our bodies and over our cattel at their pleasure, and we are in great affliction.

38 Now because of all this we make ⁿa sure covenant, and write it, and our princes, our Levites *and* our Priests seal unto it.

Chapter 10

2 *The names of them that sealed the covenant between God and the people.*

Now thei that sealed *were* Nehemiáh the [^]Tirshátha the Sonne of Hachaliáh, and Zidkijáh, 2 Seraiáh, Azariáh, Jeremiáh,

3 Pashúr, Amariáh, Malchiáh,

4 Hattúsh, Shebaniáh, Mallúch,

5 Harím, Merimóth, Obadiáh,

6 Daniél, Ginnethón, Barúch,

7 Meshullám, Abijáh, Miamím,

8 Maaziáh, Bilgái, Shemaiáh: these are ^athe Priests.

9 ¶ And the Levites: Jeshúa the sonne of Azaniáh, Binnúi, of the sonnes of Henadád Kadmiél.

10 And their brethren, Shebaniáh, Hodijáh, Kelitá, Pelaiáh, Hanán,

11 Michá, Rehób, Hashabiáh,

12 Zaccúr, Sherebiáh, Shebaniáh,

13 Hodiáh, Baní, Beninu.

14 ¶ The chief of the people *were* Parósh, [^]Paháth Moáb, Elám, Zattú, Baní,

15 Bunní, Azgád, Bebái,

16 Adoniáh, Biguái, Adín,

17 Atér, Hizkijáh, Azzúr,

32 *Ex., 34.6.

32 *Ps. 143.2.

32 i By whom we were led away into captivity, and have been appointed to be slain, as Ester 3.13.

33 k He confesses that all these things came to them justly for their sins, but he appeals from God's justice to his mercies.

34 l That you would destroy them, except they would return to you.

36 m That is, to be the lords thereof.

38 n Thus by affliction they promise to keep God's commandments, whereunto they could not be brought by God's great benefits.

Chapter 10

1 ^Or, butler.

8 a Which subscribed to keep the promise.

14 ^Or, captain of Moab.

18 Hodiáh, Hashúm, Bezái,
 19 Haríph, Anathóth, Nebái,
 20 Magpiásh, Meshullám, Hezír,
 21 Meshezabeél, Zadók, Jaddúa,
 22 Pelatiáh, Hanán, Anaiáh,
 23 Hoshéa, Hananiáh, Hashúb,
 24 Hallohésh, Pilehá, Shobék,
 25 Rehúm, Hashabnáh, Maaseiáh,
 26 And Ahijáh, Hanán, Anán,
 27 Mallúch, Harím, Baaniáh.
 28 And the rest of the people, the Priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the ^bNethinims, & all that were ^cseparated from the people of the lands unto the Law of God, their wives, their sonnes, & their daughters, all that could understand.
 29 The chief of them ^dreceived it for their brethren, and they came to ^ethe curse and to the othe to walk in God's Law, which was given by Mosés the servant of God, to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our God and his judgements and his statutes:
 30 And that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land, nether take their daughters for our sonnes.
 31 And *if* the people of the land broght ware on the Sabbath or anie vitailles to sell, ^fthat we wolde not take it of them on the Sabbath and on the holy dayes: *and that we wolde let the seventh yere be fre, and the debtes of everie ^gpersone.
 32 And we made statutes for our selves to give by the year the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God,
 33 For the ^ashewebread, and for the daiely offering, and for the daiely burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the newe moones, for the solemne feastes, and for the things that were sanctified, and for the sinne offerings to make an atonement for Israél, and for all the worke of the house of our God.
 34 We cast also lottes for the offering of the wood, *even* the Priests, the Levites and the people to bring it into the house of our God, ^hby the house of our fathers, yerely at the times appointed, to burne it upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is writen in the Law,
 35 And to bring the first frutes of our land, and the first of all the frutes of all trees, yere by yere, into the house of the Lord,
 36 And the firstborne of our sonnes, and of our cattel, as it is ^hwriten in the Law, and the firstborne of our bullockes and of our shepe, to bring it into the house of our God, unto the Priests that minister in the house of our God,
 37 And that we shulde bring the first frute of our dough, and our offerings, and the frute of everie tre, of wine and of oyle, unto the Priests, to the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithes of our land unto the Levites, that the Levites

28 b Read Ezra 1.43.

28 c Which being idolaters forsook their wickedness and gave themselves to serve God.

29 d They made the oath in the name of the whole multitude.

29 e Whereunto they gave themselves, if they broke the Law, as Deut. 28.15.

31 f Which notwithstanding they broke soon after, as Nehemiah 13.15.

31 *Lev. 25.4, Deut. 15.1.

31 ^hEbr., band.

33 g This declares wherefore they gave this third part of the shekel, which was besides the half shekel, that they were bound to pay, Ex. 30.13.

34 ^hOr, into the house of.

36 h By this rehearsal is meant that there was no part nor ceremony in the Law, whereunto they did not bind themselves by covenant.

might have the tithes in all the cities, of our ⁱtravail.

38 And the Priest, the sonne of Aarón shal be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes, and the Levites shal *bring up the tenth parte of the tithes unto the house of our God, unto the chambers of the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israél, and the children of Leví shal bring up the offrings of the corn, of the wine, and of the oyle, unto the chambers: and there *shalbe* the vessels of the Sanctuarie, and the Priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, & ^kwe wil not forsake the house of our God.

Chapter 11

1 *Who dwelled in Jerusalém after it was buylded, 20 And who in the cities of Judáh.*

AND the rulers of the people dwelt in Jerusalém, the other people also cast lottes, ^ato bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalém the holy citie, and nine parts *to be* in the cities.

2 And the people thanked all the men that were willing to dwell in Jerusalém.

3 These now are the chief of the province, that dwelt in Jerusalém, but in the cities of Judáh, everie one dwelt in his own possession in their cities of Israél, the Priests & the Levites, & the Nethinims, & the sonnes of Salomon's servants.

4 And in Jerusalém dwelt *certain* of the children of Judáh, and of the children of Benjamín. Of the sonnes of Judáh, Athaiáh, the sonne of Uzijah, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne of Amariáh, the sonne of Shephatiáh, the sonne of Mahaleél, of the sonnes of ^bPérez,

5 And Maaseiáh the sonne of Barúch, the sonne of Col Hozéh, the sonne of Hazaiáh, the sonne of Adaiáh, the sonne of Joiarib, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne of ^cShiloní.

6 All the sonnes of Pérez that dwelt at Jerusalém, were foure hundreth, three score and eight valiant men.

7 These also are the sonnes of Benjamín, Sallú, the sonne of Meshullám, the sonne of Joéd, the sonne of Pedaiáh, the sonne of Kolaiáh, the sonne of Maaseiáh, the sonne of Ithiél, the sonne of Jeshaiáh.

8 And after him Gabái, Sallái, nine hundreth and twentie and eight.

9 And Joél the sonne of Zichrí was governor over them: and Judáh, the sonne of Senuáh was the seconde over the citie:

10 Of the Priests, Jedaiáh, the sonne of Joiarib, Jachín.

11 Seraiáh, the sonne of Hilkiáh, the sonne of Meshullám, the sonne of Zadók, the sonne of Meraióth, the sonne of Ahitúb ^cwas chief of the house of God.

12 And their brethren ^dthat did the worke in the Temple, were eight hundreth, twentie and two: and Adaiáh, the sonne of Jerohám, the sonne of Pelaliah, the sonne of Amzí, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne of Pashúr, the sonne of Malchiáh:

37 i Where so ever we labored, or travailed, there the tithes were due unto the Lord both by the Law and according to the oath and covenant that we made.

38 *Num. 18.26.

39 k We will not leave it destitute of that, which shall be necessary for it.

Chapter 11

1 a Because their enemies dwelt round about them, they provided that it might be replenished with men, and used this policy, because there were few that offered themselves willingly.

4 b Which came of Perez the son of Judah.

5 ^cOr, of a Shilonite.

11 c That is, was the high Priest.

12 d That served and ministered in the Temple.

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred and two & fourtie: & Amashsai the sonne of Azareél, the sonne of Ahazái, the sonne of Meshilemoth, the sonne of Immér:

14 And their brethren valiant men, an hundred and eight and twenty: and their overseer was Zabdiél the sonne of Hagedolim.

15 And of the Levites Shemaiáh, sonne of Hashúb, the sonne of Azrikám, the sonne of Hashabiáh, the sonne of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethái, and Jozabáb of the chief of the Levites were over the workes of the house of God without.

17 And Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michá, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Asáph was the chief to begin the thanksgiving and prayer: and Bakbukiák the second of his brethren, and Abdá, the sonne of Shammúa, the sonne of Galál, the sonne of Jeduthún.

18 All the Levites in the holy citie were two hundred and four score and foure.

19 And the porters Akkúb, Talmón and their brethren that kept the gates were an hundred and twentie and two.

20 And the residue of Israél, of the Priests, & of the Levites dwelt in all the cities of Judáh, everie one in his inheritance.

21 And the Nethinims dwelt in the fortress, and Zihá, and Gispá was over the Nethinims.

22 And the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalém was Uzzi the sonne of Baní, the sonne of Ashabiáh, the sonne of Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michá: of the sonnes of Asáph singers were over the worke of the house of God.

23 For it was the King's commandment concerning them, that faithful provision shulde be for the singers every day.

24 And Pethahiáh the sonne of Meshezabeél, of the sonnes of Zérah, the sonne of Judáh was at the King's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And in the villages in their lands, some of the children of Judáh dwelt in Kiriáth-arbá, and in the villages thereof, and in Dibón, and in the villages thereof, and in Jekabzeél, and in the villages thereof,

26 And in Jeshúa, and in Moladáh, and in Beth-pálet,

27 And in Hazér shuál, and in Beer-shéba, & in the villages thereof,

28 And in Ziklág, and in Mechonáh, & in the villages thereof,

29 And in En-rimmón, and in Zareáh, and in Jarmúth,

30 Zanóah, Adullám, and in their villages, in Lachísh, and in the fields thereof, at Azekáh, and in the villages thereof: and they dwelt from Beer-shéba unto the valley of Hinnóm.

31 And the sonnes of Benjamín from Géba, in Michmásh, and Aijá, and Beth-él, and in the villages thereof,

32 Anathóth, Nob, Ananiáh,

33 Hazór, Ramáh, Gittáim,

34 Hadíd, Zeboím, Nebalát,

35 Lod and Onó, in the carpenter's valley.

36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judáh & in Benjamin.

Chapter 12

1 The Priests and Levites, which came with Zerubbabél unto Jerusalém, are nombred, 27 And the wall is dedicated.

These also are the Priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabél, the sonne of Shealtiél, and Jeshúa: to wit, Seraiáh, Jeremiáh, Ezrá,

14 Or, of one of the great men.

17 e That is, he began the psalm, and was the chanter.

19 f Meaning, of the Temple.

20 g Of them, which dwelt not in Jerusalem.

21 Or, Ophel.

24 h Was chief about the King for all his affairs.

Chapter 12

1 a From Babylon to Jerusalem.

2 Amariáh, Mallúch, Hattúsh,

3 Shecaniáh, Rehúm, Merimóth,

4 Iddó, Ginnethó, Abijáh,

5 Miamín, Maadiáh, Bilgáh,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiáh,

7 Sallú, Amók, Hilkiáh, Jedaiáh: these were the chief of the Priests, and of their brethren in the daies of Jeshúa.

8 And the Levites, Jeshúa, Binnúi, Kadmiél, Sherebiáh, Judáh, Mattaniáh were over the thanksgivings, he, and his brethren.

9 And Bakbukiáh and Unní, and their brethren were about them in the watches.

10 And Jeshúa begate Joiakím: Joiakím also begate Eliashíb, and Eliashíb begate Joiadá.

11 And Joiadá begate Jonathán, and Jonathán begate Jaddúa.

12 And in the daies of Joiakím were these, the chief fathers of the Priests: under Seraiáh was Meraiáh, under Jeremiáh, Hananiáh,

13 Under Ezrá, Meshullám, under Amariáh, Jehohanán,

14 Under Melicú, Jonathán, under Shebaniáh, Joséph,

15 Under Harím, Adná, under Meraióth, Helkái,

16 Under Iddó, Zechariáh, under Ginnithón, Meshullam,

17 Under Abijáh, Zichrí, under Miniamín, & under Moadiah, Piltái,

18 Under Bilgáh, Shammúa, under Shemaiáh, Jehonathán,

19 Under Joiarib, Mattenái, under Jedaiáh, Uzzi,

20 Under Sallái, Kallái, under Amók, Eber,

21 Under Hilkiáh, Hashabiáh, under Jedaiáh, Nethaneél.

22 In the dayes of Eliasháb, Joiadá, Johanán and Jadcúa were the chief fathers of the Levites written, and the Priests in the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sonnes of Levi, the chief fathers were written in the booke of the Chronicle even unto the daies of Johanán the sonne of Eliashíb.

24 And the chief of the Levites were Hashabiáh, Sherebiáh, and Jeshúa the sonne of Kadmiél, and their brethren about them to give praise and thanks, according to the ordinance of David the man of God, warde over against warde.

25 Mattaniáh and Bakbukiáh, Obadiáh, Meshullám, Talmón and Akkúb were porters keeping the warde at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These were in the daies of Joiakím the sonne of Jeshúa, the sonne of Jozadak, and in the daies of Nehemiáh the captain, and of Ezrá the Priest and scribe.

27 And in the dedicacion of the wall at Jerusalém they sought the Levites out of all their places to bring them to Jerusalém to keep the dedicacion and gladness, both with thanksgivings & with songs, cymbals, viols & with harpes.

28 Then the singers gathered them selves together bothe from the plaine country about Jerusalém, and from the villages of Netophathí,

29 And from the house of Gilgál, and out of the countries of Géba, and Azmáveth: for the singers had buylt them villages round about Jerusalém.

7 b Next in dignity to the high Priests, and which were of the stock of Aaron.

8 c Had charge of them that sang the Psalms.

9 d They kept their wards and watches according to their turns, as 1 Chron. 23.6.

12 e That is, next to Seraiah, or rather of that order, which was called after the name of Seraiah.

17 f Whereof was Zacharias John Baptist's father.

24 g That is, one after another, and everyone in his course.

28 Ebr., sons of the singers.

28 h Which were a certain family and had their possessions in the fields, 1 Chron. 2.54.

30 And the Priests and Levites were purified, and censed the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 And ^lI brought up the princes of Judáh upon the wall, and appointed two great companies to give thanks, and the *one* went on the right hand of the wall toward the dung gate.

32 And after them went Hoshaiáh, and halfe of the princes of Judáh,

33 And Azariáh, Ezrá and Meshullám,

34 Judáh, Benjamín, and Shemaiáh, and Jeremiáh,

35 And of the Priest's sonnes with trumpets, Zechariáh the sonne of Jonathán, the sonne of Shemaiáh, the sonne of Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michaiáh, the sonne of Zaccúr, the sonne of Asaph.

36 And ^khis brethren, Shemaiáh, and Azareél, Milalái, Gilalái, Maái, Nethaneél, and Judáh, Hanáni, with the musical instruments of David the man of God: and Ezrá *went* before them.

37 And to the gate of the fountain, even over against them went they up by ^lthe staires of the citie of David, at the going up of the wall beyond the house of David, even unto the water gate Eastward.

38 And the seconde companie of them that gave thanks, went on the otherside, and I after them, and the half of the people *was* upon the wall, *and* upon the towre of the furnaces even unto the broade wall.

39 And upon the gate of Ephraim, and upon the olde gate, and upon the fishgate, and the towre of Hananeél, and the towre of Meáh, even unto the shepegate: and they stode in the gate of the warde.

40 So stode the two companies (of them that gave thanks) in the house of God, & I and the halfe of the rulers with me.

41 The Priests also, Eliakím, Maaseiáh, Miniamin, Michaiáh, Elioenái, Zechariáh, Hananiáh, with trumpets,

42 And Maaseiáh, and Shemaiáh, & Eleazár, and Uzzí, and Jehohanán, and Malchijáh, and Elám, & Ezer: & the singers [^]sang loude, having Jzrahiáh which *was* the overseer.

43 And the same day they offered great sacrifices and rejoyced: for God had given them great joye, so that both the women, and the children were joyful: and the joye of Jerusalém was heard farre off.

44 Also at the same time were men appointed ^mover the chambers of the store for the offrings (for the first frutes, and for the tithes) to gather in to them out of the fields of the cities, the portions of the Law for the Priests and the Levites: for Judáh rejoyced for the Priests and for the Levites, that served.

45 And both the singers and the Levites kept the warde of their God, and the warde of the purification according to the commandment of David, *and* Salomón his sonne.

46 *For in the dayes of David and Asáph, of olde *were* chief singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And in the dayes of Zerubbabél, and in the dayes of Nehemiáh did all Israël give portions unto the singers and porters, everie day his portion, and they gave the holy things unto the Levites, and the Levites ⁿgave the holy things unto the sonnes of Aarón.

Chapter 13

31i Meaning, Nehemiah.

36 k That is, the brethren of Zaccúr.

37 l Which was the going up to the mount Zion, which is called the city of David.

42 [^]Ebr., caused to hear.

44 m Which were chambers appointed by Hezekiah to put in the tithes, and such things, 2 Chron. 31.11, and now were repaired again for the same use.

46 *1 Chron. 15.16.

47 n That is, the tenth part of the tithes.

1 *The Law is red* 3 *They separate from them all strangers* 15 *Nehemiáh reproveth them that breake the Sabbath.* 30 *An ordinance to serve God.*

AND on that day did they read in the booke of Mosés, in the audience of the people, and it was founde written therein, that the Ammonite, and the Moabite *shulde not enter into the Congregation of God,

2 Because they met not the children of Israël with bread and with water, *but hired Balaám against them, that he shulde curse them, and our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now when they had heard the Law, they separated from Israël ^aall those that were mixed.

4 ¶ And before ^bthis had the Priest Eliashib the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, being ^ckinsman to Tobiáh:

5 And he had made him a great chamber and there had they aforetime laid the offerings, the incense, and the vessels, and the tithes of corne, of wine, and of oyle (appointed for the Levites, & the singers, and the porters) and the offrings of the Priests.

6 But in all this *time* was not I in Jerusalém: for in the two and thirtieth yere of ^dArtahsháshte King of Babél, came I unto the King, & [^]after certeine dayes I obtained of the King.

7 And when I was come to Jerusalém, I understode ^ethe evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiáh, in that he had made him a chamber in the court of the house of God,

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the vessels of the house of Tobiáh out of the chamber.

9 And I commanded them to cleanse the chambers: and thether broght I again the vessels of the house of God with the meat offrings and the incense.

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not bene given, and that everie one was fled to his land, *even* the Levites and singers that executed the worke.

11 Then reproved I the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I assembled them, and set them in their place.

12 Then broght all Judáh the tithes of corne and of wine, and of oyle unto the treasures.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasures, Shelemiáh the Priest, and Zadók the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiáh, and under their hand Hanán the sonne of Zaccúr the sonne of Mattaniáh: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember me, ô my God, herein, and wipe not out my ^fkindenes that I have shewed on the house of my God, and on the offices thereof.

15 In those daies saw I in Judáh them, that trode wine presses on the Sabbath, and that broght in sheaves, and which laded asses also with wine, grapes, and figges and all

1 *Deut. 23.3.

2 *Num. 22.5.

3 a That is, all such, which had joined in unlawful marriage, and also those, with whom God had forbidden them to have society.

4 b That the separation was made.

4 c He was joined in affinity with Tobiah the Ammonite, and enemy of the Jews.

6 d Called also Darius, Ezra 7.1[also see Ezra 6.1].

6 [^]Or, at the year's end.

7 e Thus we see to what inconveniences the people fall into, when they are destitute of one that has the fear of God, seeing that their chief governor was but awhile absent, and yet they fell into such great absurdities as appears also, Ex. 32.1.

14 f He protests that he did his duty with a good conscience, yet he does not justify himself herein, but desires God to favor him, and to be merciful unto him for his own goodness sake, as verse 22.

burdens, and broght them into Jerusalém upon the Sabbath day: and ⁹I protested to them in the day that they solde vitales.

16 There dwelt men of Tyrus also therein, which broght fish and all wares, and solde on the Sabbath unto the children of Judáh even in Jerusalém.

17 Then reproved I the rulers of Judáh, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, & breake the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers ⁿthus, and our God broght all this plague upon us, and upon this citie? yet ye increase the wrath upon Israél, in breaking the Sabbath?

19 And when the gates of Jerusalém began to be ^ldarke before the Sabbath, I commanded to shut the gates, and charged, that they shulde not be opened til after the Sabbath, and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, that there shulde no burden be broght in on the Sabbath daye.

20 So the chapmen and marchants of all marchandise remained once or twice all night without Jerusalém.

21 And I protested among them, and said unto them, Why tary ye all night about the wall? If ye do it once again, I wil lay hands upon you. From that time came they nomore on the Sabbath.

22 ¶ And I said unto the Levites that they shulde clense them selves, and that they shulde come and ^kkepe the gates, to sanctifie the Sabbath day. Remember me, ô my God, concerning this, and pardon me according to thy great

15 g I declared unto them, that God would not suffer such transgressors of his Law to be unpunished.

18 h Was not this a great cause, why God plagued us in times past: meaning, that if they transgressed now in the same again, their plague should be greater.

19 i About the time that the sun went down for the Sabbath lasted from the sun going down of the one day to the sun setting of the other.

22 k Meaning, of the Temple that none, that was unclean, should enter.

mercie.

23 In those dayes also I sawe Jewes that married wives of ^lAshdód, of Ammón, and of Moab.

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdód, and could not speak in the Jewes language, and according to the language of the *one* people, and of the *other* people.

25 Then I reproved them, and ^mcursed them, and smote certeine of them, and pulled off their heere, and toke an othe of them by God, Ye shal not give your daughters unto their sonnes, nether shal ye take of their daughters unto your sonnes, nor for your selves.

26 *Did not Salomón the King of Israél sinne by these things? yet among manie nacions was there no King like him: for he was beloved of his God, and God had made him King over Israél: yet strange women caused him to sinne.

27 *Shal we then obey unto you, to do all this great evil, & to transgresse against our God, *even* to marry strange wives?

28 And *one* of the sonnes of Joiadá the sonne of Eliashib the hie Priest was the sonne in law of Sanballát the Horonite: but I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, ô my God, that ⁿdefile the Priesthode, and the covenant of the Priesthode, and of the Levites.

30 Then clensed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wardes of the Priests and of the Levites, everie one in his office,

31 And for the offering of the wood at times appointed, and for the first frutes. Remember me, ô my God, ^oin goodness.

23 l Which was a city of the Philistims, and they had married wives thereof, and so had corrupted their speech and religion.

25 m That is, I did excommunicate them, and drive them out of the Congregation.

26 *1 Kings 3.7.

27 *1 Kings 11.1.

29 n Punish them according to their fault, and evil example, which they have given to the rest of your people, contrary to their vocation.

31 o That is, to show mercy unto me.