

Nehemiah 1-4 – Rebuilding Walls

The Awakening and Return of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1

¹ The **Words of Nehemiah** the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year [of the reign of king Artaxerxes], as I was in Shushan [in Persia] the palace, Nehemiah - [OT:5166](#) נְחֵמְיָהוּ **Nechemyah** (nekh-em-yaw'); from [OT:5162](#) and [OT:3050](#); consolation of Jah; Nechemjah, the name of three Israelites: **KJV** - Nehemiah. Hachaliah - [OT:2446](#) חַכְלְיָהוּ **Chakalyah** (khak-al-yaw'); from the base of [OT:2447](#) and [OT:3050](#); darkness of Jah; Chakaljah, an Israelite: **KJV** - Hachaliah.

Moved for His People

Nehemiah 1

² That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah [celebrated]; and I asked them concerning the **Jews that had escaped**, which were **left of the captivity**, and concerning Jerusalem.

Hanani - [OT:2607](#) חַנַּנְיָהוּ **Chananiy** (khan-aw-nee'); from [OT:2603](#); gracious; Chanani, the name of six Israelites: **KJV** - Hanani.

Escaped - [OT:6413](#) פְּלִיטָה **peleytah** (pel-ay-taw'); or **peletah** (pel-ay-taw'); feminine of [OT:6412](#); deliverance; concretely, an escaped portion: **KJV** - deliverance, (that is) escape (-d), remnant.

Left - [OT:7604](#) שָׁאַר **sha'ar** (shaw-ar'); a primitive root; properly, to swell up, i.e. be (causatively, make) redundant: **KJV** - leave, (be) left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest.

Captivity - [OT:7628](#) שְׁבִי **shebiy** (sheb-ee'); from [OT:7618](#); exiled; captured; as noun, exile (abstractly or concretely and collectively); by extension, booty: **KJV** - captive (-ity), prisoners, ^xtake away, that was taken.

Moved by Knowledge

Nehemiah 1

³ And they said unto me, The **remnant** that are **left of the captivity** there in the province are in **great affliction [bad] and reproach [disgrace]**: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the **gates thereof are burned with fire**.

Remnant - [OT:7604](#) שָׁאַר **sha'ar** (shaw-ar'); a primitive root; properly, to swell up, i.e. be (causatively, make) redundant: **KJV** - leave, (be) left, let, remain, remnant, reserve, the rest.

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Gates - [OT:8179](#) שַׁעַר **sha'ar** (shah'-ar); from [OT:8176](#) in its original sense; an opening, i.e. door or gate: **KJV** - city, door, gate, port (X -er).

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The Awakening and Return of Nehemiah (*cont*) Moved to Seek God

Nehemiah 1

⁴ And it came to pass, when **I heard these words**, that **I sat down and wept**, and mourned certain days, and **fasted**, and **prayed** before the **God of heaven**,

Praise

Nehemiah 1

⁵ And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the **great and terrible [revered] God**, that **keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments**:

Confession

Nehemiah 1

⁶ Let thine ear now **be attentive**, and thine **eyes open**, that thou mayest **hear the prayer of thy servant**, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and **confess the sins of the children of Israel**, which we **have sinned against thee**: both **I and my father's house have sinned**.

Attentive - [OT:7183](#) קָשָׁשׁב **qashshab** (kash-shawb'); or **qashshub** (kash-shoob'); from [OT:7181](#); hearkening: *KJV* - attentive

Nehemiah 1

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

Corruptly - [OT:2254](#) חָבַל **chabal** (khaw-bal'); a primitive root; to wind tightly (as a rope), i.e. to bind; specifically, by a pledge; figuratively, to pervert, destroy; also to writhe in pain (especially of parturition):

KJV - ^xat all, band, bring forth, (deal) corrupt (-ly), destroy, offend, lay to (take a) pledge, spoil, travail, ^xvery, withhold.

Kept - [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself,), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

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The Awakening and Return of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Moved to Seek God (*cont*)

Recognize the conviction

Nehemiah 1

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

Transgress - [OT:4603](#) מַעַל **ma`al** (maw-al'); a primitive root; properly, to cover up; used only figuratively, to act covertly, i.e. treacherously:

KJV - transgress, (commit, do a) trespass (-ing).

Jeremiah 3

¹⁷ At that time **they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD;** and **all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem:** neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Seek the mercy of God

Nehemiah 1

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

Cast out - [OT:5080](#) נָדַח **nadach** (naw-dakh'); a primitive root; to push off; used in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively (to expel, mislead, strike, inflict, etc.):

KJV - banish, bring, cast down (out), chase, compel, draw away, drive (away, out, quite), fetch a stroke, force, go away, outcast, thrust away (out), withdraw.

Deuteronomy 16

¹ Observe the month of Abib [1st month in their new calendar], and keep the Passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

² Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

³ Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

⁴ And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

⁵ Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

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Moved to Seek God (*cont*)

Seek the mercy of God (*cont*)

Deuteronomy 16 (*cont*)

⁶ But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

⁷ And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

⁸ Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

⁹ Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.

¹⁰ And thou shalt **keep the feast of weeks** unto the LORD thy God **with a tribute of a freewill offering** of thine hand, which thou shalt **give unto the LORD thy God**, according as **the LORD thy God hath blessed thee**:

¹¹ And thou shalt **rejoice before the LORD** thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, **in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place His name there**.

¹² And thou shalt **remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes**.

Intercession for the chosen

Nehemiah 1

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

Redeemed - [OT:6299](#) פָּדָה **padah** (paw-daw'); a primitive root; to sever, i.e. ransom; gener. to release, preserve:

KJV - **x** at all, deliver, **x** by any means, ransom, (that are to be, let be) redeem (-ed), rescue, **x** surely.

Power - [OT:3581](#) כֹּחַ **koach** (ko'-akh); or ([Dan 11:6](#)) **kowach** (ko'-akh); from an unused root meaning to be firm; vigor, literally (force, in a good or a bad sense) or figuratively (capacity, means, produce); also (from its hardness) a large lizard: - ability, able, chameleon, force, fruits, might, power (-ful), strength, substance, wealth.

Strong - [OT:2389](#) חָזַק **chazaq** (khaw-zawk'); from [OT:2388](#); strong (usu. in a bad sense, hard, bold, violent):

KJV - harder, hottest, **+** impudent, loud, mighty, sore, stiff [-hearted], strong (-er).

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Moved to Seek God (*cont*)

Seek deliverance from circumstances

Nehemiah 1

¹¹ O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive [hearkening] to the prayer [supplication] of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him [thy servant] mercy in the sight of this man [his king].

For **I was the king's cupbearer.**

Cupbearer - [OT:4945](#) מִשְׁקֵהַּ **mashqeh** (mash-keh'); from [OT:8248](#); properly, causing to drink, i.e. a butler; by implication (intransitively), drink (itself); figuratively, a well-watered region: **KJV** - butler (-ship), cupbearer, drink (-ing), fat pasture, watered.

Moved spiritually

Unashamed

Nehemiah 2 ...recognized by Nehemiah

¹ And it came to pass in the month Nisan [another name for the 1st month - Abib], in the twentieth [20th] year of **Artaxerxes the king**, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime **sad in his presence.**

Sad - [OT:7451](#) רָע **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ~~X~~ great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Suddenly

Nehemiah 2

² Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy **countenance sad**, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but **sorrow of heart**. Then I was very **sore [increased] afraid** [of what I was about to say],

Sad - [OT:7451](#) רָע **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ~~X~~ great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Sorrow - [OT:7455](#) רָעָה **roa`** (ro'-ah); from [OT:7489](#); badness (as marring), physically or morally:

KJV - ~~X~~ be so bad, badness, (X be so) evil, naughtiness, sadness, sorrow, wickedness.

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Boldness

Nehemiah 2

³ And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: **why should not my countenance be sad**, when the **city**, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, **lieth waste**, and the **gates thereof are consumed with fire**?

Sad - [OT:7451](#) רָעַר **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ~~x~~ great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Prayerfully

Nehemiah 2

⁴ Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou **make request**? So **I prayed to the God of heaven**.

Prayed - [OT:6419](#) פָּלַל **palal** (paw-lal'); a primitive root; to judge (officially or mentally); by extension, to intercede, pray:

KJV - intreat, judge (-ment), (make) pray (-er, -ing), make supplication.

Make your request to God

Nehemiah 2

⁵ And I said unto the king [as I prayed], **If it please the king**, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest **send me unto Judah**, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, **that I may build it**.

Listen for God's response

Nehemiah 2

⁶ And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For **how long** shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So **it pleased the king to send me**; and **I set him a time** [for return].

Seek God's protection

Nehemiah 2

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

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Moved spiritually (*cont*)

Seek God's provision

Nehemiah 2

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

Nehemiah 2

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

Prayerfully

Seek believing

Nehemiah 2

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

Sanballat - [OT:5571](#) סַנְבַּלַּט **Canballat** (san-bal-lat'); of foreign origin; Sanballat, a Persian satrap [governor] of Samaria: **KJV** - Sanballat.

Tobiah - [OT:2900](#) טוֹבְיָהוּ **Towbiyah** (to-bee-yaw'); or **Towbiyahuw** (to-bee-yaw'-hoo); from [OT:2896](#) and [OT:3050](#); goodness of Jehovah; Tobijah, the name of three Israelites and of one Samaritan: **KJV** - Tobiah, Tobijah.

Grieved - [OT:7489](#) רָעַע **ra`a`** (raw-ah'); a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally):

KJV - afflict, associate selves [by mistake for [OT:7462](#)], break (down, in pieces), + displeasure, (be, bring, do) evil (doer, entreat, man), showself friendly [by mistake for [OT:7462](#)], do harm, (do) hurt, (behaveself, deal) ill, ^xindeed, do mischief, punish, still, vex, (do) wicked (doer, -ly), be (deal, do) worse.

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The Awareness of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 2

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

Surveyed the condition

Nehemiah 2

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

Made an assessment

Nehemiah 2

¹³ And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were **broken down**, and the gates thereof were **consumed with fire**.

Nehemiah 2

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

Nehemiah 2

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

Nehemiah 2

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

Enlisted Others

Nehemiah 2

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

Encouraged Completion

Nehemiah 2

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

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The Faithfulness of Nehemiah Confronted by the enemy

Nehemiah 2

¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and **Geshem** [from Shamer] the Arabian, heard it, they **laughed us to scorn**, and **despised us**, and said, **What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?**

Responded with Truth

Nehemiah 2

²⁰ Then answered I them, and said unto them, **The God of heaven, He will prosper us;** therefore **we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

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The Determination of Nehemiah

Building begins

Orderly

Nehemiah 3

¹ Then **Eliashib** the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they **buildded the sheep gate**; they **sanctified it**, and **set up the doors of it**; even unto the **tower of Meah** they sanctified it, unto the **tower of Hananeel**.

Eliashib - [OT:475](#) אֵלְיָשִׁיב 'Elyashiyb (el-yaw-sheeb'); from [OT:410](#) and [OT:7725](#); God will restore; Eljashib, the name of six Israelites: **KJV** - Eliashib.

Hananeel - [OT:2606](#) חַנַּנְאֵל **Chanan'el** (khan-an-ale'); from [OT:2603](#) and [OT:410](#); God has favored; Chanel, probably an Israelite, from whom a tower of Jerusalem was named: -Hananeel.

Diligently

Nehemiah 3

² And next unto him builded the **men of Jericho**. And next to them builded **Zaccur** the son of Imri.

Skillfully

Nehemiah 3

³ But the **fish gate** did the sons of **Hassenaah** build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

Nehemiah 3

⁴ And next unto them repaired **Meremoth** the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired **Meshullam** the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired **Zadok** the son of Baana.

Whether others worked or not

Nehemiah 3

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

Completely

Nehemiah 3

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

Expansively

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

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The Determination of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Building begins (*cont*)

Inclusive of leaders labour

Nehemiah 3

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

Inclusive of family labour

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Inclusive of city labour

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

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The Determination of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Building begins (*cont*)

Inclusive of city labour (*cont*)

Nehemiah 3

¹⁸ After him repaired their brethren, **Bavai** the son of Henadad, the **ruler of the half part of Keilah**.

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Inclusive of the priests

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Nehemiah 3

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

Inclusive of Nethinims

Nehemiah 3

²⁶ Moreover the **Nethinims** dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the **water gate toward the east**, and the **tower that lieth out**.

Nehemiah 3

²⁷ After them the **Tekoites** repaired another piece, over against the **great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel**.

Nehemiah 3

²⁸ From above the **horse gate** repaired the **priests**, every one over against his house.

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The Determination of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Building begins (*cont*)

Inclusive of homes

Nehemiah 3

²⁹ After them repaired **Zadok** the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also **Shemaiah** the son of Shechaniah, the **keeper of the east gate**.

Nehemiah 3

³⁰ After him repaired **Hananiah** the son of Shelemiah, and **Hanun** the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired **Meshullam** the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

Inclusive of wealthy

Nehemiah 3

³¹ After him repaired **Malchiah** the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the **gate Miphkad**, and to the **going up of the corner**.

Nehemiah 3

³² And between the going up of the **corner unto the sheep gate** repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

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The Strength of Nehemiah Words of Opposition Indignant

Nehemiah 4

¹ But it came to pass, that when **Sanballat heard that we builded the wall**, he was **wroth**, and took **great indignation**, and **mocked the Jews**.

Accusations

Nehemiah 4

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

Deprecations ~ Condemnation

Nehemiah 4

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

Nehemiah seeks the LORD's defense

Nehemiah 4

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

Nehemiah 4

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

Nehemiah Encourage the Likeminded

Nehemiah 4

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

Enemy encourages Supporters in Opposition

Nehemiah 4

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

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The Strength of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Enemy encourages Hostility

Nehemiah 4

⁸ And **conspired** all of them together to come and to **fight against Jerusalem**, and to **hinder it**.

Nehemiah responds prayerfully

Sets up a watch

Nehemiah 4

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

Made our prayer - [OT:6419](#) פָּלַל **palal** (paw-lal'); a primitive root; to judge (officially or mentally); by extension, to intercede, pray:

KJV - intreat, judge (-ment), (make) pray (-er, -ing), make supplication.

Watch - [OT:4929](#) מִשְׁמָר **mishmar** (mish-mawr'); from [OT:8104](#); a guard (the man, the post, or the prison); (figuratively) a deposit; also (as observed) a usage (abstract), or an example (concrete): **KJV** - diligence, guard, office, prison, ward, watch.

Support the weak

Nehemiah 4

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

Decayed - [OT:3782](#) כָּשַׁל **kashal** (kaw-shal'); a primitive root; to totter or waver (through weakness of the legs, especially the ankle); by implication, to falter, stumble, faint or fall:

KJV - bereave [from the margin], cast down, be decayed, (cause to) fail, (cause, make to) fall (down, -ing), feeble, be (the) ruin (-ed, of), (be) overthrown, (cause to) stumble, ^xutterly, be weak.

Discernment of the Enemy plot

Nehemiah 4

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

Strengthen in fear

Nehemiah 4

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

Armed against the attack

Nehemiah 4

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

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The Strength of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Nehemiah responds prayerfully (*cont*)

Build confidence

Nehemiah 4

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

Continue the work

Nehemiah 4

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

Carefully

Nehemiah 4

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

All armed for battle and building

Nehemiah 4

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

Cautiously

Nehemiah 4

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

Together

Nehemiah 4

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

Reminded

Nehemiah 4

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

Prepared day and night

Nehemiah 4

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

Nehemiah 1-4 – Rebuilding Walls

The Strength of Nehemiah (*cont*)

Nehemiah responds prayerfully (*cont*)

Guarding against the evil

Nehemiah 4

²² Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, **Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.**

Tirelessly

Nehemiah 4

²³ So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing.

Leviticus 19

³⁷ Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: *I am* the LORD.

Romans 13

¹⁰ **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:** therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

¹¹ And that, **knowing the time**, that **now it is high time to awake out of sleep:** for **now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

¹³ Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

¹⁴ But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 13

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Profiteers within the Walls

Focus on difficulties

Nehemiah 5

¹ And there was a great cry [shriek] of the people and of their wives **against their brethren** the Jews.

Nehemiah 5

² For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

Nehemiah 5

³ Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

Nehemiah 5

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

Focus on the Solution

Nehemiah 5

⁵ Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 5

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

Exodus 22

²⁵ If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

²⁶ If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

²⁷ For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

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Focus on the Solution (cont)

Leviticus 25

³⁶ Take thou no **usury** of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

³⁷ Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

³⁸ I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

Deuteronomy 23

¹⁸ Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

¹⁹ **Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:**

²⁰ **Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury:** that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Nehemiah 5

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

Ezekiel 22

¹² In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken **usury and increase**, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

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Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 5

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

Psalm 15

⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

⁵ He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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Profiteers within the Walls

Focus on the Solution (cont)

Nehemiah 5

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

Focus on the covenant

Nehemiah 5

¹² Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 5

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

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Profiteers within the Walls

Remaining Focused on the Work

Nehemiah 5

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

Nehemiah 5

¹⁷Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty [150] of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

Nehemiah 5

¹⁸Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the **bondage was heavy upon this people.**

Remaining Focused on the Good

Nehemiah 5

¹⁹**Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.**

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Profiteers outside the Walls

Plan to Participate

Nehemiah 6

¹ Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had **builded the wall**, and that there was **no breach left therein**; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)

Cloak of Counseling

Nehemiah 6

² That **Sanballat and Geshem** sent unto me, saying, Come, **let us meet together** in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But **they thought to do me mischief**.

Godly Response

Nehemiah 6

³ And I sent messengers unto them, saying, **I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?**

Nehemiah 6

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

Determined by Duress

Nehemiah 6

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

Nehemiah 6

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

Nehemiah 6

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

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Profiteers within the Walls

Determined by Duress (cont)

Dastardly deed discerned and disclosed

Nehemiah 6

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

Request God strengthen

Nehemiah 6

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

Enemy influence

Godly resistance

Nehemiah 6

¹⁰ Afterward I came unto the house of **Shemaiah** the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, **Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.**

Godly resolve

Nehemiah 6

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

Godly perception

Nehemiah 6

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

Godly discernment

Nehemiah 6

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

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Profiteers within the Walls

Determined by Duress

Enemy influence

Godly vengeance

Nehemiah 6

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

Godly accomplishment

Nehemiah 6

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

Godly Gauntlet

Nehemiah 6

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

Godly may Fail

Influence

Nehemiah 6

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

Opportunity

Nehemiah 6

¹⁸ For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

Compromise

Nehemiah 6

¹⁹ Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls

Who are Faithful

Nehemiah 7

¹ Now it came to pass, when **the wall was built**, and I had **set up the doors**, and the **porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed**,

Who Reverence the LORD

Nehemiah 7

² That I gave my brother **Hanani**, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was **a faithful man, and feared God above many**.

Who Watch

Nehemiah 7

³ And I said unto them, **Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot**; and while they stand by, **let them shut the doors, and bar them**: and **appoint watches** of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

Nehemiah 7

⁴ Now the **city was large and great**: but the **people were few therein, and the houses were not builded**.

Who are Gathered

After the Heart of God

Nehemiah 7

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

The Remnant

Nehemiah 7

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who are Gathered (cont)*

Those written among the accepted elect

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

¹³ The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

Nehemiah 7

¹⁴ The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

Nehemiah 7

¹⁵ The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

Nehemiah 7

¹⁶ The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

Nehemiah 7

¹⁷ The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who are Gathered (cont)*

Those written among the accepted elect (cont)

Nehemiah 7

²⁰ The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

Nehemiah 7

²¹ The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

Nehemiah 7

²² The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

Nehemiah 7

²³ The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

Nehemiah 7

²⁴ The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

Nehemiah 7

²⁵ The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

Nehemiah 7

²⁶ The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

²⁸ The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two.

Nehemiah 7

²⁹ The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

Nehemiah 7

³⁰ The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

Nehemiah 7

³¹ The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

Nehemiah 7

³² The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

Nehemiah 7

³³ The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who are Gathered (cont)*

Those written among the accepted elect (cont)

Nehemiah 7

³⁴ The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

Nehemiah 7

³⁵ The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

Nehemiah 7

³⁶ The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

Nehemiah 7

³⁷ The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

Nehemiah 7

³⁸ The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Nehemiah 7

³⁹ The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

Nehemiah 7

⁴⁰ The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

Nehemiah 7

⁴¹ The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

Nehemiah 7

⁴² The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who are Gathered (cont)*

Those written among the accepted elect (*cont*)

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

⁵⁶ The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who are Gathered (cont)*

Those written among the accepted elect (cont)

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Those written among the accepted priests

Nehemiah 7

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

Among all the congregation and possessions

Nehemiah 7

⁶⁶ **The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore [42360],**

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

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

Nehemiah 7

⁷⁰ And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls

Who are Gathered (cont)

Among all the congregation and possessions (cont)

Nehemiah 7

⁷¹ And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

Nehemiah 7

⁷² And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

Dwelling together

Nehemiah 7

⁷³ So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh [7th] month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

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Who are Attentive

Nehemiah 8

¹ And all the people gathered themselves together **as one man** into the street that was **before the water gate**; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to **bring the book of the law of Moses**, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

Nehemiah 8

² And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*)

Who understand

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Distinctly – [OT:6567](#) פָּרַשׁ **parash** (paw-rash'); a primitive root; to separate, literally (to disperse) or figuratively (to specify); also (by implication) to wound:

KJV - scatter, declare, distinctly, shew, sting.

....Open more perfectly

Hear

Nehemiah 8

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

Strengthened

Nehemiah 8

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

Quieted

Nehemiah 8

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

Joyful

Nehemiah 8

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*) Who understand (*cont*)

Daily

Nehemiah 8

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

Obedient

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Nehemiah 8

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

Assemble together

According to the LAW

Nehemiah 8

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*)

Who understand (*cont*)

Assemble together (*cont*)

Voluntarily

Nehemiah 9

¹ Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were **assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.**

Submissively

Nehemiah 9

² And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

Obediently and Worshipfully

Nehemiah 9

³ And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

Who Bless God

Nehemiah 9

⁴ Then **stood up upon the stairs**, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

Praise God

Nehemiah 9

⁵ Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, **Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name**, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Only One God

Nehemiah 9

⁶ **Thou, even thou, art LORD alone**; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*) Who bless God (*cont*)

Sovereign God

Nehemiah 9

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

Righteous God

Nehemiah 9

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

Compassionate God

Nehemiah 9

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

Excellent God

Nehemiah 9

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

Unforsaking God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

¹³ **Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai**, and **spakest with them** from heaven, and **gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments**:

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*)

Who bless God (*cont*)

Unforsaking God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Longsuffering God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

¹⁹ Yet thou in thy manifold mercies **forsookest them not** in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud **departed not** from them by day, to **lead them in the way**; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

Exodus 13

²¹ And the LORD went before them by day in a **pillar of a cloud**, to lead them the way; and by night in a **pillar of fire**, to give them light; to go by day and night:

²² He **took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night**, from before the people.

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls (*cont*)

Who Know God

Instructing God

Nehemiah 9

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

Sustaining God

Nehemiah 9

²¹ Yea, forty [40] years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they **lacked nothing**; their **clothes waxed not old**, and their **feet swelled not**.

Faithful God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

²⁵ And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so **they did eat**, and were **filled**, and **became fat**, and **delighted themselves in thy great goodness**.

Nehemiah 9

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

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Who Know God (cont)

Disciplining God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

²⁹ And **testifiedst against them**, that thou **mightest bring them again unto thy law**: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but **sinned against thy judgments**, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Just God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

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Who Know God (cont)

Just God (cont)

Nehemiah 9

³⁵ For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 9

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

Who Covenant with God

Nehemiah 9

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

Nehemiah 10

¹ Now **those that sealed** were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

Nehemiah 10

² Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

Nehemiah 10

³ Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

Nehemiah 10

⁴ Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

Nehemiah 10

⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

Nehemiah 10

⁶ Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

Nehemiah 10

⁷ Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

Nehemiah 10

⁸ Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.

Nehemiah 10

⁹ And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls ***Who Covenant with God***

Nehemiah 10

¹⁰ And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan,

Nehemiah 10

¹¹ Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

Nehemiah 10

¹² Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

Nehemiah 10

¹³ Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

Nehemiah 10

¹⁴ The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

Nehemiah 10

¹⁵ Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

Nehemiah 10

¹⁶ Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

Nehemiah 10

¹⁷ Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,

Nehemiah 10

¹⁸ Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

Nehemiah 10

¹⁹ Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

Nehemiah 10

²⁰ Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

Nehemiah 10

²¹ Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

Nehemiah 10

²² Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

Nehemiah 10

²³ Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who Covenant with God*

Nehemiah 10

²⁴ Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobeka,

Nehemiah 10

²⁵ Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

Nehemiah 10

²⁶ And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

Nehemiah 10

²⁷ Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

Remained pure

Scripturally ~ With knowledge and understanding

Nehemiah 10

²⁸ And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had **separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God**, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one **having knowledge, and having understanding**;

Separated – [OT:914](#) בָּדַל **badal** (baw-dal'); a primitive root; to divide (in variation senses literally or figuratively, separate, distinguish, differ, select, etc.):

KJV - (make, put) difference, divide (asunder), (make) separate (self, -ation), sever (out), ^x utterly.

Physically ~ With commitment together with God

Nehemiah 10

²⁹ They **clave [repair, bound, fasten, seize close] to their brethren**, their nobles, and **entered into a curse**, and **into an oath, to walk in God's law**, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to **observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes**;

Nehemiah 10

³⁰ And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, not take their daughters for our sons:

Nehemiah 10

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls *Who Covenant with God* Remain Pure

Financially ~ With their offerings for ministry

Nehemiah 10

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

Nehemiah 10

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

Serviceably/Usefully ~ With labor they offered

Nehemiah 10

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

Nehemiah 10

³⁵ And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

Nehemiah 10

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

Nehemiah 10

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

Nehemiah 10

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

Nehemiah 10

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

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Profiteers Appointed within the Walls

Who should dwell in Jerusalem

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

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Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Outward – [OT:2435](#) חַיצוֹן **chiytsown** (khee-tsone'); from [OT:2434](#); properly, the (outer) wall side; hence, exterior; figuratively, secular (as opposed to sacred): **KJV** - outer, outward, utter, without.

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

¹⁸ All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four [284].

Nehemiah 11

¹⁹ Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two [172].

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

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Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

²⁵ And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof,

Nehemiah 11

²⁶ And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethphelet,

Nehemiah 11

²⁷ And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and in the villages thereof,

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

²⁹ And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

Nehemiah 11

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

Nehemiah 11

³¹ The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages.

Nehemiah 11

³² And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

Nehemiah 11

³³ Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

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Nehemiah 11

³⁴ Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

Nehemiah 11

³⁵ Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

Nehemiah 11

³⁶ And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

Nehemiah 12

¹ Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

Nehemiah 12

² Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

Nehemiah 12

³ Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

Nehemiah 12

⁴ Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

Nehemiah 12

⁵ Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

Nehemiah 12

⁶ Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

Nehemiah 12

⁷ Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

¹¹ And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

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Nehemiah 12

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

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¹³ Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

Nehemiah 12

¹⁴ Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

Nehemiah 12

¹⁵ Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

Nehemiah 12

¹⁶ Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

¹⁸ Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

²⁰ Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

Nehemiah 12

²¹ Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

Nehemiah 12

²² The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were **recorded chief of the fathers**: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

Nehemiah 12

²³ The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were **written in the book of the chronicles**, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

Nehemiah 12

²⁴ And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.

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Nehemiah 12

²⁵ Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were **porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.**

Nehemiah 12

²⁶ These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and **in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.**

Who should dedicate in Jerusalem

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

³³ And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

Nehemiah 12

³⁴ Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

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³⁵ And **certain of the priests'** sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

⁴⁴ And at that time were **some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited [stood ~ those ordained, in service].**

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Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Nehemiah 12

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

Who should separate the non-congregants from Israel

Nehemiah 13

¹ On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the **Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation** of God for ever;

Nehemiah 13

² Because they **met not the children of Israel with bread and with water**, but **hired Balaam against them**, that he should curse them: howbeit our **God turned the curse into a blessing.**

Nehemiah 13

³ Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that **they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.**

Nehemiah 13 ...trouble with allegiance

⁴ And before this, **Eliashib the priest**, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was **allied unto Tobiah:**

Nehemiah 13

⁵ And he had **prepared for him a great chamber**, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

Nehemiah 13

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

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Who should separate the non-congregants from Israel (cont)

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Who should cleanse the chambers and vessels

Nehemiah 13

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

Provide for the ministers

Nehemiah 13

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

Account for the funds

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

¹² Then **brought all Judah the tithe** of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

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Who should cleanse the chambers and vessels (cont)

Living blamelessly

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

¹⁸ Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

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Who should cleanse the chambers and vessels

Keep evil far from us

Remove ourselves

Nehemiah 13

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

Remove the seducers

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

²² And **I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves**, and that they should come and keep the gates, to **sanctify the sabbath day**. **Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.**

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

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Who should cleanse the chambers and vessels (cont)

Keep evil far from us (cont)

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Chase the evil away

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

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

Luke 2

⁴⁹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that **I must be about my Father's business?**

Who should be remembered

Nehemiah 13

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

There are those without the walls who should be remembered for the evil they have done.

There are those within the walls who should be cast off who should be forgotten according to their evil.

There are those within the walls who should be remembered for all the good they have done!

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Nehemiah 13

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

Nehemiah 13

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. **remember me**, O my God, concerning this also, and **spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy**.

Nehemiah 13

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

Judges 16

28 And **Samson called unto the LORD**, and said, O Lord God, **remember me**, I pray thee, and **strengthen me**, I pray thee, **only this once**, O God, that I may be **at once avenged** of the Philistines for my two eyes.

1 Samuel 1

11 And she [**Hannah**] **vowed a vow**, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and **remember me, and not forget thine handmaid**, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Job 14

13 O that thou wouldest **hide me in the grave**, that thou wouldest **keep me secret, until thy wrath be past**, that thou wouldest **appoint me a set time**, and **remember me**.

Psalms 106 ...God is God and merciful

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

Jeremiah 15

15 O LORD, thou knowest: **remember me**, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

Luke 23

42 And he [the thief on the cross] said unto Jesus, Lord, **remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom**.

We are the saints who can cry out to the LORD GOD REMEMBER ME for building up thy Kingdom and for all the GOOD...unto thy Glory... Thy kingdom come... Thy Will be done... Amen