

- de put away their wiues, and they that had trespassed, *gave* a ráme for their trespasse.
- 20 And of the sonnes of Immér, Honaní, and Zebadiáh.
- 21 And of the sonnes of Harím, Maaseiáh, and Eliáh, and Shemaiáh, and Iehiél, and Vzziáh.
- 22 And of the sonnes of Pashúr, Elioenái, Maaseiáh, Ishmaél, Nethaneél, Iozabád, and Elafáh.
- 23 And of the Leuites, Iozabád and Shimeí & Kelaiáh, (which is Kelitáh) Pethahiah, Iudáh and Eliézer.
- 24 And of the singers, Eliafáh. And of the porters, Shallúm, and Telém, and Vrí.
- 25 And of <sup>m</sup> Israél: of the sonnes of Parósh, Ramiáh, and Iesháh, and Malchiáh, and Miámin, and Eleazár, and Malchiáh, and Benaiah.
- 26 And of the sonnes of Elám, Mattaniáh, Zechariáh, and Iehiél, and Abdí, and Ieremóth, and Eliáh.
- 27 And of the sonnes of Zattú, Elioenái, Eliafáh, Mattaniáh, and Ierimóth, & Zabád, and Azizá.
- 28 And of the sonnes of Bebái, Ichohanán, Hananiáh, Zabbái, Athlái.
- 29 And of the sonnes of Baní, Meshullám, Mallúch, and Adaiáh, Iafhúb, and Sheál, Ieramóth.
- 30 And of the sonnes of <sup>n</sup> Paháth Moáb, Adná, & Chelál, Benaiah, Maaseiáh, Mattaniáh, Bezaleél, & Binnúi, and Manasséh.
- 31 And of the sonnes of Harím, Eliézer, Ishiáh, Malchiáh, Shemaiáh, Shimeón, Beniamín, Mallúch, Shamariáh.
- 32 Of the sonnes of Hashúm, Mattenái, Mattattáh, Zabád, Eliphélet, Ieremái, Manasséh, Shimeí.
- 34 Of the sonnes of Baní, Maadáí, Amrá, and Vél,
- 35 Banaiah, Bediáh, Chellúh,
- 36 Vaniáh, Meremóth, Eliafáh,
- 37 Mattaniáh, Mattenái, and Iasáu,
- 38 And Banni & Bennúi, Shimeí,
- 39 And Shelemiáh, & Nathán, & Adaiáh,
- 40 Machnadebái, Shafháí, Sharái,
- 41 Azareél, and Shelemiáh, Shemariáh,
- 42 Shallúm, Amariáh, Ioséph.
- 43 Of the sonnes of Nebó, Ieiel, Mattithiáh, Zabád, Zebiná, Iadaú, & Ioél, Benaiah.
- 44 All these had taken strange wiues: and among the were womē that had <sup>n</sup> childre.

<sup>m</sup> Meaning, of <sup>y</sup> comūne people: for before he spake of the Priests & Leuites.

<sup>n</sup> Which also were made illegitimate because the marriage was unlawful.

# NEHEMIAH.

## THE ARGUMENT.

God doeth in all ages and at all times set vp worthy persones for the commoditie and profite of his Church, as now within the compasse of seuentie yeres he raised vp diuers excellent men for the preseruacion of his people, after their returne from Babylon, as Zerubbabél, Ezra, and Nehemiáh. Whereof the first was their captaine to bring them home, and provided that the Temple was buylled: the seconde reformed their maners and planted religion: & the thrid buylled vp the walles, deliuered the people from oppresion, and provided that the Law of God was put in execution among them. He was a godlie man and in great autoritie with the King, so that the King fauoured him greatly, and gaue him moste ample letters for the accomplishment of all things which he colde desire. This boke is also called of the latins the seconde of Ezra, because he was the writer thereof.

### CHAP. I.

- 1 Nehemiáh bewaileth the calamitie of Ierusalem. 5 He confesseth the finnes of the people, & prayeth God for them



He wordes of Nehemiáh the sonne of Hachaliáh, in the moneth <sup>a</sup> Chisleu, in the twentieth yere, as I was in the palace of Shushán,

- 2 Came Hanáni, one of my <sup>b</sup> brethren, he & the men of Iudáh, and I asked them concerning the Iewes that were deliuered, which were of the residue of <sup>y</sup> captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.
- 3 And they said vnto me, The residue that are left of the captiuitie there in the <sup>c</sup> pro-

uincc, are in great affliction and in reproche, and the wall of Ierusalem is broken downe, & the gates thereof are burnt with fyre.

- 4 And when I heard these wordes, I sate downe and wept, and mourned certeine dayes, and I fasted and prayed before the God of heauen,
- 5 And said, \*O Lord God of heauen, the great and terrible God, that kepeth covenant and mercie for them that loue him, and obserue his commandements,
- 6 I pray thee, let thine eares be attent, and thine eyes open, to heare the prayer of thy seruant, which I pray before thee daily, day & night for the children of Israél thy seruants, & confesse the finnes of the children of Israél, which we haue sinned
- Gg. iiii.

*Dan. 9. 4.*

<sup>a</sup> Which conceineth part of Nouember & part of Decēber, and was their ninth moneth.

<sup>b</sup> A Iewe as I was.

<sup>c</sup> Meaning, in Iudca.

# Nehemiah's request.

# Nehemiah. The people encouraged.

against thee, bothe I & my fathers house haue sinned:  
 7 We haue<sup>a</sup> grievously sinned againſt thee, and haue not kept the commandements, nor the ſtatutes, nor the iudgements, w<sup>h</sup> thou commandedſt thy ſeruant Moſes.  
 8 I beſeeche thee, remember the worde that thou commandedſt thy ſeruant Moſes, ſaying, Ye wil tranſgreſſe, and I wil ſcatter you abroad among the people.  
 9 But if ye turne vnto me, and kepe my commandements, and do them, though your ſcattering were to the vttermoſt parte of the heauē, yet wil I gather you from thence and wil bring you vnto the place that I haue choſen, to place my Name there.  
 10 Now theſe are thy ſeruants & thy people, whome thou haſt redeemed 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 ſeruant, and to the prayer of thy ſeruants, who deſire to feare thy Name, and, I pray thee, cauſe thy ſeruant to proſper this day, and giue him fauour in the preſence of this man: for I was the Kings butler.

<sup>a</sup> Mr. corrupted.

<sup>b</sup> Deut. 30. 4.

<sup>d</sup> That is, to worſhip thee.

<sup>e</sup> To wit, the King Artahſthaſe.

## CHAP. II.

1 After Nehemiah had obtained letters of Artaxerxes, he came to Ieruſalem, and builded the wall.

<sup>a</sup> Which was the firſt moneth of the yere & ſixtieth part of Marche & part of April.  
<sup>b</sup> Who is alſo called Darius: ſee Eſt. 7. 1.

Now in the moneth<sup>a</sup> Niſan in the twetieth yere of King<sup>b</sup> Artahſthaſe, the wine ſtoode before him, and I toke vp the wine, and gaue it vnto the King. now I was not before time ſad in his preſence.

2 And the King ſaid vnto me, Why iſt thy countenance ſad, ſeing thou art not ſicke? this iſt nothing, but ſorowe of heart. Then was I fore afraid,

3 And I ſaid to the King, God ſaue the King for euer: why ſhulde not my countenance be ſad, when the citie & houſe of my fathers lieth waſte & the gates thereof are deuoured with fyre?

4 And the King ſaid vnto me, For what thing doeſt thou require? Then I praied to the God of heauen,

<sup>c</sup> I deſired God in mine heart to proſper mine enterpriſe.

5 And ſaid vnto the King, If it pleaſe the King, and if thy ſeruant haue founde fauour in thy ſight, I deſire that thou woldeſt ſend me to Iuda<sup>a</sup> vnto the citie of the ſepulchres of my fathers, that I may buylde it.

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

<sup>d</sup> Or, Eſprouer.

7 After I ſaid vnto the King, If it pleaſe thy King, let them giue me letters to the captaines beyonde the Riuer, that they may conuaye me ouer, til I come into Iuda<sup>a</sup>.

8 And letters vnto Aſaph the keeper of the Kings parke, that he may giue me timber to buylde the gates of the palace (which appertained to the houſe) & for the wall of the citie, and for the houſe that I ſhal entre into. And the King gaue me according to the good hand of my God vpon me.

<sup>d</sup> As God moued me to aſke, & as he gaue me good ſucces therein.

9 Then came I to the captaines beyonde the Riuer, & gaue them the Kings letters. And the King had ſent captaines of the armie and horſemen with me.

10 But Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah a ſeruant an Ammonite heard it, and it grieued theſe, that there was come a man which ſought the wealth of the children of Iſrael.

<sup>e</sup> Theſe were great enemies to the Iewes & labored alwaies bothe by force & ſubtiltie to ouercome them, & Tobiah becauſe his wife was a Iewelle, had aduertement euer of their affaires and ſo wrought them great trouble.

11 So I came to Ieruſalem, and was there thre 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 Ieruſalem, and there was not a beaſt with me, ſaue the beaſt whereon I rode.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, and came before the dragon well, and to the dung porte, and vewed the wall of Ieruſalem, how they were broken downe, and the portes thereof deuoured with the fyre.

14 Then I went forth to the gate of the fountaine, and to the Kings fiſh poole, & there was no rounge for the beaſt that was vnder me to paſſe.

<sup>f</sup> Or, conſider.

15 Then went I vp in the night by the broke, & vewed the wall, and turned backe, and comming backe, I entred by the gate of the valley and returned.

16 And the rulers knewe not whether I was gone, nor what I did, neither did I as yet tel it vnto the Iewes, nor to the Priests, nor to the noble men, nor to the rulers, nor to the reſt that laboured in the worke.

<sup>g</sup> That is, conſidered of other nations, as though God had forſaken vs.

17 Afterward I ſaid vnto them, Ye ſee the miſerie that we are in, how Ieruſalem lieth waſte, and the gates thereof are burnt with fyre: come and let vs buylde the wall of Ieruſalem, that we be no more ſe reproche.

<sup>h</sup> They were encouraged & gaue them ſelues to do well, & to trauel in this worthy enterpriſe.

18 Then I tolde them of the hand of my God, (which was good ouer me) and alſo of the Kings wordes that he had ſpoken vnto me. And they ſaid, Let vs riſe, & buylde. So they ſtrengthened their hand to good.

<sup>i</sup> Theſe were thre chief gouerners vnder the King of Perſia beyonde Euphrates.

19 But whē Sanballat the Horonite, & Tobiah the ſeruant an Ammonite, and Geſhem the Arabian heard it, they mocked vs and deſpised vs, and ſaid, What a thiſe iſt this that ye do? Wil ye rebell againſt the King?

<sup>j</sup> Thus they wicked when they wil burthen the children of God, euer lay treaſon vnto their charge, becauſe it maketh the moſt odious to the worlde, & alſo birreth hatred of princes moſt againſt them.

20 Then answered I them, and ſaid to theſe, The God of heauen, he wil proſper vs, &

we.

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<sup>k</sup> Neither ye are of the children of God (to whome he hath appointed this citie) neither did anie of your predecesours euer feare God.

<sup>a</sup> In Ebrewé, they sanctified it, that is, they finished it, and so dedicated it to the Lord by prayer, in desiring him to mainteine it.

<sup>b</sup> The riche & mightie wolde not obey the, which were appointed officers in this worke, nether wolde they helpe thereto.

<sup>1</sup> Sa. 22, 11.

<sup>c</sup> Vnto <sup>3</sup> place where the Duke was wonte to sit in iudgement, who gouerned the countrey in their absence.

<sup>d</sup> Or, of Zerephim.

<sup>e</sup> Or, of the apocricrites.

<sup>f</sup> Or, measure.

we his seruants wil rise vp and buylde: but as for you, ye haue no porcion nor right, nor <sup>k</sup> memorial in Ierusalém.

## CHAP. III.

*The number of them that buylded the walles.*

<sup>1</sup> Then arose Eliashib the hie Priest with his brethren the Priests, & they buylt the shepegate: thei <sup>a</sup> repaired it, & set vp the dores therof: euen vnto the towre of Meab repaired they it, & vnto the towre of Hananeél.

<sup>2</sup> And next vnto him buylded the men of Ierichó, and beside him Zaccúr the sonne of Imri.

<sup>3</sup> But the fith porte did the sonnes of Senaáh buylde, which also layed the beames thereof, and set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

<sup>4</sup> And next vnto the fortified Merimóth, the sonne of Vriiáh, the sonne of Hakkóz: and next vnto them fortified Meshullám, the sonne of Berechiáh, the sonne of Meshazabél: and next vnto them fortified Zadók, the sonne of Baaná:

<sup>5</sup> And next vnto them fortified the Tekoites: but the great men of them <sup>b</sup> put not their neckes to the worke of their lords.

<sup>6</sup> And the gate of the <sup>c</sup> olde fishpoole fortified Ichoiadá the sonne of Paséah, & Meshullám the sone of Besodaiáh: thei layed the beames thereof, and set on the dores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

<sup>7</sup> Next vnto them also fortified Melatiáh the Gibeonite, & Iadón <sup>y</sup> Meronothite, men of Gibeón, and of Mizpáh, vnto the throne of the Duke, *which was* beyonde the Riuer.

<sup>8</sup> Next vnto him fortified Vzziel the sonne of Harhohiáh <sup>d</sup> of the golde smithes: next vnto him also fortified Hananiáh, the sonne <sup>e</sup> of Harakkahim, and they repaired Ierusalém vnto the broad wall.

<sup>9</sup> Also next vnto them fortified Rephaiáh, the sonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe parte of Ierusalém.

<sup>10</sup> And next vnto him fortified Iedaiáh the sonne of Harumáph, euen ouer against his house: and next vnto him fortified Hattúsh, the sonne of Hashabniáh.

<sup>11</sup> Malchiiáh the sonne of Harim, and Hashúb, the sonne of Paháth Moáb fortified the seconde <sup>f</sup> portion, & the towre of the fornaces.

<sup>12</sup> Next vnto him also fortified Shallúm, the sonne of Halloésh, the ruler of the halfe parte of Ierusalém, he, & his daughters.

<sup>13</sup> The valley gate fortified Hanúm, & the inhabitants of Zanuáh: thei buylt it, and set on the dores thereof, <sup>y</sup> lockes thereof, & the barres thereof, euen a thousand cubites on the wall vnto the dung porte.

<sup>14</sup> But the dung porte fortified Malchiiáh, the sonne of Recháb, the ruler of <sup>y</sup> fourte parte of Beth-haccárem: he buylt it, & set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, & the barres thereof.

<sup>15</sup> But the gate of the fountaine fortified Shallún, the sonne of Col-hozéh, the ruler of <sup>y</sup> fourte parte of Mizpáh: he buylded it, and couered it, and set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, and the wall vnto the fishpoole of <sup>g</sup> Sheláh by the Kings garden, and vnto the steppes that go downe from the citie of Dauid.

<sup>16</sup> After him fortified Nehemiáh the sonne of Azbúk, the ruler of the halfe parte of Beth-zúr, vntil the otherside ouer against the sepulchres of Dauid, and to the fishpoole that was repaired, and vnto the house of the mightie.

<sup>17</sup> After him fortified the Leuites, Rehúm the sonne of Baní, and next vnto him fortified Hashabiáh the ruler of the halfe parte of Keiláh in his quarter.

<sup>18</sup> After him fortified their brethren: Baui, the sonne of Henadád the ruler of the halfe parte of Keiláh:

<sup>19</sup> And next vnto him fortified Ezer, the sonne of Ieshúa the ruler of Mizpáh, the other portion ouer against the going vp to the <sup>d</sup> corner of the armour.

<sup>20</sup> After him was earnest Barúch the sonne of Zaccái, & fortified another portion from the corner vnto the dore of the house of Eliashib the hie Priest.

<sup>21</sup> After him fortified Merimóth, the sonne of Vriiáh, the sonne of Hakkóz, another portion from the dore of the house of Eliashib, euen as long as the house of Eliashib extended.

<sup>22</sup> After him also fortified the Priests, the men of <sup>e</sup> the plaine.

<sup>23</sup> After them fortified Beniamín, & Hashúb ouer against their house: after him fortified Azariáh, the sonne of Maaseiáh, the sonne of Ananiáh, by his house.

<sup>24</sup> After him fortified Binnúi, the sonne of Henadád another portiõ, from the house of Azariáh vnto the turning and vnto the corner.

<sup>25</sup> Palál, the sonne of Vzái, from ouer against the corner, and the high towre, that lyeth out from the Kings house, which is beside the courte of the prison. After him, Pedaiáh, the sonne of Parósh.

<sup>26</sup> And the <sup>f</sup> Nerhinims they dwelt in the forteresse vnto the place ouer against the watergate, Eastward, & to the towre that lyeth out.

<sup>27</sup> After him fortified <sup>y</sup> Tekoites another portion ouer against the great towre, that lyeth out, euen vnto the wall of the forteresse.

<sup>10</sup> Or, Slim.

<sup>d</sup> Where the weapons and armour of the citie laye.

<sup>e</sup> Which dwelt in <sup>y</sup> plaine countrey by Iorden & Ierichó.

<sup>f</sup> Read Zarab. Chap. 3, 41.

# Conspiracie of the wicked. Nehemiáh. The buylders with weapōs.

28 Fro aboute the horsegate forthe fortified  
 y Priests, euerie one ouer agaisf his house.  
 29 After them fortified Zadok the sonne of  
 Immér ouer agaisf his house: and after  
 him fortified Shemaiáh, the sonne of She-  
 chaniáh the keeper of the Eastgate.  
 30 After him fortified Hananiáh, the sonne  
 of Shelemiáh, & Hanún, the sonne of Za-  
 láph, the sixt, another portion: after him  
 fortified Meshullám, the sonne of Bere-  
 chiah, ouer agaisf his chamber.  
 31 After him fortified Malchiáh the gold-  
 smithes sonne, vntil the house of the Ne-  
 thinims, & of the marchants ouer agaisf  
 the gate <sup>h</sup> Miphkád, and to the chamber  
 in the corner.  
 32 And betwene the chamber of the corner  
 vnto the shepegate fortified the goldsmi-  
 thes and the marchants.

## CHAP. IIIII.

*The buylding of Ierusalem is hindred, 15 But God  
 breaketh their enterpryse. 17 The Iewes buylde with  
 one hand, and holde their weapons in the other.*

1 **B**Vt when Sanballát heard that we  
 buylde the wall, then was he wroth  
 and sore grieved, and mocked the Iewes,  
 And said before his <sup>a</sup> brethren and the  
 armie of Samaria, thus he said, What do  
 these <sup>b</sup> weake Iewes? wil they fortifie the  
 felues? wil thei sacrifice? wil thei finish it  
 in a day? wil they make the stones whole  
 againe out of y heapes of dust, seing they  
 are burnt?  
 3 And Tobiáh the Ammonite <sup>c</sup> was beside  
 him, and said, Althogh they buylde, yet if  
 a foxe go vp, he shal euen breake downe  
 their stony wall.  
 4 <sup>e</sup> Heare, o our God (for we are despised)  
 and turne their shame vpon their owne  
 head, and giue them vnto a pray <sup>d</sup> in the  
 land of their captiuitie,  
 5 And couer not their <sup>e</sup> iniquitie, nether let  
 their sinne be put out in thy presence: for  
 thei haue prouoked vs before the buylders.  
 6 So we buylt the wall, and all the wall was  
 ioyned vnto the <sup>f</sup> halfe thereof, and the  
 heart of the people was to worke.  
 7 ¶ But when Sanballát, and Tobiáh, & the  
 Arabians, and the Ammonites, & the As-  
 thodims heard that the walles of Ierusalem  
 were repared, (for the breaches begā to be  
 stopped) then thei were verie wroth,  
 8 And conspired altogether to come and to  
 fight agaisf Ierusalem, & to <sup>g</sup> hinder the.  
 9 Then we prayed vnto our God, and set  
 watchemen by them, day & night, because  
 of them.  
 10 And Iudáh said, The strength of y bea-  
 rers is weakened, and there is much earth,  
 so that we are not able to buylde the wall.  
 11 Also our aduersaries 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 Iewes (which dwelt beside  
 them) came, they tolde vs <sup>f</sup> ten times, <sup>g</sup> Fro  
 all places whence ye shal returne, *they wil  
 be vpon vs.*

13 Therefore set I in the lower places be-  
 hinde the wall vpon y toppes of the stones,  
 & placed y people by their families, with  
 their swordes, their speares & their bowes,  
 14 Then I beheld, and rose vp, & said vnto  
 the princes, & to the rulers, & to the rest of  
 the people, Be not afraied of them: <sup>h</sup> re-  
 member the great Lord, & feareful, & fight  
 for your brethren, your sonnes, and your  
 daughters, your wiues, and your houses.

15 And when our enemies heard that it was  
 knowen vnto vs, then God brought their  
 counfel to nought, & we turned all againe  
 to the wall, euerie one vnto his worke.

16 And fro that day, halfe of the yong men  
 did the labour, and the other halfe parte  
 of them helde the speares, and shields, &  
 bowes, and habergins: and the rulers stode  
 behinde all the house of Iudáh.

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

18 For euerie one of the buylders <sup>i</sup> had his  
 sworde girde on his loynes, & so buylde:  
 & he that blewe the trüpet, <sup>j</sup> was beside me.

19 Then said I vnto the princes, and to the  
 rulers, and to the rest of the people, The  
 worke is great and large, and we are sepa-  
 rated vpon the wall, one farre from ano-  
 ther.

20 In what place <sup>k</sup> therefore ye heare the sōūd  
 of the trumpet, <sup>k</sup> resorte ye thither vnto  
 vs: our God shal fight for vs.

21 So we laboured in the worke, and halfe  
 of them helde the speares, from the appea-  
 ring of the morning, til the starres came  
 forthe.

22 And at the same time said I vnto the  
 people, Let euerie one with his seruant  
 lodge within Ierusalem, that they may be  
 a watche for vs in the night, and labour in  
 the day.

23 So nether I, nor my brethren, nor my ser-  
 uants, nor the mé of the warde, (which fol-  
 lowed me) none of vs did put of our clo-  
 thes, <sup>l</sup> saue euerie one put them of <sup>l</sup> for waf-  
 shing. CHAP. V.

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

1 **N**OW there was a great crye of the  
 people, and of their wiues <sup>a</sup> agaisf  
 their brethren the Iewes.

2 For there were that said, We, our sōnes &  
 our daughters are many, therefore we take  
 vp <sup>b</sup> corne, that we may eat and liue.

3 And there were that said, We must gage

<sup>g</sup> Meaning, the  
 Act of his son-  
 nes.

<sup>h</sup> Which was  
 the place of  
 iudgement, or  
 execution.

<sup>a</sup> Of his com-  
 panions that  
 dwell in Sa-  
 maria.

<sup>b</sup> Thus the  
 wicked, that  
 consider not y  
 Gods power  
 is euer in a rea-  
 dines for the  
 defence of his,  
 mocke the as  
 though thei we-  
 re weake and  
 feeble.

<sup>c</sup> This is the  
 remedie that  
 the childre of  
 God haue a-  
 gainst the de-  
 sistō & threat-  
 nings of their  
 enemies, to  
 flee to God by  
 prayer.

<sup>d</sup> Let them be  
 spoiled & led  
 away captiue.

<sup>e</sup> Let thy pla-  
 gues declare  
 to the worlde  
 y thei let them  
 felues agaisf  
 thee, & agaisf  
 thy Church:

thus he pray-  
 eth, onely ha-  
 uing respect to  
 Gods glorie, &  
 not for any pri-  
 uate affection,  
 or grudge.

<sup>f</sup> Or, halfe  
 bright.

<sup>g</sup> Eor, make to  
 say, meaning  
 the people.

<sup>f</sup> That is, of-  
 tentimes.  
<sup>g</sup> Thei, which  
 brought the ti-  
 dings, said thus,  
 Why you lea-  
 ue your wor-  
 ke, & go ether  
 to eat, or to  
 rest, your ene-  
 mies will affai-  
 le you.

<sup>h</sup> Who is eue  
 at hand to de-  
 liuer his out  
 of danger, and  
 therefore seig  
 thei shulde  
 fight for the  
 mainteñce of  
 Gods glorie &  
 for the preser-  
 uation of their  
 owne liues &  
 of theirs, he  
 encourageth  
 them to play  
 the valiant mé

<sup>i</sup> To ouersee  
 them & to in-  
 courage them  
 to their wor-  
 ke.

<sup>k</sup> Meaning, to  
 resist their e-  
 nemies, if need  
 required.

<sup>l</sup> That is, whē  
 they purified  
 them selues, or  
 eis when they  
 washed their  
 clothes.

<sup>a</sup> Agaisf the  
 riche, which  
 oppressed the.

<sup>b</sup> This is the  
 cōplaint of y  
 people, shewing  
 to what extre-  
 mitie thei we-  
 re brought vnto

our lands, & our vineyardes, & our houses and take vp corne for the famine.

4 There were also that said, We haue borrowed money for the Kings tribute vpon our lands and our vineyardes.

5 And now our flesh is as <sup>d</sup> the flesh of our brethré, & our sonnes as their sonnes: and lo, we bring into subiection our sonnes, and our daughters, as seruants, and there be of our daughters now in subiection, and there is no power <sup>e</sup> in our hands: for other mé <sup>e</sup> hane our láds & our vineyardes.

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

7 And I thought in my minde, and I rebuked the princes, and the rulers, and said vnto them, You laie <sup>f</sup> burdens euerie one vpon his brethren: and I set a great <sup>g</sup> assemblie against them,

8 And I said vnto them, We (according to our abilitie) haue redemed our brethren the Iewes, which were solde vnto the heathen: and wil you sell your brethren againe, or shal they be <sup>h</sup> solde vnto vs? Then helde they their peace, and colde not answere.

9 I said also, That which ye do, is not good. Oght ye not to walke in the feare of our God, for the <sup>i</sup> reproche of the heathen our enemies?

10 For euen I, my brethren, and my seruants do lend them money & corne: I pray you, let vs leaue of this burden.

11 Restore, I pray you, vnto them this day their lands, their vineyardes, their oliues, and their houses, and remit the hundredth parte of the siluer and of the corne, of the wine, & of the oyle <sup>j</sup> that ye exact of thē.

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, & caused them to sweare, that they shulde do according to this promes.

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

14 And frō the time that <sup>k</sup> the King gaue me charge to be gouernour in the land of Iudáh from the twentieth yere, euē vnto the two and thirtieth yere of King Artahsháshes, <sup>l</sup> that is, twelue yere, I, and my brethré haue not eatē the <sup>m</sup> bread of y<sup>e</sup> gouernour.

15 For the former gouernours that were before me, had bene chargeable vnto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, besides fourtie shekels of siluer: yea, and their seruants bare rule ouer the people: but so did not I, because of the feare of God.

16 But rather I fortified <sup>n</sup> a portion in the worke of this wall, and we bought no land, and all my seruants came thether together vnto the worke.

17 Moreouer there <sup>o</sup> were at my table an hundred and fiftie of the Iewes, and rulers, which came vnto vs from among the heathen that are about vs.

18 And there was prepared daiely an ox, & fix chosen shepe, & birdes were prepared for me, and <sup>p</sup> within ten dayes wine for all <sup>q</sup> in abundance. Yet for all this I required not the bread of the gouernour: for the bondage was grieuous vnto this people.

19 Remember me, o my God, in goodnes, according to all that I haue done for this people.

#### CHAP. VI.

<sup>r</sup> Nehemiáh answereth with great wisdom, and reale to his aduersarie. 11. He is not discouraged by the false Prophetes.

1 And when Sanballát, and Tobiáh, & Géshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had buylt y<sup>e</sup> wall, & that there were no mo<sup>a</sup> breaches therein (thogh at that time I had not set vp the dores vpon the gates)

2 Thē sent Sanballát and Géshē vnto me, saying, Come thou that we may mete together in the villages in the plaine of Onó: and they thought to do me euil.

3 Therefore I sent messengers vnto them, saying, I haue a great worke to do, & I can not come downe: <sup>b</sup> why shulde the worke cease, whiles I leaue it, and come downe to you?

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

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

6 Wherein was writē, It is reported amōg the heathen, and <sup>c</sup> Gashmú hathe said it, that thou and the Iewes thinke to rebell, for the which cause thou buyldest the wall and thou wilt be their King according to these <sup>d</sup> wordes.

7 Thou hast also ordeined <sup>e</sup> the Prophetes to preache of thee at Ierusalém, sayig, There is a King in Iudáh: and now according to these wordes it shal come to the Kings eares: come now therefore, and let vs take counsell together.

8 Thē I sent vnto him, saying, It is not done according to these wordes y<sup>e</sup> thou sayest: for thou faintest them of thine owne heart.

9 For all thei afraid vs, saying, Their háds shal be weakened frō y<sup>e</sup> worke, & it shal not be done: now therefore <sup>f</sup> incourage y<sup>e</sup> me.

10 ¶ And I came to the house of Shemaiáh y<sup>e</sup> sōne of Delaiáh the sonne of Mehetabeel, & he was <sup>g</sup> shut vp, & he said, Let vs come

Hh.ii.

<sup>e</sup> To pay our tribute to the King of the Persiás, which was exacted yearly of vs. <sup>d</sup> By nature y<sup>e</sup> riche is no better thē the poore.

<sup>e</sup> We are not able to redeme thē, but for ourrie are constrained to hire thē to others.

<sup>f</sup> You presse thē with furie and seke how to bring all things into your hands. <sup>g</sup> Bothe because they shulde be moued with pittie, seeing how manie were by them oppressed, and also because the iudgement of others, w<sup>e</sup> shulde be as it were witnesses of their dealing toward their brethré. <sup>h</sup> Seeing God hathe once deliuered thē frō the bondage of the heathen, shal we make them our slaves?

<sup>i</sup> Meaning, Nehemíah. <sup>k</sup> Who by this occasion wil blaspheme the Name of God seeing that our actes are no better then theirs.

<sup>l</sup> Or, furie. <sup>m</sup> Which ye take of them for the lone.

<sup>n</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>o</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>p</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>q</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>r</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>s</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>t</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>u</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>v</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>w</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>x</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>y</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>z</sup> Or, furie.

<sup>o</sup> Or, care in ten dayes. <sup>n</sup> Where as at other times they had by measure, at this time they had most liberally.

<sup>a</sup> That is, that they were ioined together as Chap. 4. 6.

<sup>b</sup> Meaning, if he shulde obey their request, the worke, which God had appointed, shulde cease: shewing hereby that we shulde not commit our selues to the háds of the wicked.

<sup>c</sup> Or, Géshem.

<sup>d</sup> As the same goeth: <sup>e</sup> Thou hast bribed, and set vp false Prophetes, to make thy selfe King, and so to detraude the King of Persia of that subiection, which you ogh vnto him.

<sup>f</sup> Or, strengthen them mine háds. <sup>g</sup> As thogh he wolde be secure to the intent that he might pray vnto God with greater liberie, and receiue some reuelation, which in him was but hypocricie.

<sup>m</sup> I receiued not that portion, and diet, which the gouernours, that were before me, exacted: wherein he rather sought y<sup>e</sup> wealth of the people, then his owne commoditie.

together into y<sup>e</sup> house of God in the mides of the Tēple, and shut the dores of the Temple: for they wil come to slay thee: yea, in y<sup>e</sup> night wil they come to kil thee.

11 Then I said, <sup>f</sup> Shulde suche a man as I, flee? Who is he, being as I am, that wolde go into the Temple to liue? I wil not go in.

12 And lo, I perceiued, that God had not sent him, but that he pronouced this prophēcie against me: for Tobíáh and Sanballát had hyred him.

13 Therefore was he hyred, that I might be afrayed, and do thus, and sinne, and that they might haue an euil reporte that they might reproche me.

14 My God, remember thou Tobíáh, and Sanballát according vnto these their workes, and Noadiáh the <sup>g</sup> Prophetesse also, and the rest of the Prophetes that wolde haue put me in feare.

15 ¶ Notwithstanding the wall was finished on the fūe & twentieth day of <sup>h</sup> Elúl, in two and <sup>i</sup> fiftie dayes.

16 And whē all our enemies heard thereof, <sup>enē</sup> all the heathen y<sup>e</sup> were about vs, they were afrayed, & their courage failed thē: for, they knewe, y<sup>e</sup> this worke was wrought by our God.

17 And in these dayes <sup>we</sup> were there manie of the princes of Iudáh, whose <sup>k</sup> letters wēt vnto Tobíáh, and those of Tobíáh came vnto them.

18 For there <sup>we</sup> were manie in Iudáh, that were sworne vnto him: for he was the sonne in law of Shechaniáh, the sonne of Aráh: & his sonne Iehonathan had the daughter of Meshullám, the sonne of Berechiáh.

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

CHAP. VII.

<sup>a</sup> After the wall once buylded, is the watche appointed.  
<sup>b</sup> They that returned from the captiuitie are nūbered.

Now<sup>a</sup> when the wall was buylded, & I had set vp the dores, and the porters, and the singers and the Leuites were appointed,

1 Then I commanded my brother Hanáni and Hananiáh the prince of the palace in Ierusalēm (for he was doutles <sup>a</sup> faithful man, and feared God aboue manie)

2 And I said vnto them, Let not the gates of Ierusalēm be opened, vntil the heat of the sunne: and while <sup>a</sup> they stand by, let them shut the dores, and <sup>a</sup> make them fast: and I appointed wardes of the inhabitants of Ierusalēm, euerie one in his warde, and euerie one ouer against his house.

4 Now the citie <sup>was</sup> large and great, but the people <sup>we</sup> were fewe therein, and the houses were not buylded.

5 And my God put into mine heart, and I

gathered the princes, and the rulers, & the people, to counte their genealogies: and I founde a boke of the genealogie of them, <sup>a</sup> which came vp at the first, and founde <sup>b</sup> *Ex. 3. 2.* written therein,

6 These are the <sup>b</sup> sonnes of y<sup>e</sup> prouince that came vp from the captiuitie that was carryed away (whome Nebuchadnezzár King of Babel had caried away) and they returned to Ierusalēm & to Iudáh, euerie one vnto his citie.

7 They which came with Zerubbabél, Ieshúa, Nehemiáh, <sup>c</sup> Azariáh, Raamiáh, Nahamáni, Mordecái, Bilshan, Mispé-reth, Biguái, Nehúm, Baaná. <sup>c</sup> *Azariáh in Ezrá is called Seraiah, and Raamiáh, Reeliah, chap. 3. 2.* This is the nōber of the men of the people of Israél.

8 The sonnes of Parósh, two thousand an hundredth seuentie and two.

9 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, thre hundredth seuentie and two.

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

11 The sonnes of Pahát Moáb of the sonnes of Ieshúa, & Ioáb, two thousand, eight hundredth and eightene. <sup>d</sup> *Or, the captal ne of Moab.*

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

13 The sonnes of Zartú, eight hundredth & fyue and fourtie.

14 The sonnes of Zacchái, seuē hundredth and thre score.

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

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

17 The sonnes of Azgád, two thousand, thre hundredth and two and twentie.

18 The sonnes of Adonikám, six hundredth thre score and seuen.

19 The sonnes of Biguái, two thousand thre score and seuen.

20 The sonnes of Adín, six hundredth, and fyue and fiftie.

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

22 The sonnes of Hashúm, thre hundredth and eight and twentie.

23 The sonnes of Bezái, thre hundredth and foure and twentie.

24 The sonnes of Haríph, an hundredth and twelue.

25 The <sup>d</sup> sonnes of Gibeón, ninetie and fyue. <sup>d</sup> *That is, the inhabitants of Gibeón.*

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

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

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

29 The men of Kiriath-íearím, Chephiráh and Beeróth, seuē hundredth, and thre and fourtie.

30 The men of Ramáh and Gába, six hundredth

<sup>f</sup> He doubted not but God was able to preferue him, & knewe that, if he had obeyed this counsel, he shuld haue discouraged all the people: thus God giueth power to his, so resist false prophēcies though they seeme to haue neuer so great probability.

<sup>g</sup> Very grief caused him to pray against such, which vnder the pretence of being the ministers of God, were aduersaries to his glorie, and went about to ouerthrow his Church, declaring also hereby that where there is one true minister of God, y<sup>e</sup> deuill hath a great sorte of hierlings.

<sup>h</sup> Which was the sixt moneth and contained parte of August, and parte of Sepr. <sup>i</sup> After that I had sent Sanballát his answer.

<sup>k</sup> Thus the Church of God hath euer more enemies within it selfe, which are more dangerous then the outward and professed enemies.

*Eccles. 49. 15.*

<sup>a</sup> To wit, thel that are mentioned, ver. 2. <sup>b</sup> Mr. holds it, meaning til the houses were put in.

dreth and one and twentie.

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

32 The men of Beth-él and Ai, an hundreth and thre and twentie.

<sup>c</sup> For there were two cities of this name. 33 The men of 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, thre hundreth & twentie.

36 The sonnes of Ierichó, thre hundreth and fyue and fourtie.

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

38 The sonnes of Senaáh, thre thousand, nine hundreth and thirtie.

39 The Priests: the sonnes of Iedaiáh of the house of Ieshúa, nine hundreth seuentie & thre.

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 seuentene.

<sup>d</sup> Or, Zedaiib. 43 The Leuites: the sonnes of Ieshúa of Kadmiél, and of the sonnes of Hodiúáh, seuentie 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, & sonnes of Akkúb, the sonnes of Hatirá, the sonnes of Shobái, an hundreth and eight and thirtie.

<sup>f</sup> Read Ezra 2, 38. 46 The <sup>f</sup> Nethinims: the sonnes of Zihá, the sonnes of Haphuphá, the sonnes of Tabaoth,

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 Gáhar,

50 The sonnes of Reaiáh, the sonnes of Rezín, the sonnes of Nekodá,

51 The sonnes of Gazzám, the sonnes of Vzzá, the sonnes of Paséah,

52 The sonnes of Besái, the sonnes of Meuním, the sonnes of Nephithesim,

53 The sonnes of Bakkúb, the sonnes of Hakhuphá, 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 Siferá, the sonnes of Támah,

56 The sonnes of Neziáh, the sonnes of Hatiphá,

57 The sonnes of Salomons seruants, the sonnes of Sotái, the sonnes of Sophéreth, the sonnes of Peridá,

58 The sonnes of Izalá, the sonnes of Dar-

kón, the sonnes of Giddél,

59 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, the sonnes of Hatil, the sonnes of Pochéreth of Zebáim, the sonnes of Amón.

60 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants were thre hundreth, nine and two.

61 And these came vp from Tel-meláh, Tel-hareshá, Cherúb, Addón, and Immér: but they colde not shew their fathers house, nor their sede, or if they were of Israél.

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 toke one of the daughters of Barzillái the Giliadite to wife, & was named after their name.

64 These soght their writing of the genealogies, but it was not founde: therefore they were put from the Priesthode.

65 And the Tirshátha said vnto the, that they shulde not eat of the most holy, til there rose vp a Priest with \*Vrim and Thummim.

66 All the Congregation together was two and fourtie thousand, thre hundreth and threscore,

67 Besides their seruants and their maids, which were seven thousand, thre hundreth and seven and thirtie: and they had two hundreth and fyue and fourtie singing men and singing women.

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

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

70 And certeine of the chief fathers gaue vnto the worke. The Tirshátha gaue to the treasure, a thousand <sup>b</sup> drammes of golde, fiftie basins, fyue hundreth and thirtie Priests garments.

71 And some of the chief fathers gaue vnto the treasure of the worke, twentie thousand drammes of golde and two thousand and two hundreth <sup>c</sup> pieces of siluer.

72 And the rest of the people gaue twentie thousand drammes of golde, & two thousand pieces of siluer, & thre score and seven Priests garments.

73 And the Priests and Leuites, & the porters and the singers and the rest of the people and the Nethinims, and all Israél dwelt in their cities: and when the <sup>i</sup> seuent moneth came, the children of Israél were in their cities.

# CHAP. VIII.

Ezra gathereth together the people, and readeth to the Hh.iii.

<sup>g</sup> Meaning, No benigh: for Tirshatha in Chaldee toguc signifieth a butler.

Ezra. 2, 38.

<sup>h</sup> Read Ezra 2, 69.

<sup>c</sup> Or, mices.

<sup>i</sup> Which contained parte of September & parte of October.

## The Law red.

## Nehemiáh. The feast of Tabernacles.

*the Law. 12 They reioyce in Israel for the knowledge of the worde of God. 13 They kepe the feast of Tabernacles or bootes.*

<sup>a</sup> And all the people assembled them selues together, in y<sup>e</sup> streat that was before the watergate, and they spake vnto Ezrá the scribe, that he wolde bring the boke of the Law of Mosés, which the Lord had commanded to Israël.

<sup>b</sup> And Ezrá the Priest brought the Law before the Congregation bothe of men and women, and of all that colde heare and vnderstand it, in the first day of the seuenth moneth,

<sup>c</sup> And he red therein in the streat that was before the watergate (from the morning vntil e the midday) before men and women, and of them that vnderstode it, and the eares of all the people hearkened vnto the boke of the Law.

<sup>d</sup> And Ezrá the scribe stode vpon a pulpit of wood, which he had made for the preaching, & beside him stode Mattithiáh, and Shéma, and Ananiáh, and Vriiáh, & Hilkiáh, and Maaseiáh on his right had, and on his left hand Pedaiáh, & Mishaél, and Malchiáh, and Hashúm, and Hashbadána, Zechariáh, and Meshullám.

<sup>e</sup> And Ezrá opened the boke before all the people: for he was <sup>d</sup> aboute all the people: and when he opened it, all the people stode vp.

<sup>f</sup> And Ezrá praised y<sup>e</sup> Lord the great God, and all the people answered, Amen, Amé, with lifting vp their háds: & they bowed them selues, and worshiped the Lord with their faces toward the ground.

<sup>g</sup> Also Ieshúa, and Baní, and Sherebiáh, Iamin, Akkúb, Shabbethái, Hodiiáh, Maaseiáh, Kelitá, Azariáh, Izabád, Hanán, Pelaiáh, & the Leuites caused the people to vnderstand the Law, and the people stode in their place.

<sup>h</sup> And they red in the boke of the Law of God distinctly and gaue the sense, & caused them to vnderstand the reading.

<sup>i</sup> Then Nehemiáh (which is Tirshátha) and Ezrá the Priest & scribe, and the Leuites that instructed the people, said vnto all the people, This day is holy vnto the Lord your God: mourne not, neither wepe: for all the people e wept, whé they heard the wordes of the Law.

<sup>j</sup> He said also vnto them, Go, and eat of the fat, & drinke the swete, and send parte vnto them, for whome none is <sup>k</sup> prepared: for this day is holy vnto our Lord: be ye not sory therefore: for the <sup>l</sup> ioye of the Lord is your strength.

<sup>m</sup> And the Leuites made silence throughout all the people, saying, Holde your peace: for y<sup>e</sup> day is holy, be not sad therefore.

<sup>n</sup> Then all the people went to eat and to

drinke, and to send away parte, & to make great ioye, because they had vnderstand the wordes that they had taught them.

<sup>o</sup> And on the secóde day the chief fathers of all the people, the Priests and the Leuites were gathered vnto Ezrá the scribe, that he also might instruct them in the wordes of the Law.

<sup>p</sup> And thei founde write in the Law, (that the Lord had commanded by Mosés) that the childré of Israël shulde dwell in \*bootes in the feast of the seuenth moneth,

<sup>q</sup> And that thei shulde cause it to be declared and proclaimed in all their cities, and in Ierusalém, saying, Go forthe vnto the mount, and bring oliuebranches, and pinebranches, and branches of myrtus, and palmbranches, and branches of thicke trees, to make bootes, as it is written.

<sup>r</sup> So the people went forthe and brought the & made them bootes, euerie one vpon the <sup>s</sup> rofe of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, & in the strete by the watergate, and in the strete of the gate of Ephraím.

<sup>t</sup> And all the Cögregation of them y<sup>e</sup> were come againe out of the captiuitie, made bootes, & fate vnder the bootes: for since the <sup>u</sup> time of Ieshúa the sonne of Nun vnto this day, had not the children of Israël done so, & there was very great ioye.

<sup>v</sup> And he red in the boke of the Law of God euerie day, from the first daye vnto the last daye. And thei kept the feast seuen dayes, & on the eight daye a soléne assemblie, according vnto the maner.

### CHAP. IX.

<sup>w</sup> The people repents, & forsake their strange wines. The Leuites exhorthe them to praise God, & Declaring his wonders, & And their ingratitude, & And Gods great mercies toward them.

<sup>x</sup> IN the foure & twentieth day of this <sup>y</sup> moneth the children of Israël were assembled with \* fasting, & with sackcloth, and earth vpon them.

<sup>z</sup> (And they that were of the sede of Israël were separated from all the <sup>aa</sup> strängers) & thei stode and confessed their sinnes and the iniquities of their fathers.

<sup>ab</sup> And they stode vp in their place and red in the boke of the Law of the Lord their God foure times on the day, and thei <sup>ac</sup> confessed and worshiped y<sup>e</sup> Lord their God foure times.

<sup>ad</sup> Then stode vp vpon the staires of the Leuites Ieshúa, and Baní, Kadmiél, Shebaniáh, Bunni, Sherebiáh, Baní & Chenáni, & cryed with a loud voice vnto the Lord their God.

<sup>ae</sup> And y<sup>e</sup> Leuites said, ené Ieshúa & Kadmiél, Baní, Hashabniáh, Sherebiáh, Hodiiáh, Shebaniáh & Perthahiáh, Stād vp, & praise y<sup>e</sup> Lord your God for euer, & euer, & let them

<sup>a</sup> Ebr. as our maa.

<sup>a</sup> Read Ezrá 7:5.

<sup>b</sup> Which had age and discrecion to vnderstand.

<sup>c</sup> This declaration the great zeale, that the people had to heare y<sup>e</sup> worde of God.

<sup>d</sup> To the intent that his voyce might be the better heard.

<sup>e</sup> In considering their offenses against the Law. Therefore the Leuites do not reprove them for mourning, but assure the of Gods mercies for as much as they are repentant.

<sup>f</sup> That is, remember the poore.

<sup>g</sup> Reioyce in the Lord, and he wil give you strength.

<sup>h</sup> Leui. 23, 34.

<sup>i</sup> Or, goodly branches, as Leui. 23, 40.

<sup>j</sup> For their houses were made flat as a boue, read Deu. 22, 34.

<sup>k</sup> Which was almost a thousand yeres.

<sup>l</sup> Meaning, the seuenth.

<sup>m</sup> Ebr. strange children.

<sup>n</sup> Thei made confession of their sinnes & vied praice.



them praise thy glorious Name, O God, who excelleth above all thanksgiving & praise.

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

7 Thou art, O Lord, the God, that hast chosen Abrám, & broughtest him out of <sup>Gen. 11, 31.</sup> <sup>Gen. 17, 5.</sup> Vr in Caldea \* and madest his name Abraham,

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

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 vpon Pharaoh, and on all his seruants, & on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against thee: therefore thou madest thee a Name, as appeareth this day.

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

12 And \* leddest thee in the day with a pillar of a cloude, & in the night with a pillar of fyre to give them light in the way that they went.

13 \* Thou camest downe also vpon mount Sinái, and spakest vnto them from heauen, & gauest them right iudgements, & true lawes, ordināces & good commandemētis,

14 And declaredst vnto thee thine holy Sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, & ordinances, and laws, by the hand of Moyses thy seruant:

15 \* And gauest them bread from heauen for their hungrē, \* & broughtest forth the water for them out of the rocke for their thirst: \* & promisedst them that they shulde go in, & take possession of the land: for the which thou haddest lift vp thine hand for to give them.

Deut. 1. 8.

16 But they and our fathers behaued them selues proudly and hardened their necke, so that they hearkened not vnto thy commandements,

17 But refused to obey, and wolde not remember thy maruelous workes that thou haddest done for them, but hardened their neckes and had in their heades to returne to their bondage by their rebellion: but thou, O God of mercies, gracious and full of compassion, of long suffering and of great mercie, yet forsokest them not.

18 Morouer when they made them a mol-

ten calf (and said, This is thy god) brought thee vp out of the land of Egypt) & committed great blasphemies,

19 Yet thou for thy great mercies forsokest them not in the wilderness: \* the pillar of the cloude departed not from them by day to lead them the way, nether the pillar of fyre by night, to shewe them light, & the way whereby they shulde go.

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

21 Thou didest also fede the fourtie yeres in the wilderness: they lacked nothing: \* their clothes waxed not olde, and their feet swelled not.

22 And thou gauest them kingdomes and people, and scatteredst them into corners: so they possessed \* the land of Sihon and the land of the King of Heshbon, & the land of Og King of Bashan.

23 And thou didest multiplie their children, like the starres of the heauen, & broughtest them into the lād, whereof thou haddest spoken vnto their fathers, that they shulde go, and possesse it.

24 So the children went in, and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, <sup>even</sup> the Canaanites, and gauest them into their hands, with their Kings and 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, cisternes digged out, vineyardes, & oliues, and trees for sode in abundance, and they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, & liued in pleasure through thy great goodnes.

26 Yet they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, & cast thy Law behinde their backs & slewe thy Prophetes (which <sup>pro</sup>tested among them to turne them vnto thee) and committed great blasphemies.

27 Therefore thou deliueredst them into the hand of their enemies that vexed thee: yet in the time of their affliction, when they cryed vnto thee, thou heardest them from the heauen, and through thy great mercies thou gauest them sauiours, who saued them out of the hand of their aduersaries.

28 But when they had <sup>f</sup>rest, they returned to do euil before thee: therefore ledest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion ouer them, yet when they conuerted and cryed vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen, and deliueredst them according to thy great mercies many times,

29 And protestedst among them that thou

Hh.iiii.

Exod. 13, 21.

Num. 14, 14.

1 Cor. 10, 2.

Deut. 1, 4.

c Though the way was tedious & long.  
d Meaning the heathen whom he drove out.

Num. 21, 26.

e Taking heauen and earth to witness that God wolde destroye thee, except thou returned, as 2. Chro. 24, 19.

f He declareth how Gods mercies euer contended with the wickednes of the people, who euer in their prosperity forgate God.

Leui. 18. 9.

exek. 20. 18.

roma. 10. 5.

gal. 3. 12.

g Which is a  
similitude ta-  
ken of oxen, y  
shinke at the  
yoke or burde,  
as Zach. 7. 11.  
h When thou  
dideft admo-  
nith them by  
thy Prophets.  
i Ebr. thou didst  
prolong vpon  
the many yeres.

Exod. 34. 6.

Psal. 143. 2.

l By whome  
we were led a-  
way into capti-  
uities, & haue  
bene appointed  
to be slaine, as  
Eker 3. 15.  
h He confes-  
seth that all  
these things ca-  
me to them iu-  
stly for their  
sinnes, but he  
appealeth fro  
Gods iustice to  
his mercies.  
i That thou  
woldest de-  
stroy them, ex-  
cept thei wol-  
de returne to  
thee.

m That is, to  
be the lords  
shereof.

n Thus by af-  
siction they  
promes to ke-  
pe Gods com-  
mandements,  
whereunto  
they coulde not  
be broght by  
Gods great be-  
nefices.

Othaniel.

mightest bring the againe vnto thy Law: but they behaued them selues proudly, and hearkened not vnto thy commandements, but sinned against thy iudgements (\* which a man shulde do and liue in them) and pulled away the shuldre, and were stifnecked, and wolde not heare.

30 Yet thou "dideft forbear them many yerres, and protestedst among them by thy Spirit, *euē* by the hand of thy Prophetes, but they wolde not heare: therefore gauest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Yet for thy great mercies, thou hast not consumed them, nether forsaken them: for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore our God, \* thou great God, mightie and terrible, that keptst couenant and \* mercie, let not all the affliction that hath come vnto vs, seme a litle before thee, *that is*, to our Kings, to our princes, & to our Priests, and to our Prophetes and to our fathers, & to all thy people since the time of the Kings of Asshur vnto this day.

33 Surely thou art iust in all that is come vpon vs: for thou \* hast delt truely, but we haue done wickedly.

34 And our Kings and our princes, our Priests and our fathers haue not done thy Law, nor regarded thy commandements nor thy protestations, wherewith thou hast protested among them.

35 And they haue not serued thee in their kingdome, and in thy great goodnes that thou shewedst vnto them, and in the large and fat land which thou settest before them, and haue not conuerted from their euil workes.

36 Beholde, we are seruants this day; & the lad that thou gauest vnto our fathers, to eate the *m* frute thereof, and the goodnes thereof, beholde, we are seruants therein.

37 And it yeldeth muche frute vnto y Kings whome thou hast set ouer vs, because of our sinnes: and they haue dominion ouer our bodies and ouer our cattel at their pleasure, and we are in great affliction.

38 Now because of all this we make *a* sure couenāt, and write it, and our princes, our Leuites and our Priests seale vnto it.

## CHAP. X.

*The names of them that sealed the couenant betwene God and the people.*

1 Now thei that sealed were Nehemiáh the "Tirshátha the sonne of Hachaliáh, and Zidkiah,

2 Seraiáh, Azariáh, Ieremiáh,

3 Pashúr, Amariáh, Malchiáh,

4 Hartúsh, Shebaniáh, Mallúch,

5 Harím, Merimóth, Obadiáh,

6 Daniél, Ginnethón, Barúch,

7 Meshullám, Abiiah, Miamín,

8 Maaziáh, Bilgái, Shemaiáh: these are the Priests.

a Which subscribed to he  
pe y promes.

9 ¶ And the Leuites: Ieshúa the sonne of Azaniáh, Binnúi, of the sonnes of Henadád Kadmiél.

10 And their brethre, Shebaniáh, Hodiah, Kelitá, Pelaiáh, Hanán,

11 Michá, Rehób, Hashabiáh,

12 Zaccúr, Sherebiáh, Shebaniáh,

13 Hodiáh, Baní, Beninu.

14 ¶ The chief of the people were Parósh, Pabáth Moáb, Elám, Zattú, Baní,

Or, capaine of  
del. ab.

15 Bunni, Azgád, Bebai,

16 Adoniáh, Biguái, Adín,

17 Atér, Hizkiah, Azzúr,

18 Hodiáh, Hashúm, Bezái,

19 Haríph, Anathóth, Nebái,

20 Magpiáh, Meshullám, Hezir,

21 Meshhezabéel, Zadók, Iaddúa,

22 Pelatiáh, Hanán, Anaiáh,

23 Hoshéa, Hananiáh, Hashúb,

24 Hallohéth, Pilehá, Shobék,

25 Rehúm, Hashabnáh, Maaseiáh,

26 And Ahiah, Hanán, Anán,

27 Mallúch, Harím, Baanáh.

28 And the rest of the people, the Priests, the Leuites, the porters, the singers, the *b* Nethinims, and all that were *c* separated from the people of the lands vnto the Law of God, their wiues, their sonnes, and their daughters, all that coulde vnderstand.

b Read Ezra 2.

c Which be-  
43: g  
idolaters for-  
soke their wic-  
kednes & ga-  
ue the selues  
to serue God.  
d They made  
the orie in y  
name of the  
whole multi-  
tude.  
e Whereunto  
they gaue the  
selues, if thei  
brake y Law,  
as Deut. 28. 19.

29 The chief of them *d* receiued it for their brethren, & they came to *e* the curse and to the othe to walke in Gods Law, which was giuen by Moses the seruant of God, to obserue and do all the commandements of the Lord our God and his iudgements and his statutes:

30 And that we wolde not giue 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 any vitailles to sel, *f* that we wolde not take it of them on the Sabbath and on the holy dayes: \* and that we wolde let the seuent yere be fre, and the debtes of euery *g* persone.

f Which nob  
withstanding  
thei brake so-  
ne after, as  
Nehem. 13. 23.  
Leu. 25. 40.

32 And we made statutes for our selues to giue by the yere the third parte of a shekel for the seruice of the house of our God,

deut. 15. 1.  
Ebr. baad.

33 For the *h* shewebread, and for the daiely offering, and for the daiely burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moones, for the solemn feastes, and for the things that were sanctified, and for the sinne offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the worke of the house of our God.

g This declar-  
eth wherefo-  
re thei gaue  
this third part  
of the shekel,  
which was be-  
sides the halfe  
shekel, that  
thei were bou-  
de to pay.  
Exod. 30. 13.

34 We cast also lottes for the offring of the wood,

wood, *euen* <sup>h</sup> Priests, the Leuites & <sup>h</sup> people to bring it into <sup>h</sup> house of our God, by the house of our fathers, yerely at <sup>h</sup> times appointed, to burne it vpo the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written 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 <sup>h</sup> written in the Law, and the firstborne of our bullockes and of our shepe, to bring it into the house of our God, vnto the Priests that minister in the house of our God,

37 And that we shoulde bring the first frute of our dough, and our offerings, & the frute of euerie tree, of wine and of oyle, vnto the Priests, to the chambers of the house of our God: and the tithes of our land vnto the Leuites, that the Leuites might haue the tithes in all the cities of our <sup>h</sup> trauail.

38 And the Priest, the sonne of Aaron shal be with the Leuites, when the Leuites take tithes, and the Leuites shal <sup>h</sup> bring vp the tenth parte of the tithes vnto the house of our God, vnto the chambers of the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israél, and the children of Leui shal bring vp the offerings of the corne, of the wine, & of the oyle, vnto the chambers: and there shal be the vessels of the Sanctuary, and the Priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, and <sup>k</sup> we wil not forsake the house of our God.

## CHAP. XI.

<sup>1</sup> Who dwelled in Ierusalem after it was buylded, <sup>21</sup> And who in the cities of Iudáh.

<sup>1</sup> And the rulers of the people dwelt in Ierusalem: the other people also cast lottes, <sup>a</sup> to bring one out of ten to dwell in Ierusalem the holy citie, and nine partes to be in the cities.

<sup>2</sup> And the people thanked all the men that were willing to dwell in Ierusalem.

<sup>3</sup> These now are the chief of the prouince, that dwelt in Ierusalem, but in <sup>h</sup> cities of Iudáh, euerie one dwelt in his owne possession in their cities of Israél, the Priests and the Leuites, and the Nethinims, & the sonnes of Salomons seruants.

<sup>4</sup> And in Ierusalem dwelt certaine of the childre of Iudáh, & of the childre of Benjamin. Of the sonnes of Iudáh, Athaiáh, the sonne of Vziah, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne of Amariáh, the sonne of Shephatiáh, the sonne of Mahaleél, of the sonnes of <sup>b</sup> Pérez,

<sup>5</sup> And Maaseiáh the sonne of Barúch, the sonne of Col Hozéh, the sone of Hazaiáh, the sonne of Adaiáh, the sonne of Ioarib, <sup>h</sup> sonne of Zechariáh, the sone of Shiloni.

<sup>6</sup> All the sonnes of Pérez that dwelt at Ierusalem, were foure hundreth, thre score

and eight valiant men.

<sup>7</sup> These also are the sonnes of Beniamín, Sallú, the sone of Meshullám, the sonne of Ioéd, the sonne of Pedaiáh, the sonne of Kolaiah, the sonne of Maaseiáh, the sonne of Ichiél, the sonne of Ieshaiáh.

<sup>8</sup> And after him Gabái, Sallái, nine hundreth and twentie and eight.

<sup>9</sup> And Ioél the sonne of Zichri <sup>was</sup> gouernour ouer them: and Iudáh, the sonne of Senuáh <sup>was</sup> the seconde ouer the citie:

<sup>10</sup> Of the Priests, Iedaiah, the sonne of Ioarib, Iachin.

<sup>11</sup> Seraiah, the sonne of Hilkiáh, the sonne of Meshullám, the sonne of Zadók, the sonne of Meraióth, the sonne of Ahitúb <sup>c</sup> <sup>was</sup> chief of the house of God.

<sup>12</sup> And their brethren <sup>d</sup> that did the worke in the Temple, <sup>were</sup> eight hundreth, twentie and two: and Adaiáh, the sonne of Ierohám, the sonne of Pelaiáh, the sonne of Amzi, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne of Pashúr, the sonne of Malchiáh:

<sup>13</sup> And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundreth and two and fourtie: and Amashfai the sonne of Azareél, the sonne of Ahazái, the sonne of Meshilemoth, the sonne of Immér:

<sup>14</sup> And their brethren valiant men, an hundreth & eight & twentie: and their ouerseer <sup>was</sup> Zabdiél the sone of Hagedolím.

<sup>15</sup> And of the Leuites Shemaiáh, the sonne of Hashúb, the sonne of Azrikám, the sonne of Hashabiáh, the sonne of Bunni.

<sup>16</sup> And Shabbethái, and Iozabád of the chief of the Leuites <sup>were</sup> ouer the workes of the house of God without.

<sup>17</sup> And Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michá, the sonne of Zabdí, the sonne of Afáph <sup>was</sup> the chief to <sup>e</sup> begin the thankesgiuing prayer: and Bakkukiáh the seconde of his brethren, and Abdá, the sonne of Shammúa, the sonne of Galál, the sonne of Ieduthún.

<sup>18</sup> All the Leuites in the holy citie <sup>were</sup> two hundreth foure score & foure.

<sup>19</sup> And <sup>h</sup> porters Akkúb, Talmón & their brethré that kept the <sup>f</sup> gates <sup>were</sup> an hundreth twentie & two.

<sup>20</sup> And the residue of Israél, of <sup>h</sup> Priests, & of the Leuites <sup>dwelt</sup> in all the cities of Iudáh, euerie one in his inheritance.

<sup>21</sup> And the Nethinims dwelt in the <sup>g</sup> fortres, & Zihá, & Gispá <sup>was</sup> ouer the Nethinims.

<sup>22</sup> And the ouerseer of the Leuites in Ierusalem <sup>was</sup> Vzzi the sonne of Baní, the sonne of Ashabiáh, the sonne of Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michá: of the sonnes of Afáph singers <sup>were</sup> ouer the worke of the house of God.

<sup>23</sup> For it <sup>was</sup> the Kings commandement concerning the, that faithful <sup>provision</sup> shoulde be for the singers euerie day.

Ii.i.

<sup>h</sup> Or, into the house of.

<sup>h</sup> By this recearful is me that there was no parte nor ceremonie in the Law, whereto thei did not binde the selues by conuincant.

<sup>i</sup> Wherefoer we labourred, or traueiled, there the tithes were due vnto the Lord bothe by the Law and according to <sup>h</sup> othe & couenant that we made.

<sup>2</sup> Comb. 18, 25

<sup>k</sup> We wil not leaue it destitute of that, <sup>h</sup> shalbe necessarie for it.

<sup>a</sup> Because their enemies dwell rounde about them, thei provided that it might be replenished with men, and vied this policie, because there were fewe <sup>h</sup> offered them selues willingly.

<sup>b</sup> Which came of Pérez the sonne of Iudáh.

<sup>h</sup> Or, of a Shilonite.

<sup>c</sup> That is, was the hie Priest. <sup>d</sup> That serued and ministered in the Temple.

<sup>e</sup> Or, of one of the great men.

<sup>e</sup> That is, he bega the psalme, & was the chaunter.

<sup>f</sup> Meaning, of the Temple.

<sup>g</sup> Of them, <sup>h</sup> dwelt not in Ierusalem.

<sup>h</sup> Or, Ophel.

<sup>h</sup> Was chief about the King for all his affairs.

24 And Pethahiáh <sup>h</sup> sonne of Meshezabeél, of the sonnes of Zerah, the sonne of Iudáh <sup>h</sup> was at the Kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

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

26 And in Ieshúa, and in Moladá, and in Beth-pálet,

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

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

29 And in En-rimmón, & in Zareáh, and in Iarmúth,

30 Zanoáh, Adullám, and in their villages, in Lachísh, and in the fields thereof, at Azekáh, & in the villages thereof: and they dwelt from Beer-sheba vnto the valley of Hinnóm.

31 And the sonnes of Béiamín from Géba, in Michmáh, & Aiiá, & Beth-él, & in the villages thereof,

32 Anathóth, Nob, Ananiáh,

33 Hazór, Ramáh, Gittáim,

34 Hadíd, Zeboím, Nebalát,

35 Lod & Onó, in the carpenters valley.

36 And of the Leuites were diuisions in Iudáh and in Beniamín.

#### CHAP. XII.

<sup>a</sup> The Priests and Leuites, which came with Zerubbabél vnto Ierusalem, are nombred. 27 And the wall is dedicated.

1 These also are the Priests & the Leuites that <sup>a</sup> went vp with Zerubbabél, the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshúa: to wit, Seraiáh, Ieremiáh, Ezrá,

2 Amariáh, Mallúch, Hattúsh,

3 Shecaniáh, Rehúm, Merimóth,

4 Iddó, Ginnethó, Abiíah,

5 Miamín, Maadiáh, Bilgáh,

6 Shemaiáh, & Ioiairib, Iedaiáh,

7 Sallú, Amók, Hilkiah, Iedaiáh: these were the <sup>b</sup> chief of the Priests, & of their brethren in the daies of Ieshúa.

8 And the Leuites, Ieshúa, Binnú, Kadmiél, Sherebiáh, Iudáh, Mattaniáh were ouer the thanksgiuing, &c. & his brethren.

9 And Bakkukiáh and Vnní, & their brethren were about them in the <sup>d</sup> watches.

10 And Ieshúa begate Ioiaim: Ioiaim also begate Eliashúb, & Eliashúb begate Ioiadá,

11 And Ioiadá begate Ionathán, & Ionathán begate Iaddúa.

12 And in the daies of Ioiaim were these, the chief fathers of the Priests: vnder <sup>e</sup> Seraiáh was Meraiáh, vnder Ieremiáh, Hannaniáh,

13 Vnder Ezrá, Meshullám, vnder Amariáh, Iehozanán,

14 Vnder Melicú, Ionathán, vnder Shebaniáh, Ioséph,

15 Vnder Harim, Adná, vnder Meraióth, Hékái,

16 Vnder Iddó, Zechariáh, vnder Ginnithón, Meshullám,

17 Vnder <sup>f</sup> Abiíah, Zichrí, vnder Miniamín, & vnder Moadiáh, Piltái,

18 Vnder Bilgáh, Shámúá, vnder Shemaiáh, Ichonathán,

19 Vnder Ioiairib, Mattená, vnder Iedaiáh, Vzzi,

20 Vnder Sallái, Kallái, vnder Amók, Eber,

21 Vnder Hilkiah, Hashabiáh, vnder Iedaiáh, Nethaneél.

22 In <sup>g</sup> daies of Eliashúb, Ioiadá, & Iohanán and Iaddúa were the chief fathers of the Leuites writen, and the Priests in the reigne of Darius the Persian.

23 The sonnes of Leui, the chief fathers were writen in the booke of the Chronicles euen vnto the daies of Iohanán the sonne of Eliashúb.

24 And the chief of the Leuites were Hashabiáh, Shecbiáh, and Ieshúa the sonne of Kadmiél, & their brethren about them to giue praise and thanks, according to the ordinance of Dauid the man of God, warde ouer <sup>g</sup> against wardc.

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

26 These were in the daies of Ioiaim the sonne of Ieshúa, the sonne of Iozadak, & in the daies of Nehemiáh the captaine, & of Ezrá the Priest and scribe.

27 And in the dedicacion of the wall at Ierusalém they soght the Leuites out of all their places to bring them to Ierusalém to kepe the dedicacion and gladnes, bothe with thanksgiuing and with songs, cymbales, viols and with harpes.

28 Then the <sup>h</sup> fingers gathered them selues together bothe from the plaine countrey about Ierusalém, and from the villages of Nctophathí,

29 And from the house of Gilgál, and out of the countreis of Géba, and Azmáueh: for the fingers had buylt the villages rounde about Ierusalém.

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

31 And <sup>i</sup> I broght vp the princes of Iudáh vpon the wall, & appointed two great companies to giue thanks, and the <sup>one</sup> went on the right hand of the wall toward the dung gate.

32 And after them went Hosbiáh, & halfe of the princes of Iudáh,

33 And Azariáh, Ezrá and Meshullám,

34 Iudáh, Beniamín, and Shemaiáh, and Ieremiáh,

35 And of the Priests sonnes with trumpets, Zechariáh

<sup>f</sup> Whereof was Zacharie John Baptists father.

<sup>g</sup> That is, one after another, and euerie one in his course.

<sup>h</sup> Ebr. sonnes of the fingers.

<sup>h</sup> Whiche were a certeine familie & had their possessions in <sup>h</sup> fields. 1. Chro. 2, 54.

<sup>i</sup> Meaning, Nehemiáh.

<sup>a</sup> From Babylon to Ierusalém.

<sup>b</sup> Next in dignitie to <sup>h</sup> his Priests, and <sup>h</sup> were of the stocke of Aaron.

<sup>c</sup> Had charge of them that sang the Psalms.

<sup>d</sup> They kept their wardes according to their turnes, as 1. Chro. 23, 6.

<sup>e</sup> That is, next to Seraiáh, or rather of that ordre, which was called after the name of Seraiáh.

Zechariáh the sonne of Ionathán, the sonne of Shemaiáh, the sonne of Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michaiáh, the sonne of Zaccúr, the sonne of Asáph.

*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.*

*k That is, the brethren of Zaccúr.*

36 And <sup>k</sup> his brethren, Shemaiáh, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, & Iudáh, Hanani, with <sup>h</sup> musical instruments of Daud the man of God: and Ezra the scribe went before them.

*l Which was the going vp to the mount Zion, which is called the citie of Daud.*

37 And to the gate of the fountaine, euen ouer against them went they vp by <sup>1</sup> the staires of the citie of Daud, at the going vp of the wall beyonde the house of Daud, euen vnto the water gate Eastwarde.

38 And the seconde companie of them that gaue thanks, went on the other side, and I after them, and the halfe of the people was vpon the wall, and vpon the towre of the furnaces euen vnto the broade wall.

39 And vpon the gate of Ephraim, and vpon the olde gate, and vpon the fishgate, and the towre of Hananeel, and the towre of Meah, euen vnto the shepegate: and they stode in the gate of the warde.

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

41 The Priests also, Eliakim, Maaseiáh, Mijamin, Michaiáh, Elioenai, Zechariáh, Hananiáh, with trumpets,

*m Ebr. caused to beate.*

42 And Maaseiáh, and Shemaiáh, & Eleazar, and Vzzi, and Iehohanán, and Malchiiáh, and Elám, & Ezer: and the fingers sang loude, hauing Izrahiah which was the ouerseer.

43 And the same day they offred great sacrifices and reioyced: for God had giuen them great ioye, so that bothe the women, and the children were ioyful: and the ioye of Ierusalém was heard farre of.

*n Which were chambers appointed by Hezekiah to put in the tithes, and suche thinges. 2. Chron. 31. 11. and now were repaired againe for the same vse.*

44 Also at the same time were men appointed <sup>m</sup> ouer the chambers of the store for the offerings (for the first frutes, and for the tithes) to gather in to the out of the fields of the cities, the porcions of the Law for the Priests and the Leuites: for Iudáh reioyced for the Priests & for the Leuites, that serued.

45 And bothe the fingers and the Leuites kept the warde of their God, & the warde of the purification according to the commandement of Daud, and Salomón his sonne.

*o Chron. 31. 16.*

46 \* For in the dayes of Daud and Asáph, of olde were chief fingers, and songs of praise and thanksgiuing vnto God.

47 And in the dayes of Zerubbabél, and in the dayes of Nehemiáh did all Israël giue porcions vnto the fingers and porters, euerie day his porcion, and they gaue the holy things vnto the Leuites, and the Leuites <sup>a</sup> gaue the holy things vnto the sonnes of Aaron.

*a That is, the tenth parte of the tithes.*

And on that day did they read in the booke of Moses, in the audieñce of the people, & it was founde writen therein, that the Ammonite, and the Moabite \* shulde not enter into the Congregation of God, Because they met not the children of Israël w<sup>th</sup> bread & with water, \* but hired Baalaam against the, that he shulde curse the: & our God turned the curse into a blessing.

*Deu. 23. 4*

*Nomb. 22. 5.*

Now when they had heard the Law, they separated from Israël <sup>a</sup> all those that were mixed.

*a That is, all suche, which had rayned in vnlawful marriage, and also those, with whome God had forbiddē them to haue societie.*

¶ And before <sup>b</sup> this had the Priest Eliashib the ouersight of the chamber of the house of our God, being <sup>c</sup> kinsman to Tobiah:

*b That the separation was made.*

And he had made him a great chamber & there had thei aforetime laid the offerings, the incense, and the vessels, and the tithes of corne, of wine, and of oyle (appointed for the Leuites, and the fingers, & the porters) and the offerings of the Priests.

*c He was ioyne in affinitye with Tobiah the Ammonite, and enemye of the Iewes.*

But in all this time was not I in Ierusalém:

*d Called also Darius, Ezra 7. 1. Or, at the yeres end.*

for in the two and thirtieth yere of <sup>d</sup> Artahshastes King of Babel, came I vnto the King, and after certeine dayes I obtained of the King.

*e Thus we se to what inconveniences the people fall into, when they are destitute of one that hath the fear of God, seeing that their chief gouernour was but awhile absent, and yet they fell into suche great absurdities: as appeareth also, Exo.*

And when I was come to Ierusalém, I vnderstode <sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> euil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in that he had made him a chamber in the court of the house of God,

And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all y<sup>e</sup> vessels of the house of Tobiah out of the chamber.

And I commanded them to cleanse the chambers: and thether brought I againe the vessels of the house of God with the meat offering and the incense.

And I perceiued that the porcions of the Leuites had not bene giuen, and that euerie one was fled to his lad, euen the Leuites & fingers that executed the worke.

The reproveth I the rulers & said, Why is the house of God forsake? And I assembled them, and set them in their place.

Then brought all Iudáh the tithes of corne & of wine, & of oyle vnto y<sup>e</sup> treasures.

And I made treasurers ouer y<sup>e</sup> treasures, Shelemiáh the Priest, & Zadók the scribe, & of the Leuites, Pedaiáh, & vnder their hand Hanán the sonne of Zaccúr the sonne of Mattaniáh: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute vnto their brethren.

*f He protesteth that he did his dutie with a good conscience, yet he doth not iustifie him selfe herein, but desireth God to fauour him, and to be merciful vnto him for his owne goodnes sake, 29 vers 22.*

Remember me, <sup>g</sup> o my God, herein, and wipe not out my <sup>f</sup> kindenes that I haue shewed on the house of my God, and on the offices thereof.

In those daies saw I in Iudáh the, y<sup>e</sup> trode

## The Sabbath reformed.

## Estér. Strange mariage reproofed.

*g* I declared vnto the, that God wolde not suffer suche transgressours of his Law to be vn-punished.

*h* Was not this a great cause, why God plagued vs in times past? meaning, that if they transgressed now in the same againe, their plague shulde be greater.

*i* About the time that the sunne went downe: for the Sabbath lasted from the sunne going downe of the one day, to the sunne setting of the other.

*k* Meaning, of the Temple that none, that was vncleane, shulde enter.

wine presses on the Sabbath, & that brought in sheaues, and which laded asses also with wine, grapes, and figges and all burdens, and brought them into Ierusalém vpon the Sabbath day: and I protested to them in the day that they sold vitayles.

16 There dwelt men of Tyrus also therein, which brought fish and all wares, and sold on the Sabbath vnto the children of Iudáh euen in Ierusalém.

17 Then reproofed I the rulers of Iudáh, & said vnto them, What euill thing is this that ye do, and breake the Sabbath daye?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and our God brought all this plague vpon vs, and vpon this citie? yet ye increase the wrath vpon Israël, in breaking the Sabbath?

19 And when the gates of Ierusalém began to be darke 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 seruants set I at the gates, that there shulde no burden be brought in on the Sabbath daye.

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

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

22 ¶ And I said vnto the Leuites that they shulde cleanse them selues, and that they shulde come and kepe the gates, to sanctifie the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and pardone me according to thy great mercie.

23 In those dayes also I sawe Iewes that married wiues of the Ammonites, and of Moab.

24 And their children spake halfe in the speache of Ammon, & colde not speake in the Iewes language, and according to the language of the one people, & of the other people.

25 Then I reproofed them, and cursed them, and smote certeine of them, and pulled of their heere, & toke an othe of them by God, Ye shal not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, nether shal ye take of their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor for your selues.

26 ¶ Did not Salomon the King of Israël sinne by these things: yet among manie nations was there no King like him: for he was beloued of his God, and God had made him King ouer Israël: yet strange women caused him to sinne.

27 ¶ Shal we then obey vnto you, to do all this great euill, and to transgresse against our God, euen to marry strange wiues?

28 And one of the sonnes of Ioiadá the sonne of Eliashib the hye Priest was the sonne in law of Sanballat the Horonite: but I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, that defile the Priesthode, and the couenant of the Priesthode, and of the Leuites.

30 Then clenfed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wardes of the Priests & of the Leuites, euerie one in his office,

31 And for the offering of the wood at times appointed, & for the first frutes. Remember me, O my God, in goodnes.

*l* Which was a cite of the Philistims, & they had married wiues thereof, and so had corrupted their speache and religion.

*1. King. 3. 7.*

*1. King. 11. 1.*

*n* Punish the according to their fautes, & euill example, which they haue giuen to the rest of thy people, contrary to their vocation.

*o* That is, to shewe mercie vnto me.

# ESTER.

## THE ARGUMENT.

Because of the diuersitie of names, whereby they vsed to name their Kings, and the supputation of yeres, wherein the Ebrewes, and the Grecians do varie, diuers autors write diuersly as touching this Ahasuerus, but it semeth Daniél 6. 1. and 9. 1. that he was Darius King of the Medes, and sonne of Astyages, called also Ahasuerus, which was a name of honour, and signified great and chief, as chief head. Herein is declared the great mercies of God toward his Church: who neuer faileth them in their greatest dangers, but when all hope of worldly helpe faileth, he euer stirreth vp some, by whome he sendeth comfort, and deliuerance. Herein also is described the ambition, pride and cruelie of the wicked, when they come to honour, and their soley fall when they are at highest: and how God preserveth, and preferreth them which are zealous of his glorie, and haue a care and loue toward their brethren.

CHAP.