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Captivity in Babylon
Persia defeats Babylon
Return of the remnant from Exile
Rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem

Year 1 of Belshazzar king of Babylon - Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts

Dan 7:1 In the first year of **Belshazzar king of Babylon** Daniel had a dream and visions of his head [in his mind] upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

Dan 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

<p>Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.</p>	<p>Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, <i>are</i> four kings, <i>which</i> shall arise out of the earth.</p>
<p>Dan 7:4 The first <i>was</i> like a lion, and had eagle's wings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, • and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, • and a man's heart was given to it. <p>Dan 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and it raised up itself on one side, • and <i>it had</i> three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: • and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. <p>Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; • the beast had also four heads; • and dominion was given to it. 	<p>Note: Rev 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and his feet were as <i>the feet</i> of a bear, • and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: <p>and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.</p>
<p>Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; • and it had great iron teeth: • it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: • and it <i>was</i> diverse from all the beasts that <i>were</i> before it; • and it had ten horns. <p>Dan 7:8 I considered the horns,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, • before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: • and, behold, in this horn <i>were</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ eyes like the eyes of man, ○ and a mouth speaking great things. 	<p>Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, • and shall devour the whole earth, • and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. <p>Dan 7:24 And the ten horns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • out of this kingdom <i>are</i> ten kings <i>that</i> shall arise: • and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dan 7:25 And he shall speak <i>great</i> words against the most High, ○ and shall wear out the saints of the most High,

- and think to change times and laws:
- and they shall be given into his hand **until a time and times and the dividing of time [half a time]**.

Note: horns, heads, and mountains are kings

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having **seven heads** and **ten horns**, (the 4th beast in Dan 7:7) and **seven crowns** upon his heads.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew **the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and **the dragon** stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 13:1 ... and saw **a beast** rise up out of the sea,

- having **seven heads** and **ten horns**,
- and upon his **horns** ten crowns,
- and upon his **heads** the name of blasphemy.

Rev 17:8 **The beast** that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of **the great whore that sitteth upon many waters**:

Rev 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a **scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having **seven heads** and **ten horns**.

Rev 17:9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom.

The **seven heads** are **seven mountains**, on **which the woman sitteth**. Rev 17:10 And there are **seven kings**:

- five are fallen, a
- nd one is,
- *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Rev 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Rev 17:12 And the **ten horns** which thou sawest are **ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings **one hour** with **the beast**.

Rev 17:13 **These** have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto **the beast**.

Rev 17:14 **These** shall make war with **the Lamb**, and **the Lamb** shall overcome them: for **he is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

The Ancient of Days gives the kingdom to the Son of Man

Dan 7:9

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days** did sit,

- whose garment *was* white as snow,
- and the hair of his head like the pure wool:

his **throne** *was like* the fiery **flame**,

- *and* **his wheels** *as* burning fire. (See Ezekiel chapter 1)

Dan 7:10 A **fiery stream** issued and came forth from before him

<p>Dan 7:10b thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: Note: Myriad = 10,000</p>	<p>Note: Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.</p>
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Dan 7:10c the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold,

one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to **the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before **him**.

Dan 7:14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him:
his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Interpretation of the Four Beasts

Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of **the great words which the horn spake**:

- I beheld *even* till the beast was slain,
- and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Dan 7:12 As concerning the rest of **the beasts**,

- they had their dominion taken away:
- yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

Dan 7:15 I **Daniel** was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Dan 7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

Dan 7:17 **These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.**

Dan 7:18 But **the saints of the most High** shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom **for ever, even for ever and ever**.

Dan 7:19 Then I would know the truth of **the fourth beast**, which was diverse from all the others,

- exceeding dreadful,
- whose teeth *were of iron*,
- and his nails [claws] *of brass*;
- *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue [remainder] with his feet;

<p>Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that <i>were</i> in his head, and of the other which came up,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and before whom three fell; • even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, • whose look <i>was</i> more stout than his fellows. 	<p>Note: Dan 7:8 a I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; • and, behold, in this horn <i>were</i> eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.
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Dan 7:21 I beheld, and **the same horn**

- made war with the saints,
- and prevailed against them;

Dan 7:22 Until

the Ancient of days came,
and judgment was given to **the saints** of **the most High**;
and the time came that **the saints** possessed the kingdom.

Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The **fourth beast** shall be the **fourth kingdom** upon earth,

- which shall be diverse from all kingdoms,
- and shall devour the whole earth,
- and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan 7:24 And the **ten horns**

- out of this kingdom *are* **ten kings** that shall arise:
- and **another** shall rise after them;
 - and he shall be diverse from the first, and **he shall subdue three kings**.
 - Dan 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against **the most High**,
 - and shall wear out the saints of **the most High**,
 - and think to change **times** and laws;
 - and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**.

Dan 7:26 *But the judgment shall sit,*

and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,

(Note: Translations differ whether it is a singular kingdom or plural kingdoms)

shall be given to **the people of the saints** of **the most High**,
whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Dan 7:28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter [the revelation ended].

As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Psa 10:1

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD?

why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

Psa 10:2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

Psa 10:3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

Psa 10:5 His ways are always grievous; **thy judgments** *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

Psa 10:6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

Psa 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

Psa 10:8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

Psa 10:9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

Psa 10:10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

Psa 10:11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

Psa 10:12 Arise, **O LORD; O God**, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

Psa 10:13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God?

he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

Psa 10:14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; **thou art the helper of the fatherless**.

Psa 10:15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

Psa 10:16 **The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.**

Psa 10:17 **LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: Psa 10:18 To judge [vindicate] the fatherless and the oppressed,** that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Psa 137:1

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept,

when we remembered **Zion**.

Psa 137:2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

Psa 137:3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

Psa 137:4 How shall we sing **the LORD'S song** in a strange land?

Psa 137:5 If I forget thee, O **Jerusalem**, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

Psa 137:6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Psa 137:7 Remember, O LORD, **the children of Edom** in the day of **Jerusalem**; who said, Rase *it*, rase *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.

Psa 137:8 O daughter of **Babylon**, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

Psa 137:9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

Psa 130:1 A Song of degrees.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

Psa 130:2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Psa 130:3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Psa 130:4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Psa 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Psa 130:6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.

Psa 130:7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

Psa 130:8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psa 67:1

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,

A Psalm *or* Song.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

Psa 67:2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Psa 67:3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Psa 67:4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: **for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.**

Psa 67:5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Psa 67:6 *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

Psa 67:7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psa 92:1

A Psalm

or Song for the sabbath day.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

Psa 92:2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

Psa 92:3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

Psa 92:4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

Psa 92:5 **O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.**

Psa 92:6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

Psa 92:7 **When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:***

Psa 92:8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

Psa 92:9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, **thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.**

Psa 92:10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Psa 92:11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

Psa 92:12 **The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

Psa 92:13 **Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Psa 92:14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psa 92:15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and **there is no unrighteousness in him.**

Psa 93:1

The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty;

the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Psa 93:2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

Psa 93:3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Psa 93:4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

Psa 93:5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

Year 3 of the reign of Belshazzar the king of Babylon

Dan 8:1 `In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king, a vision hath appeared unto me--I Daniel-- after that which had appeared unto me at the beginning.

Dan 8:2 And I see in a vision, and it cometh to pass, in my seeing,

and I am in **Shushan the palace [the citadel of Susa]** that is in **Elam the province**,

(Note: Susa is in Persia, now modern day Iran, "favorite residence of the Persian king Darius 1 the Great – source: Iranian chamber of commerce (iranchamber.com))

and I see in a vision, and I have been by **the stream Ulai [Ulai Canal]**.

Two horns of the ram - Media and Persia

<p>Dan 8:3 And I lift up mine eyes, and look, and lo, a certain ram is standing before the stream, and it hath two horns, and the two horns are high;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and the one is higher than the other, and the high one is coming up last. <p>Dan 8:4 I have seen the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and no living creatures do stand before it, • and there is none delivering out of its hand, • and it hath done according to its pleasure, and hath exerted itself. 	<p>Note: Dan 8:20 `The ram that thou hast seen possessing two horns, are the kings of Media and Persia.</p>
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Male Goat - Greece

<p>Dan 8:5 `And I have been considering, and lo, a young he-goat hath come from the west, over the face of the whole earth,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whom none is touching in the earth; • as to the young he-goat, a conspicuous horn is between its eyes. 	<p>Dan 8:21 And the young he-goat, the hairy one, is the king of Javan [Greece];</p> <p>and the great horn that is between its eyes is the first king;</p>
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- **Dan 8:6** And it cometh unto the ram possessing the two horns, that I had seen standing before the stream [canal], and runneth unto it in the fury of its power.
- **Dan 8:7** And I have seen it coming near the ram,
 - and it becometh embittered at it,
 - and smiteth the ram,
 - and breaketh its two horns,
 - and there hath been no power in the ram to stand before it,
 - and it casteth it to the earth, and trampleth it down,

and there hath been no deliverer to the ram out of its power.

Large horn of Greece replaced by 4 horns/nations within Greece

<p>Dan 8:8 `And the young he-goat hath exerted itself very much, and when it is strong,</p> <p>broken hath been the great horn; and come up doth a vision of four in its place, at the four winds of the heavens.</p>	<p>Dan 8:22 and that being broken,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stand up do four in its place, four kingdoms from the nation do stand up, • and not in its power. 	<p>Dan 11:3 And a mighty king hath stood,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and he hath ruled a great dominion, • and hath done according to his will; <p>Dan 11:4 and according to his standing is <i>his kingdom broken, and divided to the four winds of the heavens</i>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>and not to his posterity[descendants],</i> • <i>nor according to his dominion that he ruled,</i> <p><i>for his kingdom is plucked up--and for others apart from these.</i></p>
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The small horn from one of the four kingdoms of Greece - A king who opposes the Commander of the host of heaven

<p>Dan 8:9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toward the south, • and toward the east, • and toward the pleasant land. <p>Note: Antiochus 4 Epiphanes</p> <p>Dan 8:10 And it waxed great, <i>even to the host of heaven</i>; and it cast down <i>some of the host and of the stars</i> to the ground, and stamped upon them.</p> <p>Dan 8:11 Yea, he magnified <i>himself</i> even to the prince of the host, (Note: the angel Michael: Dan 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 1:9; Rev 12:7)</p>	<p>Dan 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: • and he shall destroy wonderfully, • and shall prosper, and practise [perform his will], • and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. • Dan 8:25a And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; • and he shall magnify <i>himself</i> in his heart, • and by peace shall destroy many: <p>he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; See Dan 11:21 through chapter 12</p>
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The small horn removes The Regular Sacrifice from the Commander of the hosts

Dan 8:11b and by him **the daily sacrifice** was taken away, and the place of **his sanctuary** was cast down.

- Dan 8:12 And **an host [army]** was given **him** against **the daily sacrifice** by reason of **transgression**,

- and it cast down **the truth** to the ground;
- and it practised [performed his will], and prospered.

Dan 8:25b *but he shall be broken without {human} hand [agency]. (see Dan 11:4)*

Dan 8:13 Then I heard **one saint [holy one, angel]** speaking, and **another saint [holy one, angel]** said unto **that certain saint [one]** which spake,

How long shall be **the vision concerning the daily sacrifice,**

- and the transgression of desolation,
- to give both the sanctuary and the host[army] to be trodden under foot?

Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto **two thousand and three hundred days;**

then shall **the sanctuary** be cleansed.

Gabriel gives Daniel the interpretation of the Ram/Persia and Goat/Greece

Dan 8:15 **And it came to pass**, when I, *even* I **Daniel**, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

Dan 8:16 And I heard **a man's voice** between **the banks of Ulai**, which called, and said, **Gabriel**, make this *man* to understand the vision.

Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me,

Understand, O son of man: for **at the time of the end** shall be the vision.

Dan 8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. Dan 8:19 And he said,

Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in **the last end of the indignation:** for at **the time appointed the end** shall be.

Dan 8:20 **The ram** which thou sawest **having two horns** are **the kings of Media and Persia.**

Dan 8:21 And the **rough goat** is **the king of Grecia [Greece]:** and **the great horn** that is between his eyes is **the first king.**

Dan 8:22 Now **that {horn}** being broken, whereas four stood up for it [and **the four horns that replaced it**], **four kingdoms** shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

Dan 8:23 **And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences,** shall stand up.

- Dan 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power:
- and he shall destroy wonderfully,
- and shall prosper, and practise {his will},
- and shall destroy the mighty and **the holy people.**
- Dan 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;
- and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart,
- and by peace shall destroy many: (And he will destroy many while they are at ease. NASV)
- he shall also stand up against **the Prince of princes;** (Note: the angel Michael)
- *but he shall be broken without hand [human agency].*

See Dan 11:21 through chapter 12

Dan 8:26 And **the vision** of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up **the vision;** for **it shall be for many days.**

Dan 8:27 And I **Daniel** fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it.* (and there was none to explain it. NASV)

Belshazzar sees a hand writing on the wall

Dan 5:1 **Belshazzar the king** made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

Dan 5:2 **Belshazzar**, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring **the golden and silver vessels**

- which **his father Nebuchadnezzar** had taken out of **the temple** which *was* in **Jerusalem**;

that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

Dan 5:3 Then they brought **the golden vessels** that were taken out of **the temple of the house of God** which *was* at **Jerusalem**;

and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

Dan 5:4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

Dan 5:5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against **the candlestick** upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Dan 5:6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

Dan 5:7 **The king** cried aloud to bring in the **astrologers**, the **Chaldeans**, and the **soothsayers**. *And* the king spake, and said to **the wise men of Babylon**, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Dan 5:8 Then came in **all the king's wise men**: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

Dan 5:9 Then was **king Belshazzar** greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished [perplexed].

Daniel is summoned to interpret the writing

Dan 5:10 *Now* **the queen**, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said,

O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:

Dan 5:11 There is **a man** in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods;

and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him;

whom the **king Nebuchadnezzar** thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the **magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers**;

Dan 5:12 Forasmuch as

- **an excellent spirit,**
- **and knowledge, and understanding,**
- **interpreting of dreams,**
- **and shewing of hard sentences [explanation of enigmas],**
- **and dissolving of doubts [solving of difficult problems],**

were found in the same **Daniel**, whom the king named **Belteshazzar**:

now let **Daniel** be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

Dan 5:13

Then was **Daniel** brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto **Daniel**,

Art thou that **Daniel**, which *art* of the children of the captivity of **Judah**, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry [**Judah**]?

Dan 5:14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

Dan 5:15 And now **the wise men**, the **astrologers**, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:

Dan 5:16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof,

- thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck,
- and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Dan 5:17

Then **Daniel** answered and said before **the king**,

Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another;
yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

Daniel summarizes the life of Nebuchadnezzar who humbled himself when rebuked

Dan 5:18 O thou king, **the most high God** gave **Nebuchadnezzar thy father** a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

Dan 5:19 And for the majesty that he gave him,
all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him:

- whom he would he slew;
- and whom he would he kept alive;
- and whom he would he set up;
- and whom he would he put down.

Dan 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride,

- he was deposed from his kingly throne,
- and they took his glory from him:
- Dan 5:21 And he was driven from the sons of men;
- and his heart was made like the beasts,
- and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses:
- they fed him with grass like oxen,
- and his body was wet with the dew of heaven;

till he knew that **the most high God** ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

Daniel summarizes Belshazzar's life of arrogance

Dan 5:22 And thou his son, O **Belshazzar**,

- **hast not humbled thine heart**, though thou knewest all this;
- Dan 5:23 But hast lifted up thyself against **the Lord of heaven**;
- and they have brought **the vessels of his house** before thee,
- and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them;
- and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know:
- **and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways**, hast thou not glorified:

Daniel gives the interpretation of the writing on the wall

Dan 5:24 **Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.**

Dan 5:25 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

Dan 5:26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing:

- MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.
- Dan 5:27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.
- Dan 5:28 PERES; **Thy kingdom** is divided, and given to the **Medes and Persians**.

Dan 5:29 Then commanded **Belshazzar**,

- and they clothed **Daniel** with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck,
- and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Dan 5:30 **In that night** was **Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans** slain.

1st year of **Cyrus king of Persia** – Decree issued to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem

<p>Ezr 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, • and <i>put it</i> also in writing, saying, <p>Ezr 1:2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah.</p> <p>Ezr 1:3 Who <i>is there</i> among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which <i>is</i> in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>2Ch 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <p>that the word of the LORD <i>spoken</i> by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, • and <i>put it</i> also in writing, saying, <p>2Ch 36:23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah.</p> <p>Who <i>is there</i> among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.</p>
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Provisions for the House of the Lord

Ezr 1:4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him

- with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts,
- beside **the freewill offering** for **the house of God** that *is* in **Jerusalem**.

Ezr 1:5 Then rose up

- **the chief of the fathers of Judah** and **Benjamin**,
- and **the priests**, and the **Levites**,
- with all *them* whose spirit God had raised,

to go up to build [rebuild] **the house of the LORD** which *is* in **Jerusalem**.

Ezr 1:6 And all they that *were* about them strengthened their hands with

- vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things,
- beside all **that was willingly offered**.

Ezr 1:7 Also **Cyrus the king** brought forth **the vessels of the house of the LORD**, which **Nebuchadnezzar** had brought forth out of **Jerusalem**, and had put them in **the house of his gods**;

Ezr 1:8 Even those did **Cyrus king of Persia** bring forth by the hand of **Mithredath the treasurer**, and numbered them unto **Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah**.

Psa 126:1

A Song of degrees.

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion,
we were like them that dream.

Psa 126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:

then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

Psa 126:3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

Psa 126:4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

Psa 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Psa 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Ezr 1:9 And this *is* the number of them:

- thirty chargers of gold,
- a thousand chargers of silver,
- nine and twenty knives,
- Ezr 1:10 Thirty basons of gold,
- silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten,
- and other vessels a thousand.

Ezr 1:11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred.

All *these* did **Sheshbazzar** bring up with *them* of the captivity that were brought up from **Babylon** unto **Jerusalem**.

Census of those who returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon

Discrepancies between what Ezra wrote and what Nehemiah later finds a copy of or possibly the original
To compare more easily here and with the NASV the written/scripted out numbers are reformatted to actual numbers.

<p>Ezr 2:1 Now these <i>are</i> the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, <u>and came again unto</u> Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;</p> <p>Ezr 2:2 Which came with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zerubbabel; • Jeshua, • Nehemiah, • Seraiah, • Reelaiah, • Mordecai, • Bilshan, • Mispar, • Bigvai, • Rehum, • Baanah. 	<p>Neh 7:6 These <i>are</i> 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, <u>and came again to</u> Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;</p> <p>Neh 7:7 Who came with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zerubbabel, • Jeshua, • Nehemiah, • Azariah, • Raamiah, • Nahamani, • Mordecai, • Bilshan, • Mispereth, • Bigvai, • Nehum, • Baanah.
<p>The number of the men of the people of Israel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezr 2:3 The children of Parosh, 2,172. • Ezr 2:4 The children of Shephatiah, 372. • Ezr 2:5 The children of Arah, 775. • Ezr 2:6 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua <i>and</i> Joab, 2,812. • Ezr 2:7 The children of Elam, 1,254. • Ezr 2:8 The children of Zattu, 945. • Ezr 2:9 The children of Zaccai, 760. • Ezr 2:10 The children of Bani, 642 • Ezr 2:11 The children of Bebai, 623. • Ezr 2:12 The children of Azgad, 1,222. • Ezr 2:13 The children of Adonikam, 666. • Ezr 2:14 The children of Bigvai, 2,056. • Ezr 2:15 The children of Adin, 454. • Ezr 2:16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, 98. • Ezr 2:17 The children of Bezai, 323. • Ezr 2:18 The children of Jorah, 112. • Ezr 2:19 The children of Hashum, 223. • Ezr 2:20 The children of Gibbar, 95. • Ezr 2:21 The children of Bethlehem, 123. • Ezr 2:22 The men of Netophah, 56. • Ezr 2:23 The men of Anathoth, 128. • Ezr 2:24 The children of Azmaveth, 42. • Ezr 2:25 The children of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroh, 743. • Ezr 2:26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, 621. 	<p>The number, <i>I say</i>, of the men of the people of Israel was this;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neh 7:8 The children of Parosh, 2,172. • Neh 7:9 The children of Shephatiah, 372. • Neh 7:10 The children of Arah, 652. • Neh 7:11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua <i>and</i> Joab, 2,818. • Neh 7:12 The children of Elam, 1,254. • Neh 7:13 The children of Zattu, 845. • Neh 7:14 The children of Zaccai, 760. • Neh 7:15 The children of Binnui, 648. • Neh 7:16 The children of Bebai, 628. • Neh 7:17 The children of Azgad, 2,322. • Neh 7:18 The children of Adonikam, 667. • Neh 7:19 The children of Bigvai, 2,067. • Neh 7:20 The children of Adin, 655. • Neh 7:21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, 98. • Neh 7:23 The children of Bezai, 324. • Neh 7:24 The children of Hariph, 112 • Neh 7:25 The children of Hashum, 328. • Neh 7:25 The children of Gibeon, 95. • Neh 7:26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188. • Neh 7:27 The men of Anathoth, 128. • Neh 7:28 The men of Bethazmaveth, 42. • Neh 7:29 The men of Kirjathearim, Chephirah, and Beeroh, 743. • Neh 7:30 The men of Ramah and Geba, 621.

- [Ezr 2:27](#) The men of Michmas, 122.
- [Ezr 2:28](#) The men of Bethel and Ai, [223](#).
- [Ezr 2:29](#) The children of [Nebo](#), 52.
- [Ezr 2:30](#) The children of Magbish, 156.
- [Ezr 2:31](#) The children of the other Elam, 1,254.
- [Ezr 2:32](#) The children of Harim, 320.
- [Ezr 2:33](#) The children of [Jericho](#), 345.
- [Ezr 2:33](#) The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725.
- [Ezr 2:35](#) The children of Senaah, [3,630](#).
- [Ezr 2:36](#) The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, 973.
- [Ezr 2:37](#) The children of Immer, 1,052.
- [Ezr 2:38](#) The children of Pashur, 1,247
- [Ezr 2:39](#) The children of Harim, 1,017.

[Ezr 2:40](#) **The Levites:** the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, 74.

[Ezr 2:41](#) **The singers: the children of Asaph,** [128](#).

[Ezr 2:42](#) **The children of the porters [gatekeepers]:**

- the children of Shallum,
- the children of Ater,
- the children of Talmon,
- the children of Akkub,
- the children of Hatita,
- the children of Shobai,

in all [139](#).

[Ezr 2:43](#) **The Nethinims [temple servants]:**

- the children of Ziha,
- the children of Hasupha,
- the children of Tabbaoth,
- [Ezr 2:44](#) The children of Keros,
- the children of [Siaha](#),
- the children of Padon,
- [Ezr 2:45](#) The children of Lebanah,
- the children of Hagabah,
- the children of Akkub,
- [Ezr 2:46](#) The children of Hagab,
- the children of Shalmai,
- the children of Hanan,
- [Ezr 2:47](#) The children of Giddel,
- the children of Gahar,
- the children of Reaiah,
- [Ezr 2:48](#) The children of Rezin,
- the children of Nekoda,
- the children of Gazzam,
- [Ezr 2:49](#) The children of Uzza,
- the children of Paseah,
- the children of Besai,

- [Neh 7:31](#) The men of Michmas, 122.
- [Neh 7:32](#) The men of Bethel and Ai, [123](#).
- [Neh 7:33](#) The men of the [other Nebo](#), 52.
- [Neh 7:34](#) The children of the other Elam, 1,254
- [Neh 7:35](#) The children of Harim, 320.
- [Neh 7:36](#) The children of [Jericho](#), 345.
- [Neh 7:37](#) The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725.
- [Neh 7:38](#) The children of Senaah, [3,930](#).
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[Neh 7:43](#) **The Levites:** the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, 74.

[Neh 7:44](#) The singers: **the children of Asaph,** [148](#).

[Neh 7:45](#) **The porters [gatekeepers]:**

- the children of Shallum,
- the children of Ater,
- the children of Talmon,
- the children of Akkub,
- the children of Hatita,
- the children of Shobai,

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[Neh 7:46](#) **The Nethinims [temple servants]:**

- the children of Ziha,
- the children of Hashupha,
- the children of Tabbaoth,
- [Neh 7:47](#) The children of Keros,
- the children of [Sia](#),
- the children of Padon,
- [Neh 7:48](#) The children of Lebana,
- the children of Hagaba,
- the children of Shalmai,
- [Neh 7:49](#) The children of Hanan,
- the children of Giddel,
- the children of Gahar,
- [Neh 7:50](#) The children of Reaiah,
- the children of Rezin,
- the children of Nekoda,
- [Neh 7:51](#) The children of Gazzam,
- the children of Uzza,
- the children of Phaseah,
- [Neh 7:52](#) The children of Besai,

- [Ezr 2:50](#) The children of Asnah,
- the children of Mehunim,
- the children of **Nephusim**,
- [Ezr 2:51](#) The children of Bakbuk,
- the children of Hakupha,
- the children of Harhur,
- [Ezr 2:52](#) The children of Bazluth,
- the children of Mehida,
- the children of Harsha,
- [Ezr 2:53](#) The children of Barkos,
- the children of Sisera,
- the children of Thamah,
- [Ezr 2:54](#) The children of Neziah,
- the children of Hatipha.

Ezr 2:55 The children of Solomon's servants:

- the children of Sotai,
- the children of Sophereth,
- the children of Peruda,
- [Ezr 2:56](#) The children of Jaalah,
- the children of Darkon,
- the children of Giddel,
- [Ezr 2:57](#) The children of Shephatiah,
- the children of Hattil,
- the children of Pochereth of Zebaim,
- the children of **Ami**.

[Ezr 2:58](#) All the **Nethinims** [**temple servants**], and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* 392.

[Ezr 2:59](#) And these *were* they which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:

- [Ezr 2:60](#) The children of Delaiah,
- the children of **Tobiah**,
- the children of Nekoda,

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Ezr 2:61 And of the children of the priests:

- the children of Habaiah,
- the children of Koz,
- the children of Barzillai;

which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

[Ezr 2:62](#) These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

[Ezr 2:63](#) And the Tirshatha [governor] said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with **Urim** and with **Thummim**.

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- the children of Meunim,
- the children of **Nephishesim**,
- [Neh 7:53](#) The children of Bakbuk,
- the children of Hakupha,
- the children of Harhur,
- [Neh 7:54](#) The children of Bazlith,
- the children of Mehida,
- the children of Harsha,
- [Neh 7:55](#) The children of Barkos,
- the children of Sisera,
- the children of Tamah,
- [Neh 7:56](#) The children of Neziah,
- the children of Hatipha.

Neh 7:57 The children of Solomon's servants:

- the children of Sotai,
- the children of Sophereth,
- the children of Perida,
- [Neh 7:58](#) The children of Jaala,
- the children of Darkon,
- the children of Giddel,
- [Neh 7:59](#) The children of Shephatiah,
- the children of Hattil,
- the children of Pochereth of Zebaim,
- the children of **Amon**.

[Neh 7:60](#) All the **Nethinims** [**temple servants**], and **the children of Solomon's servants**, *were* 392.

[Neh 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.

- [Neh 7:62](#) The children of Delaiah,
- the children of **Tobiah**,
- the children of Nekoda,

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Neh 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.

[Neh 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.

[Neh 7:65](#) And the Tirshatha [governor] said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with **Urim** and **Thummim**.

<p>Ezr 2:64 The whole congregation together <i>was</i> 42,360, Ezr 2:65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom <i>there were</i> 7,337: and <i>there were</i> among them 200 singing men and singing women.</p> <p>Ezr 2:66 Their horses <i>were</i> 736; their mules, 245; Ezr 2:67 Their camels, 435; <i>their asses</i>, 6,720.</p> <p>Ezr 2:68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which <i>is</i> at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:</p> <p>Ezr 2:69 They [everyone] gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61,000 drams of gold, • and 5,000 pound of silver, • and 100 priests' garments. <p>Ezr 2:70 So</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the priests, • and the Levites, • and <i>some</i> of the people, • and the singers, • and the porters [gatekeepers], • and the Nethinims [temple servants], <p>dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.</p> <p>Ezr 3:1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel <i>were</i> in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Neh 7:66 The whole congregation together <i>was</i> 42,360, Neh 7:67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom <i>there were</i> 7,337 and they had 245 singing men and singing women.</p> <p>Neh 7:68 Their horses, 736; their mules, 245: Neh 7:69 <i>Their</i> camels, 435: 6,720 asses.</p> <p>Neh 7:70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work.</p> <p>The Tirshatha [governor] gave to the treasure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 drams of gold, • 50 basons, • 530 priests' garments. <p>Neh 7:71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 drams of gold, • and 2,200 pound of silver. <p>Neh 7:72 And that which the rest of the people gave <i>was</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 drams of gold, • and 2,000 pound of silver, • and 67 priests' garments. <p>Neh 7:73 So</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the priests, • and the Levites, • and the porters [gatekeepers], • and the singers, • and <i>some</i> of the people, • and the Nethinims [temple servants], • and all Israel, <p>dwelt in their cities;</p> <p>and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel <i>were</i> in their cities.</p>
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Jeshua and Zerubbabel build the altar in advance of the temple and offer up sacrifices

Ezr 3:2 Then stood up

Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and **his brethren the priests**,
and **Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel**, and **his brethren**,
and **built the altar of the God of Israel**, to offer **burnt offerings** thereon, *as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.*

Ezr 3:3 And they set **the altar** upon his bases; *for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries*; and they offered **burnt offerings** thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt offerings morning and evening.

Ezr 3:4 They kept also **the feast of tabernacles**, *as it is written*, and *offered* the **daily** burnt offerings by number, *according to the custom, as the duty of every day required*;

Ezr 3:5 And afterward *offered* the **continual burnt offering**, both of the **new moons**, and of **all the set feasts** of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a **freewill offering** unto the LORD.

Ezr 3:6 **From the first day of the seventh month** began they to offer **burnt offerings** unto the LORD.

But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

Ezr 3:7 They gave

- money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters;
- and meat [food], and drink, and oil, unto them of **Zidon**, and to them of **Tyre**,

to bring cedar trees from **Lebanon** to the sea of [at]**Joppa**, according to the grant that they had of **Cyrus king of Persia**.

Psa 116:1

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

Psa 116:2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

Psa 116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Psa 116:4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Psa 116:5 **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.**

Psa 116:6 **The LORD preserveth the simple:** I was brought low, and he helped me.

Psa 116:7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Psa 116:8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

Psa 116:9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Psa 116:10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

Psa 116:11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

Psa 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?

Psa 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Psa 116:14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

Psa 116:16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

Psa 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psa 116:18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

Psa 116:19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 33:1

**Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous:
for praise is comely for the upright.**

Psa 33:2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
Psa 33:3 **Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.**
Psa 33:4 For **the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.**
Psa 33:5 **He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.**
Psa 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
Psa 33:7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
Psa 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
Psa 33:9 For **he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.**
Psa 33:10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
Psa 33:11 **The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**
Psa 33:12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
Psa 33:13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
Psa 33:14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
Psa 33:15 **He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.**
Psa 33:16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
Psa 33:17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
Psa 33:18 Behold, **the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;**
Psa 33:19 **To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**
Psa 33:20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.
Psa 33:21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
Psa 33:22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Psa 117:1

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

Psa 117:2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and **the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.** Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 128:1

A Song of degrees.

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

Psa 128:2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.
Psa 128:3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
Psa 128:4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
Psa 128:5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
Psa 128:6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

Psa 134:1

A Song of degrees.

**Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD,
which by night stand in the house of the LORD.**

Psa 134:2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
Psa 134:3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Psa 114:1**When Israel went out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;**

Psa 114:2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

Psa 114:3 The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

Psa 114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

Psa 114:5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?

Psa 114:6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

Psa 114:7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Psa 114:8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Psa 111:1**Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.**

Psa 111:2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Psa 111:3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Psa 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

Psa 111:5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

Psa 111:6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

Psa 111:7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.

Psa 111:8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.

Psa 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his* commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Psa 112:1**Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD,
that delighteth greatly in his commandments.**

Psa 112:2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and *his* righteousness endureth for ever.

Psa 112:4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Psa 112:5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Psa 112:6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Psa 112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

Psa 112:8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his* desire upon his enemies.

Psa 112:9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Psa 112:10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Year 2 of **Cyrus king of Persia** –

Jeshua and Zerubbabel Lay the Foundation of the Temple

Ezr 3:8 **Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began {the work}**

- **Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,**
- and **Jeshua the son of Jozadak,**
- and the remnant of their brethren **the priests** and the **Levites,**
- and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem;

and {they} appointed the **Levites, from twenty years old and upward,** to set forward [to oversee] the work of **the house of the LORD.**

Ezr 3:9 Then stood

- **Jeshua** *with* his sons and his brethren,
 - **Kadmiel** and his sons, the sons of Judah,
- together, to set forward [to oversee] the workmen in **the house of God:**
- the sons of **Henadad,** *with* their sons and their brethren the **Levites.**

Ezr 3:10

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD,

they set **the priests** in their apparel with trumpets,

and the **Levites the sons of Asaph** with cymbals, to praise the LORD, *after the ordinance of David king of Israel.*

Ezr 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD;

because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel.

And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Ezr 3:12 But many of **the priests and Levites** and chief of the fathers, *who were ancient men, that had seen the first house,* when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

Ezr 3:13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Psa 66:1

To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Psa 66:2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

Psa 66:3 Say unto God, **How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.**

Psa 66:4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.

Psa 66:5 Come and see the works of God: **he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.**

Psa 66:6 **He turned the sea into dry land:** they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

Psa 66:7 **He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:** let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

Psa 66:8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Psa 66:9 **Which holdeth our soul in life,** and suffereth not our feet to be moved [to slip].

Psa 66:10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
 Psa 66:11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
 Psa 66:12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.
 Psa 66:13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,
 Psa 66:14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
 Psa 66:15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
 Psa 66:16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
 Psa 66:17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
 Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:
 Psa 66:19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
 Psa 66:20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Year 3 of Cyrus king of Persia

An angel fighting the prince of Persia
 gives Daniel the interpretation of the vision of the future of Persian rule

Dan 10:1 In the third year of **Cyrus king of Persia** a thing [message] was revealed unto **Daniel**, whose name was called **Belteshazzar**; and the thing [message] *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: (Note: referring to a long period of warfare and misery) and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

Dan 10:2 **In those days** I **Daniel** was mourning **three full weeks**.

- Dan 10:3 I ate no pleasant bread,
- neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth,
- neither did I anoint myself at all,

till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Dan 10:4 And **in the four and twentieth day of the first month**, as I was by **the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel [the Tigris]**;

Dan 10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold **a certain man**

- clothed in linen,
- whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:
- Dan 10:6 His body also *was* like the beryl,
- and his face as the appearance of lightning,
- and his eyes as lamps of fire,
- and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass,
- and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Note: Dan 9:21 ...the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously...Chapter 9 comes later during the reign of Darius

Dan 10:7 And I **Daniel** alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but

- a great quaking fell upon them,
- so that they fled to hide themselves.

Dan 10:8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw **this great vision**, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness [normal appearance] was turned in me into corruption [deathly pale], and I retained no strength.

Dan 10:9 Yet heard I the voice of **his** words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

Dan 10:10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

Dan 10:11

And **he** said unto me,

O **Daniel**, a man greatly beloved,
understand the words that I speak unto thee,
and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent.

And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Dan 10:12

Then said **he** unto me,

Fear not, **Daniel**:
for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand,
and to chasten [humble] thyself before thy God,
thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Dan 10:13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me **one and twenty days**:

(Note: Prince in verse 13 means a demon of high ranking in the Satanic kingdom)

but, lo, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me;

and I remained there with **the kings of Persia**.

Dan 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people **in the latter days**:

for yet the vision *is* **for many days [days yet future]**.

Dan 10:15 And when **he** had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

Dan 10:16 And, behold, **one like the similitude of the sons of men** touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto **him** that stood before me,

O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

Dan 10:17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

Dan 10:18 Then there came again and touched me **one like the appearance of a man**, and he strengthened me,

Dan 10:19

And said,

O man greatly beloved,
fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.

And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said,
Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Dan 10:20

Then said he,

*Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with **the prince of Persia**: and when I am gone forth, lo, **the prince of Grecia [Greece]** shall come.*

Dan 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in **the scripture of truth**: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things [stands firmly with me against these *forces*], but **Michael your prince**.

Dan 11:2 And now will I shew thee **the truth**. Behold,

there shall stand up yet **three kings in Persia**;

and **the fourth** shall be far richer than *they* all:

and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all [**the whole empire**] against **the realm of Grecia [Greece]**.

Dan 11:3 And a **mighty king** shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

Dan 11:4 And when he shall stand up,

his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the **four winds** of heaven;

- *and not to his posterity,*
- *nor according to his dominion which he ruled:*

for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

Compare with:

Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also **four heads**; and dominion was given to it.

Dan 8:5 And as I was considering, behold, **an he goat** came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and **the goat had a notable horn** between his eyes.

Dan 8:6 And he came to **the ram that had two horns**, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto **him** in the fury of his power.

Dan 8:7 And I saw **him** come close unto **the ram**, and **he** was moved with choler against **him**, and smote **the ram**, and brake **his two horns**: and there was no power in **the ram** to stand before **him**, but **he** cast **him** down to the ground, and stamped upon **him**: and there was none that could deliver **the ram** out of **his hand**.

Dan 8:8 Therefore **the he goat** waxed very great: and when he was strong, **the great horn** was broken; and for it came up **four notable ones** toward **the four winds of heaven**. (See note below)

Dan 8:21 And **the rough goat is the king [kingdom] of Grecia [Greece]**: and **the great horn** that *is* between his eyes *is* **the first king**.

Dan 8:22 Now **that {horn}** being broken, whereas **four** stood up for it [**rose in its place**], **four kingdoms** shall stand [rise] up out of the nation,

- *but not in his power.*

King of the South: Ptolemy 1 Lagus, king of Egypt

King of the North: Seleucus Nicator, a former general under **Alexander the Great** rules over **Babylon** and **Syria**

Dan 11:5 And **the king of the south** shall be strong, and **one of his princes**;

- and he shall be strong above **him**, and have dominion;
- **his dominion shall be a great dominion.**

King of the South: Ptolemy 2 Philadelphus, king of Egypt (His daughter is Berenice)
King of the North: Antiochus 2 Theos. (His wife is Laidice)

Dan 11:6 **And in the end of years** they shall join themselves together [form an alliance];
 for **the king's daughter of the south** shall come to **the king of the north** to make an agreement:
 but she shall not retain the power of the arm [her position of power];
 neither shall he stand, nor his arm [**nor will he remain with his power**]:
 but she shall be given up,

- and they that brought her,
- and he that begat her,
- and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

King of the South: Ptolemy 3 Euergetes, king of Egypt
King of the North: Seleucis 2, (son of Antiochus 2 and Laodice)

Dan 11:7 **But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate [place],**

- which shall come with an army, and shall enter into **the fortress of the king of the north,**
- and shall deal against **them**, and shall prevail:
- Dan 11:8 And shall also carry captives into **Egypt**
 - their gods,
 - with their princes,
 - *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold;

and he on his part will refrain from attacking **the king of the North** for *some* years. (NASV)

and he shall continue *more* years than **the king of the north**. (KJV)

Dan 11:9 "Then **the latter** will enter the realm of the **king of the South**, (NASV, Amplified))

Dan 11:9 So **the king of the south** shall come into *his* kingdom, (KJV, Young's Literal, Geneva)

and shall return into his own land.

Seleucus 3 Ceraunos ("Thunder") -oldest
Antiochus 3 (the Great) - youngest

Dan 11:10 But **his sons** shall be stirred up, and shall assemble **a multitude of great forces**:
 and **one** shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

King of the South: Ptolemy 4 Philopater , king of Egypt
King of the North: Antiochus 3

Dan 11:11 **And the king of the south** shall be moved with choler [bitterness], and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with **the king of the north**:

and he shall set forth **a great multitude**;
 but the multitude shall be given into **his hand**.

Dan 11:12 *And* when he hath taken away **the multitude**,

- **his heart** shall be lifted up;
- and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands:

but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

Dan 11:13 For **the king of the north** shall return, and shall set forth **a multitude greater than the former**,
 and shall certainly come **after certain years** with **a great army** and with much riches [property].

Dan 11:14 And **in those times** there shall many stand up against **the king of the south**: also the robbers of **thy people** shall exalt themselves to **establish the vision**; but they shall fall.

Dan 11:15 So **the king of the north** shall come,

- and cast up a mount,
- and take **the most fenced cities**:
- and the arms [**forces**] of **the south** shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

Dan 11:16 But **he** that cometh against **him**

- shall do according to his own will,
- and none shall stand before **him**:
- and he shall stand in **the glorious land**, which by his hand shall be consumed.

King of the South: Ptolemy 5, king of Egypt

King of the North: Antiochus 3 (daughter is Cleopatra 1)

Dan 11:17 He shall also set his face to enter with **the strength of his whole kingdom**,

bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. (NASV)	and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women , corrupting her: (KJV)
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but **she** shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for **him**.

Dan 11:18 After this shall he turn his face unto **the isles**, and shall take **many**:

But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him ; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn. (NASV)	but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause <i>it</i> to turn upon him . (KJV)
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Dan 11:19 Then **he** shall turn his face toward the fort of **his own land**: but *he shall stumble and fall, and not be found*.

Seleucus 4

Dan 11:20 Then shall stand up in his estate **a raiser of taxes** in the glory of **the kingdom**: but *within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle*.

King of the North: Antiochus 4 Epiphanes

Dan 11:21 And **in his estate [place]** shall stand up **a vile person, to whom** they shall not give the honour of the kingdom:

- but he shall come in peaceably, and **obtain the kingdom by flatteries** [NASV: intrigue].

Dan 11:22 And with the arms of a flood **shall they be overflown [overwhelmed]** from before **him**, and shall be broken;

yea, also **the prince of the covenant**.
 (Note: **the Jewish high priest, Onias 3**, whose brother is **Joshua** who renames himself **Jason** after becoming **Hellenistic. Jason** bribes **Antiochus 4** and becomes high priest in Onias' place)

King of the North: Antiochus 4 Epiphanes

King of the South: Ptolemy 6 Philometer, king of Egypt

- nephew to Antiochus 4
- son to Cleopatra 1, Antiochus 4's sister

Dan 11:23 **And after** the league made with him he shall work **deceitfully**: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people [army].

- Dan 11:24 He shall enter peaceably even upon **the fattest [richest] places of the province**;
- and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers;
- he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches:
- yea, and he shall forecast his devices [schemes] against **the strong holds, even for a time.**

Dan 11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against **the king of the south with a great army**; and **the king of the south** shall be stirred up to battle with **a very great and mighty army**; but he shall not stand: for they (Note: his own ministers) shall forecast devices against him.

Dan 11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy **him**, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

King of the North: Antiochus 4 Epiphanes

Kings of the South: Ptolemy 6 Philometer then Ptolemy 7 Euergetes, kings of Egypt

Dan 11:27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: **for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.**

Dan 11:28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against **the holy covenant**; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

Dan 11:29 **At the time appointed** he shall return, and come toward **the south**; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

Dan 11:30 For **the ships of Chittim [Cyprus]** shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against **the holy covenant**: so shall he do;

he shall even return, and have {strategic} intelligence with **them** (Note: the Jews) **that forsake the holy covenant.**

Note: Ships of Kittim: Cyprus, a Greek Island, was occupied by Rome who confiscated the ships for their own use.

Dan 11:31 And **arms {forces}** shall stand on his part,

- and they shall pollute **the sanctuary of strength**,
- and shall take away **the daily sacrifice**,
- and **they** shall place **the abomination that maketh desolate.** (Note: a sacrifice of swine)

Note: also fulfilled later by Titus of Rome and/or has yet to be fulfilled in the future yet to come?
Mat 24:15 (Mar 13:14) When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Dan 11:32 And **such as** do wickedly against **the covenant** shall he corrupt by **flatteries**: but **the people that do know their God** shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

Dan 11:33 And **they that understand** among **the people** shall instruct **many**: yet they shall fall

- by the sword, and by flame,
- by captivity, and by spoil,

many days.

Revolts against Antiochus 4 led by the priest Mattathias and his five sons, then his son Judas Maccabee

Dan 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with [granted] a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

Dan 11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall,

- to try them,
- and to purge,
- and to make them white [NASV: pure],

even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Herod the Great

- an Idumean/Edomite installed by Rome in Judah
 - Note: the Edomites were forced to convert to Judaism under Hasmonean rule in 130 BC. Esau/Edom was Jacob's wicked twin brother and was always vengeful of the descendants of Jacob.
- neither described as king of the North or South
- a type of Antichrist

Dan 11:36 And the king

- shall do according to his will;
- and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god,
- and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods,
- and shall prosper till the indignation [God's wrath] be accomplished:

for that that is determined shall be done.

Dan 11:37 Neither shall he regard

- the God of his fathers, (Note: H433-Eloah, meaning God, or gods - meaning is not clear here)
- nor the desire of women, (Note: the desire of every Godly Jewish woman was to be the mother of the Messiah)
- nor regard any god:

for he shall magnify himself above all.

Dan 11:38 But in his estate shall he honour

- the god of forces [H4581:fortresses]:
- and a god whom his fathers knew not
- shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

Dan 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge

he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him, (NASV)	and increase his glory (KJV)
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and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

Rulers of the South - Mark Antony and his ally Cleopatra 1 ruling Egypt Ruler of the North - Octavius, of Rome

Dan 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Dan 11:41 He shall enter also into **the glorious land**, and **many countries** shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of **his hand**, *even* **Edom, and Moab**, and **the chief of the children of Ammon**.

Dan 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon **the countries**: and **the land of Egypt** shall not escape.

Dan 11:43 But he shall have power over **the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt**: and the **Libyans** and the **Ethiopians** *shall be* at his steps.

Herod the Great

Dan 11:44 But tidings out of the **east** and out of the **north** shall trouble **him**: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away **many**.

Note: The slaughter of all male children two years old and younger to prevent the Messiah Jesus Christ from ruling.

Dan 11:45 And **he** shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in **the glorious holy mountain**; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Note: Whether or not this prophecy was fulfilled during the Selucid Dynasty involving all descendants of Antiochus of Syria (kings of the north) and descendants of Ptolemy (kings of the south) is a subject of much debate among scholars. The analysis by the respective scholars is done in extreme detail including citing references from 1 Maccabees and Josephus' Antiquity of the Jews to back up their arguments. The "**abomination of desolation**" has more than one mention throughout Jewish history by Jewish historians as having been fulfilled and the reference by Jesus to Daniel is debated as having been fulfilled by Titus of Rome and/or has yet to be fulfilled in the future yet to come.

When all is said and done, the best and most reliable interpretation of prophecy (and other scripture) comes by

- *comparing scripture with scripture,*
- *adhering strictly to the context instead of wildly speculating (especially to manipulate others for selfish gain)*
- *and in the context here of Daniel 11 compared to chapter 9:26-27 as follows:*

Dan 9:26 "Then **after the sixty-two weeks** **the Messiah** will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of **the prince** who is to come **will destroy the city and the sanctuary**.

- And its end *will come* with a flood;
- even to the end there will be war;
- desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 "And **he** will make a firm covenant with the many for **one week**, but in the **middle of the week** he will put a stop to **sacrifice and grain offering**; and on the wing of abominations *will come* **one who makes desolate**, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

1335 (1290 +45) days to purify God's people in a time of severe judgment of the wicked

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, **the great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble, such as never was** since there was a nation *even* to that same time:

and at that time

- thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
- Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
 - some to everlasting life,
 - and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;
- and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O **Daniel**, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Dan 12:5 Then I **Daniel** looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. (Note: The Tigris River - Dan 10:4)

Dan 12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river,

- when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven,
- and sware by him that liveth for ever

that it shall be for a time, times, and an half;

and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

Dan 12:9 And he said,

Go thy way, **Daniel**: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;

but the wicked shall do wickedly:

and none of the wicked shall understand;

but the wise shall understand.

Dan 12:11 And from the time

- that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away,
- and the abomination that maketh desolate set up,

there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Dan 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be:

for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Enemies of rebuilding the Temple Timeline Introduction

Ezr 4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

Ezr 4:2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur [Assyria], which brought us up hither.

Ezr 4:3 But **Zerubbabel**, and **Jeshua**, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build **an house unto our God**; but we ourselves together will build unto **the LORD God of Israel**, as **king Cyrus the king of Persia** hath commanded us.

Ezr 4:4 Then the people of the land

- weakened the hands of the people of **Judah**,
- and troubled them in building,
- Ezr 4:5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose,

all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezr 4:6 **And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, (519-465 BC) wrote they unto him an accusation** against the inhabitants of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**.

Accusation against Judah and Jerusalem detailed in The Book of Esther

Est 1:1 Now it came to pass **in the days of Ahasuerus**, (this *is* **Ahasuerus** which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

Est 1:2 *That* in those days, when the **king Ahasuerus** sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace,

Persian King Ahasuerus hosts a party lasting over 180 days

Est 1:3 **In the third year of his reign,**

he made a feast unto all

- his princes
- and his servants;
- the power of **Persia** and **Media**,
- the nobles and princes of the provinces,

being before him:

Est 1:4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty **many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.**

Est 1:5 **And when these days were expired,** the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in **Shushan the palace [Susa the capital]**, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

Est 1:6 *Where were*

- white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble:
- the beds *were* of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

Est 1:7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

Est 1:8 And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

Queen Vashti is replaced by Esther

Est 1:9 Also **Vashti the queen** made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to **king Ahasuerus**.

Est 1:10 **On the seventh day,** when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded **Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains** that served in the presence of **Ahasuerus the king**,

Est 1:11 To bring **Vashti the queen** before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on.

Est 1:12 But the **queen Vashti** refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was **the king** very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

Est 1:13 Then **the king** said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

Est 1:14 And the next unto him *was* **Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media,**

- which saw the king's face,
- *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;)

Est 1:15 What shall we do unto the **queen Vashti** according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the **king Ahasuerus** by the chamberlains?

Est 1:16 And **Memucan** answered before the king and the princes, **Vashti the queen** hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the **king Ahasuerus**.

- Est 1:17 For *this* deed of **the queen** shall come abroad [become known] unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The **king Ahasuerus** commanded **Vashti the queen** to be brought in before him, but she came not.
- Est 1:18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of **Persia and Media** say this day unto **all the king's princes**, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.

Est 1:19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the **Persians** and the **Medes**, that it be not altered, That **Vashti** come no more before **king Ahasuerus**;

and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

Est 1:20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

Est 1:21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and **the king** did according to the word of **Memucan**:

Est 1:22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

Est 2:1 After these things, when the wrath of **king Ahasuerus** was appeased, he remembered **Vashti**, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

Est 2:2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

Est 2:3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them*:

Est 2:4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of **Vashti**.

And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

Est 2:5 *Now* in **Shushan the palace [Susa the capital]** there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* **Mordecai**, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a **Benjamite**;

Est 2:6 Who had been carried away from **Jerusalem** with the captivity which had been carried away with **Jecooniah [Jehoiachin] king of Judah**, whom **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon** had carried away.

Est 2:7 And he brought up **Hadassah, that is, Esther**,

his uncle's daughter:

for she had neither father nor mother,

and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; whom **Mordecai**, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

Est 2:8 So **it came to pass**, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto **Shushan the palace [Susa the capital]**, to the custody of **Hegai**, that **Esther** was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of **Hegai**, keeper of the women.

Est 2:9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him;
and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her,
and **seven maidens**, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house:
and he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

Est 2:10 **Esther** had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for **Mordecai** had charged her that she should not shew *it*.

Est 2:11 And **Mordecai** walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how **Esther** did, and what should become of her.

Est 2:12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to **king Ahasuerus**,
after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women,
(for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*,

- six months with oil of myrrh,
- and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;)

Est 2:13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king;

- whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.
- Est 2:14 In the evening she went,
- and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of **Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain**, which kept the concubines:
- she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

Est 2:15 Now when the turn of **Esther**, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of **Mordecai**, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what **Hegai the king's chamberlain**, the keeper of the women, appointed.

And **Esther** obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

7th Year, 10th month of King Ahasuerus

Est 2:16 So **Esther** was taken unto **king Ahasuerus** into his house royal **in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.**

Est 2:17 And the king loved **Esther** above all the women,
and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins;
so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of **Vashti**.

Est 2:18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even Esther's* feast;
and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

Est 2:19a And when the virgins were gathered together the second time,

Esther hides her national origin from King Ahasuerus

Est 2:19b then **Mordecai** sat in the king's gate.

Est 2:20 **Esther** had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor her people; as **Mordecai** had charged her: for **Esther** did the commandment of **Mordecai**, like as when she was brought up with him.

Esther informs the king of the plot against him as revealed to her by Mordecai

Est 2:21 In those days, while **Mordecai** sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the **king Ahasuerus**.

Est 2:22 And the thing was known to **Mordecai**, who told *it* unto **Esther** the queen; and **Esther** certified the king *thereof* in **Mordecai's** name.

Est 2:23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: **and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.**

Note: Est 10:2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of **Mordecai**, whereunto the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of **the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?**

Note: This is not the same as 1st and 2nd Chronicles.

Haman, whom the king promoted, seeks to exterminate the Jews

Est 3:1 After these things did **king Ahasuerus** promote **Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite**, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

Est 3:2 And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and revered **Haman**: for the king had so commanded concerning him.

But **Mordecai** bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.

Est 3:3 Then the king's servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto **Mordecai**, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

Est 3:4 Now **it came to pass**, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told **Haman**, to see whether **Mordecai's** matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

Est 3:5 And when **Haman** saw that **Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence**, then was **Haman** full of wrath.

Est 3:6 **And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai:**

wherefore **Haman** sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of **Ahasuerus**, *even* the people of **Mordecai**.

12th Year, 1st month of King Ahasuerus

Est 3:7 **In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus**, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before **Haman** from day to day, and from month to month, **to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.**

Est 3:8 And **Haman** said unto **king Ahasuerus**,

There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom;
and their laws *are* diverse from all people;
neither keep they the king's laws:
therefore *it is* not for the king's profit to suffer them [to allow them to remain].

Est 3:9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed:

and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.

Est 3:10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto **Haman** the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.

Est 3:11 And the king said unto **Haman**, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

13th Year, 1st month, 13th Day of King Ahasuerus

Est 3:12 Then were **the king's scribes** called **on the thirteenth day of the first month**, and there was written according to all that **Haman** had commanded

- unto the king's lieutenants,
- and to the governors that *were* over every province,
- and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof,
- and *to* every people after their language;

in the name of **king Ahasuerus** was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

Est 3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces,

- to destroy,
- to kill,
- and to cause to perish, all Jews,
 - both young and old,
 - little children and women,
- in one day, *even* upon **the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar**,
- and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

Est 3:14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against **that day**.

Est 3:15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in **Shushan the palace [Susa the capital]**.

And the king and **Haman** sat down to drink; but **the city Shushan [Susa]** was perplexed.

Mordecai informs Esther of Haman's plot to exterminate the Jews

Est 4:1 When **Mordecai** perceived all that was done,

Mordecai rent his clothes,
and put on sackcloth with ashes,
and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

Est 4:2 And came even before the king's gate:
for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

Est 4:3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews,
and fasting,
and weeping, and wailing;
and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Est 4:4 So **Esther's** maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her.
Then was the queen exceedingly grieved;
and she sent raiment to clothe **Mordecai**, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.

Est 4:5 Then called **Esther** for **Hatach**, **one of the king's chamberlains**, whom he had appointed to attend upon her,
and gave him a commandment to **Mordecai**, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*.

Est 4:6 So **Hatach** went forth to **Mordecai** unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate.

Est 4:7 And **Mordecai** told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that **Haman** had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

Est 4:8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at **Shushan [Susa]** to destroy them, to shew *it* unto **Esther**, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

Est 4:9 And **Hatach** came and told **Esther** the words of **Mordecai**.

Esther agrees to help the Jews after being persuaded by Mordecai

Est 4:10 Again **Esther** spake unto **Hatach**, and gave him commandment unto **Mordecai**;

Est 4:11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

Est 4:12 And they told to **Mordecai Esther**'s words.

Est 4:13 Then **Mordecai** commanded to answer **Esther**, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

Est 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

Est 4:15 Then **Esther** bade *them* return **Mordecai** *this answer*,

Est 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in **Shushan [Susa]**, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

Est 4:17 So **Mordecai** went his way, and did according to all that **Esther** had commanded him.

Esther prepares a banquet for the king

13th Year, 1st month, 16th Day of King Ahasuerus

Est 5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that **Esther** put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

Est 5:2 And it was so, when the king saw **Esther** the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to **Esther** the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So **Esther** drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

Est 5:3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen **Esther**? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

Est 5:4 And **Esther** answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let the king and **Haman** come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

Est 5:5 Then the king said, Cause **Haman** to make haste, that he may do as **Esther** hath said. So the king and **Haman** came to the banquet that **Esther** had prepared.

Est 5:6 And the king said unto **Esther** at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

Est 5:7 Then answered **Esther**, and said, My petition and my request *is*;

Est 5:8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and **Haman** come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.

Haman plans to hang Mordecai

Est 5:9 Then went **Haman** forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when **Haman** saw **Mordecai** in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against **Mordecai**.

Est 5:10 Nevertheless **Haman** refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and **Zeresh his wife**.

Est 5:11 And **Haman** told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

Est 5:12 **Haman** said moreover, Yea, **Esther** the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

Est 5:13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see **Mordecai** the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

Est 5:14 Then said **Zeresh his wife** and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that **Mordecai** may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased **Haman**; and he caused the gallows to be made.

The king honors Mordecai

Est 6:1 On that night **could not the king sleep**, and he commanded to bring **the book of records of the chronicles**; and they were read before the king.

Est 6:2 And it was found written, that **Mordecai** had told of **Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains**, the keepers of the door, **who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus**.

Est 6:3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to **Mordecai** for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

Est 6:4 And the king said, Who *is* in the court?

Now **Haman** was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto **the king** to hang **Mordecai** on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

Est 6:5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, **Haman** standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

Est 6:6 So **Haman** came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now **Haman** thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

Est 6:7 And **Haman** answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,

- Est 6:8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king *useth* to wear,
- and the horse that the king rideth upon,
- and the crown royal which is set upon his head:
- Est 6:9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes,
- that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour,
- and bring him on horseback through the street of the city,

and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Est 6:10 Then the king said to **Haman**, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to **Mordecai** the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

Est 6:11 Then took **Haman** the apparel and the horse, and arrayed **Mordecai**, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Est 6:12 And **Mordecai** came again to the king's gate. But **Haman** hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered.

Est 6:13 And **Haman** told **Zeresh his wife** and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and **Zeresh his wife** unto him, If **Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him**.

Est 6:14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came **the king's chamberlains**, and hastened to bring **Haman** unto the banquet that **Esther** had prepared.

Esther reveals Haman's plot to the king

Est 7:1 So **the king** and **Haman** came to banquet with **Esther** the queen.

Est 7:2 And **the king** said again unto **Esther** on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, **queen Esther**? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

Est 7:3 Then **Esther** the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

Est 7:4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

Est 7:5 Then the **king Ahasuerus** answered and said unto **Esther the queen**, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

Est 7:6 And **Esther** said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked **Haman**. Then **Haman** was afraid before **the king** and **the queen**.

Haman is hanged in the gallows he had made for Mordecai

Est 7:7 And **the king** arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and **Haman** stood up to make request for his life to **Esther** the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by **the king**.

Est 7:8 Then **the king** returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and **Haman** was fallen upon the bed whereon **Esther** *was*. Then said **the king**, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of **the king's** mouth, they covered **Haman's** face.

Est 7:9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before **the king**, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which **Haman** had made for **Mordecai**, who had spoken good for **the king**, standeth in the house of **Haman**. Then **the king** said, Hang him thereon.

Est 7:10 So they hanged **Haman** on the gallows that he had prepared for **Mordecai**. Then was **the king's** wrath pacified.

Esther pleads for the Jews

Est 8:1 On that day did **the king Ahasuerus** give the house of **Haman** the Jews' enemy unto **Esther** the queen. And **Mordecai** came before **the king**; for **Esther** had told what he *was* unto her.

Est 8:2 And **the king** took off his ring, which he had taken from **Haman**, and gave it unto **Mordecai**. And **Esther** set **Mordecai** over the house of **Haman**.

Est 8:3 And **Esther** spake yet again before **the king**, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of **Haman** the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

Est 8:4 Then **the king** held out the golden sceptre toward **Esther**.

So **Esther** arose, and stood before **the king**,

Est 8:5 And said,

If it please **the king**,

- and if I have found favour in his sight,
- and the thing *seem* right before **the king**,
- and I *be* pleasing in his eyes,

let it be written to reverse the letters devised by **Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite**, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all **the king's** provinces:

Est 8:6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

Est 8:7 Then **the king Ahasuerus** said unto **Esther the queen** and to **Mordecai** the Jew, Behold, I have given **Esther the house of Haman**, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

The king revolks Haman's edict against the Jews per Esther's writing a decree giving the Jews the right to avenge themselves on their enemies

Est 8:8 Write ye also for the Jews,

- as it liketh you [as you see fit],
- in the king's name,
- and seal *it* with the king's ring:

for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

13th Year, 3rd month, 23rd Day of King Ahasuerus

Note: The Jews were to be obliterated “in one day, **the thirteenth day of the twelfth month**” (Est 3:13)

Est 8:9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time **in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof**; and it was written according to all that **Mordecai** commanded

- unto the Jews,
- and to the lieutenants,
- and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* from **India** unto **Ethiopia**, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof,
- and unto every people after their language,
- and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

Est 8:10 And he wrote

- in the **king Ahasuerus'** name,
- and sealed *it* with the king's ring,

and sent letters by posts on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries:

Est 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city

- to gather themselves together,
- and to stand for their life,
- to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them,
 - *both* little ones and women,
 - and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey,

Est 8:12 Upon one day in all the provinces of **king Ahasuerus**, *namely*, **upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar**.

Note: Compare with Est 3:13 - And letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder.

Est 8:13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province *was* published unto all people, and **that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies**.

Est 8:14 *So* the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at **Shushan the palace [Susa the capital]**.

Est 8:15 And **Mordecai** went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and **the city of Shushan [Susa]** rejoiced and was glad.

Est 8:16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

Est 8:17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. **And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.**

The Jews destroy their enemies

13th Year, 12th month, 13th Day of King Ahasuerus

Est 9:1 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same,

- when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution,
- in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them,

(though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

Est 9:2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt:

- and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.
- **Est 9:3** And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

Est 9:4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

Est 9:5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

Est 9:6 And in Shushan the palace [Susa the capital] the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

- **Est 9:7** And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
- **Est 9:8** And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,
- **Est 9:9** And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,
- **Est 9:10** The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they;

but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

Est 9:11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace [Susa the capital] was brought before the king.

Est 9:12 And the king said unto Esther the queen,

The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace [Susa the capital], and the ten sons of Haman;

what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces?

now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee:

or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

Est 9:13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan [Susa] to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

Est 9:14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

Est 9:15 For the Jews that were in Shushan [Susa] gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan;

- but on the prey they laid not their hand.

Est 9:16 But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces

- gathered themselves together,
- and stood for their lives,
- and had rest from their enemies,
- and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand,

but they laid not their hands on the prey,

Est 9:17a On the thirteenth day of the month Adar;

The Feast of Purim is in enacted celebrating the Jews victory over Haman's forces

Est 9:17b and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Est 9:18 But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof;

and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Est 9:19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

Est 9:20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far,

Est 9:21 To stablish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

Est 9:22 As the days wherein

- the Jews rested from their enemies,
- and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day:
- that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

Est 9:23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;

Est 9:24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

Est 9:25 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

Est 9:26 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

Est 9:27 The Jews ordained, and took

- upon them,
- and upon their seed,
- and upon all such as joined themselves unto them,

so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

Est 9:28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout

- every generation,
- every family,
- every province,
- and every city;

and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

Est 9:29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

Est 9:30 And he sent the letters

- unto all the Jews,
- to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus,

with words of peace and truth,

Est 9:31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them,

and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

Est 9:32 And the decree of **Esther** confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in **the book**.

The greatness of Mordecai recorded in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia

Est 10:1 And the **king Ahasuerus** laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* **the isles of the sea**.

Est 10:2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of **Mordecai**, whereunto the king advanced him, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?**

Est 10:3 For **Mordecai** the Jew

- *was* next unto **king Ahasuerus**,
- and great among the Jews,
- and accepted of the multitude of his brethren,
- seeking the wealth of his people,
- and speaking peace to all his seed.

More letters of accusations against the Jews years later

Ezr 4:7 **And in the days of Artaxerxes,** (465-424 BC Artaxerxes 1)

wrote **Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions**, unto **Artaxerxes king of Persia**; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the **Syrian [Aramaic]** tongue, and interpreted in the **Syrian [Aramean]** tongue.

Ezr 4:8 **Rehum the chancellor** and **Shimshai the scribe** wrote a letter against **Jerusalem** to **Artaxerxes** the king in this sort:

Ezr 4:9 then *wrote* **Rehum the commander** and **Shimshai the scribe** and the rest of their colleagues,

- the judges
- and the lesser governors,
- the officials,
- the secretaries,
- the men of Erech,
- the **Babylonians**,
- the men of **Susa**, that is, the **Elamites**,
- **Ezr 4:10** and the rest of the nations

which **the great and honorable Osnappar** deported and settled in **the city of Samaria**, and in the rest of the region beyond **the River**. (NASV)

Ezr 4:9 Then *wrote* **Rehum the chancellor**, and **Shimshai the scribe**, and the rest of their companions;

- the Dinaites,
- the Apharsathchites,
- the Tarpelites,
- the Apharsites,
- the Archevites,
- the **Babylonians**,
- the **Susanchites**,
- the Dehavites,
- *and* the Elamites,
- **Ezr 4:10** And the rest of the nations

whom **the great and noble Asnappar** brought over, and set in **the cities of Samaria**, and the rest *that are* on this side **the river**, and at such a time. (KJV)

Ezr 4:11 This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him,

even unto **Artaxerxes** the king; Thy servants the men on this side **the river**, and at such a time.

Ezr 4:12 Be it known unto the king,

that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem,

- building the rebellious and the bad city,
- and have set up the walls thereof,
- and joined the foundations.

Ezr 4:13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again*, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

Ezr 4:14 Now because we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

Ezr 4:15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that

- this city *is* a rebellious city,
- and hurtful unto kings and provinces,
- and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time:

for which cause was this city destroyed.

Ezr 4:16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side **the river**.

King Artaxerxes confirms the accusations

Ezr 4:17 Then sent the king an answer unto **Rehum the chancellor**, and to **Shimshai the scribe**, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in **Samaria**, and unto the rest beyond **the river**,
Peace,

and at such a time.

Ezr 4:18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

Ezr 4:19 And I commanded,
and search hath been made,
and it is found

- that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings,
- and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein.
- Ezr 4:20 There have been mighty kings also over **Jerusalem**, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond **the river**;
- and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them

Work on the house of God is stalled

Ezr 4:21 Give ye now commandment **to cause these men to cease**, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me.

Ezr 4:22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

Ezr 4:23 Now when the copy of **king Artaxerxes'** letter *was* read before **Rehum**, and **Shimshai the scribe**, and **their companions**, they went up in haste to **Jerusalem** unto the Jews, and **made them to cease by force and power**

Ezr 4:24 **Then ceased the work** of **the house of God** which *is* at **Jerusalem**.

So it ceased **unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia**.

Dan 5:31 And **Darius the Median [Mede]** took the kingdom, *being about threescore and two years old.*

Note: This marks the beginning of the Silver kingdom (Mede-Persian) prophesied in **Daniel 2:32, 2:39.**

Year 1 of Darius the Mede, king over the Chaldeans

Dan 9:1 In the first year of **Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes**, which was made king over the realm of the **Chaldeans**;

Dan 9:2 In the first **year of his reign**

I **Daniel** understood by **books**

the number of the years,

whereof **the word of the LORD** came to **Jeremiah the prophet,**

that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Dan 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek

- by prayer and supplications,
- with fasting,
- and sackcloth, and ashes:

Dan 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said,

O Lord,

- the great and dreadful God,
- keeping the covenant and mercy
 - to them that love him,
 - and to them that keep his commandments;

Dan 9:5 We have

- sinned,
- and have committed iniquity,
- and have done wickedly,
- and have rebelled,
- even by departing from thy **precepts** and from thy **judgments**:
- Dan 9:6 Neither have we hearkened unto **thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name** to
 - our kings,
 - our princes,
 - and our fathers,
 - and to all the people of the land.

Dan 9:7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee,

but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day;

- to the men of **Judah**,
- and to the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**,
- and unto all **Israel**,
- *that are* near,
- and *that are* far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them,

because of **their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.**

Dan 9:8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

Dan 9:9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses,

- though we have rebelled against him;
- Dan 9:10 Neither have we obeyed **the voice of the LORD our God**,
 - to walk in **his laws**, which he set before us by **his servants the prophets.**
- Dan 9:11 Yea, **all Israel** have transgressed **thy law**, even by departing, that they might not obey **thy voice**;

therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

Dan 9:12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake

- against us,
- and against our judges that judged us,

by bringing upon us a great evil [calamity]:

for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

Dan 9:13 *As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us:*

yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that

- we might turn from our iniquities,
- and understand thy truth.

Dan 9:14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us:

for the LORD our God *is righteous in all his works which he doeth:*

for we obeyed not his voice.

Dan 9:15 And now, O Lord our God,

that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown,

as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

Dan 9:16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee,

let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain:

because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become a reproach to all that are about us.*

Dan 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications,

and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

Dan 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear;

open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name:

for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses,

but for thy great mercies.

Dan 9:19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive;

O Lord, hearken and do; defer not,

for thine own sake. O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Psa 102:1

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

Psa 102:2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

Psa 102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

Psa 102:4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

Psa 102:5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

Psa 102:6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

Psa 102:7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Psa 102:8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

Psa 102:9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

Psa 102:10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

Psa 102:11 My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

Psa 102:12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Psa 102:13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Psa 102:14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

Psa 102:15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

Psa 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

Psa 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Psa 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Psa 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Psa 102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

Psa 102:23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

Psa 102:24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

Psa 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

Psa 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

Psa 102:27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Psa 102:28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Dan 9:20 And whiles I *was*

- speaking, and praying,
- and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel,
- and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer,

even the man **Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of **the evening oblation [offering]**.

Dan 9:22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said,

O **Daniel**, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

Dan 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Dan 9:24 **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

- to finish the transgression,
- and to make an end of sins,
- and to make reconciliation for iniquity, (Note: Christ's sacrifice of Himself for our sins)
- and to bring in everlasting righteousness, (Note: The Holy Spirit dwelling inside the believer)
- and to seal up the vision and prophecy,
- and to anoint **the most Holy**.

Note: A week in this context is a week of years or 7 years. 70 weeks then is 490 years.

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that*

- from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build **Jerusalem** (Note: issued by Cyrus, king of Persia, see Ezra chapter 1)
- unto **the Messiah the Prince**

shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks:

it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. (NASV)	the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (KJV)
(Note: fulfilled as recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah)	
Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks (Note: 434 years) shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the {other} prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and the end thereof <i>shall be</i> with a flood, • and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 	
Dan 9:27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week (Note: 7 years), (NASV)	Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (Note: 7 years): (KJV)
and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate , even until the consummation [complete destruction],	
one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (NASV)	and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)

Daniel's integrity has him appointed by Darius I the Mede

Year 1 of Darius I the Mede

Dan 11:1 Also I **in the first year of Darius** the Mede, *even I* (Note: the angel Gabriel speaking to Daniel in a different context but inserted here for the sake of chronological order) , stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

Dan 6:1 It pleased **Darius** to set over the kingdom an **hundred and twenty princes**, which should be over the whole kingdom;

Dan 6:2 And over these **three presidents**; of whom **Daniel** *was* first:

- that the princes might give accounts unto them,
- and the king should have no damage.

Dan 6:3 **Then this Daniel** *was* preferred above the presidents and princes,

- because an **excellent spirit** *was* in him;
- and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Dan 6:4 Then the **presidents and princes** sought to find occasion against **Daniel** concerning the kingdom; **but they could find**

- none occasion
- nor fault;

forasmuch as

- he *was* faithful,
- neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Presidents and Princes plot to have Darius execute Daniel in the Lions Den

Dan 6:5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this **Daniel**, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

Dan 6:6

Then these presidents and **princes** assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him,

King Darius, live for ever.

Dan 6:7 All the

- **presidents** of the kingdom,
- the governors,
- and the **princes**,
- the counsellors,
- and the captains,

have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

Dan 6:8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the **law of the Medes and Persians**, *which altereth not [which may not be revoked]*.

Dan 6:9 Wherefore **king Darius** signed the writing and the decree.

Dan 6:10 Now when **Daniel** knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward **Jerusalem**,

- he kneeled upon his knees three times a day,
- and prayed,
- and gave thanks before his God,

as he did aforetime.

Dan 6:11 Then these men assembled, and found **Daniel** praying and making supplication before his God.

Dan 6:12

Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree;

Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?

The king answered and said,

The thing *is* true, according to **the law of the Medes and Persians**, which altereth not.

Dan 6:13 Then answered they and said before the king,

That **Daniel**, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

Dan 6:14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words,

- was sore displeased with himself,
- and set *his* heart on **Daniel** to deliver him:
- and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

Dan 6:15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king,

Know, O king, that **the law of the Medes and Persians is**, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

A grieved Darius gives in to the enemies of Daniel

Dan 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought **Daniel**, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto **Daniel**,

Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

Dan 6:17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning **Daniel**.

Dan 6:18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting:

neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

Darius joyfully finds the Lord rescued Daniel

Dan 6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

Dan 6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto **Daniel**: *and* the king spake and said to **Daniel**,

O **Daniel**, servant of **the living God**, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Dan 6:21 Then said **Daniel** unto the king,

O king, live for ever.

Dan 6:22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as

- before him innocency was found in me;
- and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Dan 6:23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take **Daniel** up out of the den. So **Daniel** was taken up out of the den, **and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.**

Daniel's accusers are thrown into the lions den

Dan 6:24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused **Daniel**, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

Darius issues a decree for all men to fear the God of Daniel

Dan 6:25 Then **king Darius** wrote unto

all people,
nations,
and languages,

that dwell in all the earth;

Peace be multiplied unto you.

Dan 6:26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before **the God of Daniel**:

- for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever,
- and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed,
- and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.
- Dan 6:27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered **Daniel** from the power of the lions.

Dan 6:28 So this **Daniel** prospered in the reign of **Darius**, and in the reign of **Cyrus the Persian**.

With the Prophets help rebuilding begins

2nd year of **Darius** –

Ezr 5:1 Then the prophets,

- **Haggai the prophet,**
- **and Zechariah the son of Iddo,**

prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in **Judah** and **Jerusalem** in **the name of the God of Israel**, *even* unto them.

Ezr 5:2 Then rose up **Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel**, and **Jeshua the son of Jozadak**, and began to build the **house of God which is at Jerusalem**; and with them *were* **the prophets of God** helping them.

The word of the Lord through Haggai - Gather resources to rebuild the Temple 2nd Year, 6th month, 1st Day of Darius

Hag 1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet

- unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
- and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest,

saying,

Hag 1:2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.

Hag 1:3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

Hag 1:4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

Hag 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Consider your ways.

Hag 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little;

ye eat, but ye have not enough;

ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink;

ye clothe you, but there is none warm;

and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Hag 1:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Consider your ways.

Hag 1:8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Hag 1:9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little;

and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it.

Why? saith the LORD of hosts.

Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

Hag 1:10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

Hag 1:11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Zerubbabel and Jeshua begin work on the house of the LORD

Hag 1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

Hag 1:13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

Hag 1:14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

Hag 1:15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

The word of the LORD through Haggai - I will force the nations to give you what you need to build the temple

2nd Year, 7th month, 21st Day of Darius

Hag 2:1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

Hag 2:2 Speak now

- to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
- and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest,
- and to the residue of the people,

saying,

Hag 2:3 Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

Hag 2:4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

Hag 2:5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

Hag 2:6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

Hag 2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Hag 2:8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Return to Me

2nd Year, 8th month, of Darius

Zec 1:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

Zec 1:2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

Zec 1:3 Therefore say thou unto them,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zec 1:4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings:

but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

Zec 1:5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

Zec 1:6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers?

and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

To the priests - I will bless you if you repent

2nd Year, 9th month, 24th Day of Darius

Hag 2:10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

Hag 2:11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

Hag 2:12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy?

And the priests answered and said, No.

Hag 2:13 Then said Haggai,

If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?

And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

Hag 2:14 Then answered Haggai, and said,

So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

Hag 2:15 And now, I pray you,

consider from this day and upward,

from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

Hag 2:16 Since those days were,

- when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten:
- when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

Hag 2:17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands;

yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.

Hag 2:18 Consider now from this day and upward,

from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month,

even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid,

consider it.

Hag 2:19 Is the seed yet in the barn?

yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth:

from this day will I bless you.

Kingdoms will be destroyed

2nd Year, 9th month, 24th Day of Darius

Hag 2:20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

Hag 2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying,

I will shake the heavens and the earth;

Hag 2:22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

Hag 2:23 **In that day, saith the LORD of hosts,**
will I take thee, O **Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,** saith the LORD,
and will make thee as a signet:
for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

Patrols of the earth

2nd Year, 11th month, 24th Day of Darius

Zec 1:7 **Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius,**
came **the word of the LORD** unto **Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet,** saying,

Zec 1:8 I saw by night, and behold **a man** riding upon **a red horse,**
and **he stood among the myrtle trees** that *were* in the bottom;
and behind him *were there* **red horses, speckled, and white.** (See Revelation chapter 6)

Zec 1:9 Then said I,

O **my lord,** what *are* these?

And the angel that talked with me said unto me,

I will shew thee what these *be.*

Zec 1:10

And **the man that stood among the myrtle trees** answered and said,

These *are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.*

Zec 1:11

And they answered **the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees,** and said,

We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

The LORD to have compassion on Jerusalem

Zec 1:12

Then **the angel of the LORD** answered and said, O LORD of hosts,
how long wilt thou not have mercy on **Jerusalem** and on the cities of **Judah,**
against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

Zec 1:13 And **the LORD** answered **the angel** that talked with me *with good words and comfortable words.*

Zec 1:14 So **the angel** that communed with me said unto me, **Cry thou, saying,**

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

I am jealous for **Jerusalem** and for **Zion** with a great jealousy.

Zec 1:15 And **I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease:**
for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Zec 1:16 Therefore thus saith the LORD;

I am returned to **Jerusalem** with mercies:

my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts,

and **a line** shall be stretched forth upon **Jerusalem.**

(Note: there are several references by other prophets to measuring lines.)

Zec 1:17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad;

and **the LORD** shall yet comfort **Zion,**

and shall yet choose **Jerusalem.**

Four Horns who scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem

Zec 1:18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold **four horns**.

Zec 1:19

And I said unto **the angel** that talked with me,

What *be* these?

And he answered me,

These *are* **the horns** which have scattered **Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem**.

Four craftsmen

Zec 1:20 And the LORD shewed me **four carpenters**.

Zec 1:21

Then said I,

What come these to do?

And he spake, saying,

- These *are* **the horns** which have scattered **Judah**, so that no man did lift up his head:
- but **these** are come to fray **them**, to cast out **the horns** of the Gentiles, which lifted up **their horn** over the land of **Judah** to scatter it.

A man Measures Jerusalem

Zec 2:1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold **a man with a measuring line in his hand**.

Zec 2:2 Then said I,

Whither goest thou?

And he said unto me,

To measure **Jerusalem**, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls protected by God

Zec 2:3 And, behold, **the angel that talked with me** went forth, and **another angel** went out to meet him,

Zec 2:4 And said unto **him**,

Run, speak to this young man, saying,

Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Zec 2:5 For **I**, saith **the LORD**, will be unto her

- **a wall of fire** round about,
- and will be the glory in the midst of her.

Zec 2:6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith **the LORD**: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith **the LORD**.

Zec 2:7 Deliver thyself, O **Zion**, that dwellest *with* the daughter of **Babylon**.

Zec 2:8 For thus saith **the LORD of hosts**;

After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Zec 2:9 For, behold,

I will shake mine hand upon them,

and they shall be a spoil to their servants:

and ye shall know that **the LORD of hosts** hath sent me.

Zec 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of **Zion**:

for, lo,

I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith **the LORD**.

Zec 2:11 And many nations shall be joined to **the LORD** in that day, and shall be my people:

and I will dwell in the midst of thee,

and thou shalt know that **the LORD of hosts** hath sent me unto thee.

Zec 2:12 And the LORD shall inherit **Judah** his portion in the holy land,
and shall choose **Jerusalem** again.

Zec 2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before **the LORD**:
for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

The accuser of Joshua the high priest is rebuked by the LORD

Zec 3:1 And he shewed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before **the angel of the LORD**,
and **Satan** standing at his right hand to resist [accuse] him.

Zec 3:2 And **the LORD** said unto Satan,

The LORD rebuke thee, O **Satan**;
even **the LORD** that hath chosen **Jerusalem** rebuke thee:
is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Joshua's filthy garments exchanged for festive robes

Zec 3:3 Now **Joshua** was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before **the angel**.

Zec 3:4 And **he** answered and spake unto those that stood before him, **saying**,

Take away the filthy garments from him.

And unto **him** **he said**,

Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee,
and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Zec 3:5 And **I** said,

Let them set a fair mitre [turban] upon his head.

So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments.

And **the angel of the LORD** stood by.

Joshua to be given authority in the house of the LORD

Zec 3:6 And **the angel of the LORD** protested unto [admonished] **Joshua**, saying,

Zec 3:7 **Thus saith the LORD** of hosts;

If thou wilt walk in my ways,
and if thou wilt keep my charge,
then thou shalt also judge **my house**,
and shalt also keep **my courts**,
and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Zec 3:8 Hear now, **O Joshua the high priest**,

thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee:

for they *are* men wondered at:

for, behold,

I will bring forth **my servant the BRANCH**.

Seven Eyes, No more iniquity

Zec 3:9 For behold **the stone** that I have laid before **Joshua**;

upon **one stone shall be seven eyes**:

behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, **saith the LORD of hosts**,

and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Zec 3:10 In that day, **saith the LORD of hosts**,

shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Vision of the Golden Lampstand and the two olive trees

Zec 4:1 And **the angel that talked with me** came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

Zec 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou?

And I said, I have looked, and behold

a **candlestick all of gold,**

- with a **bowl** upon the top of it,
- and his [its] **seven lamps** thereon,
- and **seven pipes** to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:

Zec 4:3 And **two olive trees** by it,

- one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

Zec 4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

Zec 4:5 Then **the angel that talked with me** answered and said unto me, **Knowest thou not what these be?** And I said, No, my lord.

Zec 4:6 Then **he** answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* **the word of the LORD** unto **Zerubbabel**, saying,

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, **saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zec 4:7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain?

before **Zerubbabel** *thou shalt become* a plain:

and he shall bring forth **the headstone thereof with** shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

Zec 4:8 Moreover **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,

Zec 4:9 The hands of **Zerubbabel** have laid **the foundation of this house;** his hands shall also finish it;

and thou shalt know that **the LORD of hosts** hath sent me unto you.

Zec 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things?

for **they** shall rejoice, and shall see **the plummet** [plumb line] in the hand of **Zerubbabel** *with those seven;*

they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Note: Rev 5:6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Zec 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto **him**,

What *are* **these two olive trees** upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?

Zec 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto **him**,

What *be* **these two olive branches**

which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?

Zec 4:13 And **he** answered me and said,

Knowest thou not what these be?

And I said,

No, my lord.

Zec 4:14 Then said **he**,

These *are* **the two anointed ones**, that stand by **the Lord of the whole earth.**

Vision of the Flying Scroll

Zec 5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold **a flying roll [scroll]**.

Zec 5:2 And **he** said unto me,

What seest thou?

And I answered,

I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

Zec 5:3 Then said **he** unto me,

This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth:

- for **every one that stealeth** shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it;
- and **every one that sweareth** (note: takes an oath falsely by God's name) shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.

Zec 5:4 I will bring it forth, saith the **LORD** of hosts,

- and it shall enter into the house of the thief,
- and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name:

and it shall remain in the midst of his house,

and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

Vision of the Ephah

Zec 5:5 Then **the angel that talked with me** went forth, and said unto me,

Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.

Zec 5:6 And I said,

What *is* it?

And **he** said,

This *is* an **ephah** that goeth forth.

He said moreover,

This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

Zec 5:7 And, behold, there was lifted up **a talent of lead:**

and this *is* a **woman** that sitteth in the midst of the **ephah**.

Zec 5:8 And **he** said,

This *is* wickedness.

And he cast **it [her]** into the midst of **the ephah**; and he cast **the weight of lead** upon the mouth thereof.

Zec 5:9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold,

there came out **two women**,

and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork:

and they lifted up **the ephah** between the earth and the heaven.

Zec 5:10 Then said I to **the angel that talked with me**,

Whither [where] do these bear **the ephah**?

Zec 5:11 And he said unto me,

<p>"To build a temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal." (NASV)</p>	<p>To build it [her] an house [temple] in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base. (KJV)</p>
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Vision of four horsemen patrolling the earth

Zec 6:1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

- **Zec 6:2** In the first chariot *were* **red horses**;
- and in the second chariot **black horses**;
- **Zec 6:3** And in the third chariot **white horses**;
- and in the fourth chariot grisled and **bay horses**.

See Revelation chapter 6

Zec 6:4 Then I answered and said unto **the angel that talked with me**,
What *are* these, my lord?

Zec 6:5 And the angel answered and said unto me,
These *are* **the four spirits of the heavens**, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

- **Zec 6:6** The **black horses** which *are* therein go forth into the **north country**;
- and **the white** go forth after them;
- and the **grisled [dappled]** go forth toward the **south country**.
- **Zec 6:7** And **the bay [red]** went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth:

and **he** said,

Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth.

So they walked to and fro through the earth.

Zec 6:8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying,
Behold, these that go toward **the north country** have quieted my spirit in **the north country**.

The LORD to dwell in His temple

Zec 6:9

And **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,

Zec 6:10 Take of *them of* the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from **Babylon**,

and come thou the same day, and go into the house of **Josiah the son of Zephaniah**;

Zec 6:11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns,

and set *them* upon the head of **Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest**;

Zec 6:12 And speak unto him, saying,

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

Behold **the man whose name is The BRANCH**;

and **he** shall grow up out of his place,

and **he** shall build **the temple of the LORD**;

Zec 6:13 Even he shall build **the temple of the LORD**;

and **he** shall bear the glory,

and shall sit and rule upon his throne;

and **he** shall be a priest upon his throne:

and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Zec 6:14 And the crowns shall be to **Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah**, for a memorial in **the temple of the LORD**.

Zec 6:15 And they *that are* far off shall come and build in **the temple of the LORD**,
and ye shall know that **the LORD of hosts** hath sent me unto you.

And *this* shall come to pass, **if** ye will **diligently** obey **the voice of the LORD your God**.

Tattenai's letter to King Darius inquiring of a previous edict to rebuild the temple
 2nd Year, 9th month, 24th Day of **Darius** ????

Note: Ezra 5:1-2 repeated for continuity

Ezr 5:1 Then the prophets,
Haggai the prophet,
 and **Zechariah the son of Iddo,**
 prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in **Judah** and **Jerusalem** in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them.
Ezr 5:2 Then rose up **Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,** and **Jeshua the son of Jozadak,** and began to build **the house of God** which *is* at **Jerusalem:** and with them *were* **the prophets of God** helping them.

Ezr 5:3 **At the same time** came to them

- **Tatnai, governor** on this side **the river,**
- and **Shetharboznai,**
- and **their companions,**

and said thus unto **them,**

Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

Ezr 5:4 Then we told them accordingly the names of the men were who were reconstructing this building. (NASV)	Ezr 5:4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? (KJV)
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Ezr 5:5 But **the eye of their God** was upon **the elders of the Jews,** **that they could not cause them to cease, till** the matter came to **Darius:** and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter.*

Ezr 5:6 The copy of the letter that **Tatnai, governor** on this side **the river,** and **Shetharboznai,** and **his companions the Apharsachites,** which *were* on this side **the river,** sent unto **Darius the king:**

Ezr 5:7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus;

Unto **Darius the king,** all peace.

Ezr 5:8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

Ezr 5:9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus,

Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

Ezr 5:10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them.

Ezr 5:11

And thus they returned us answer, saying,

We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build **the house** that was builded these many years ago, which **a great king of Israel** builded and set up [finished].

Ezr 5:12 But after that our fathers had provoked **the God of heaven unto wrath,** **he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean,** who destroyed **this house,** and carried the people away into **Babylon.**

Ezr 5:13 But **in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon**
the same **king Cyrus** made a decree to build **this house of God**.

Ezr 5:14 And **the vessels also of gold** and **silver of the house of God**,
 which **Nebuchadnezzar** took out of **the temple** that *was* in **Jerusalem**,
 and brought them into **the temple of Babylon**,
 those did **Cyrus the king** take out of **the temple of Babylon**,
 and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was* **Sheshbazzar**, whom he had made **governor**;

Ezr 5:15 And said unto him,
 Take **these vessels**, go, carry them into **the temple** that *is* in **Jerusalem**,
 and let **the house of God** be builded in his place.

Ezr 5:16 Then came the same **Sheshbazzar**, **and laid the foundation of the house of God** which
is in **Jerusalem**:
 and **since that time even until now** hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.

Ezr 5:17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king,
 let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there at **Babylon**,
 whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of **Cyrus the king** to build **this house of God** at **Jerusalem**,
 and let the king send his pleasure [decision] to us concerning this matter.

Ezr 6:1 Then **Darius the king** made a decree,
 and search was made in the house of the rolls [scrolls], where the treasures were laid up in **Babylon**.

Ezr 6:2 And there was found at **Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes**, a roll [scroll], and
 therein *was* a record thus written:

King Darius' Response

Ezr 6:3 **In the first year of Cyrus the king** *the same* **Cyrus the king** made a decree

concerning **the house of God** at **Jerusalem**,
 Let **the house** be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices,
 and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid;
 the height thereof **threescore cubits**, *and* the breadth thereof **threescore cubits**;
 Ezr 6:4 *With* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber:
 and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:
 Ezr 6:5 And also let **the golden and silver vessels of the house of God**,
 which **Nebuchadnezzar** took forth out of **the temple** which *is* at **Jerusalem**, and brought
 unto **Babylon**,
 be restored, and brought again unto **the temple** which *is* at **Jerusalem**, *every one* to his
 place,
 and place *them* in **the house of God**.

Ezr 6:6 Now *therefore*,

- **Tatnai, governor** beyond **the river**,
 - **Shetharboznai**,
 - and **your companions the Apharsachites**, which *are* beyond **the river**,
- be ye far from thence:

Ezr 6:7 Let the work of **this house of God** alone;
 let **the governor** of **the Jews and the elders of the Jews** build **this house of God** in his place.

Ezr 6:8 Moreover I make a decree

what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews
for the building of **this house of God**:

that of the king's goods, *even of the tribute beyond **the river***, forthwith expenses be given unto [the full cost is to be paid to] these men, that they be not hindered.

Ezr 6:9 And that which they have need of, both

- **young bullocks**, and **rams**, and **lambs**, for **the burnt offerings** of **the God of heaven**,
- **wheat**, **salt**, **wine**, and **oil**, according to the appointment of **the priests** which *are* at **Jerusalem**,

let it be given them **day by day** without fail:

Ezr 6:10 That they may offer **sacrifices of sweet savours** unto **the God of heaven**, and pray for **the life of the king, and of his sons.**

Ezr 6:11

Also I have made a decree, that **whosoever shall alter this word**,

- let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon;
- and let his house be made a dunghill for this.
- Ezr 6:12 And **the God that hath caused his name to dwell there** destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy **this house of God** which *is* at **Jerusalem.**

I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

Ezr 6:13

Then

- **Tatnai, governor**
- on this side **the river**,
- **Shetharboznai**,
 - and **their companions**,
- according to that which **Darius the king** had sent,
so they did speedily.

The LORD's judgment on those who pervert justice

4th Year, 9th month, 4th Day of **Darius**

Zec 7:1 And it came to pass **in the fourth year of king Darius**, *that* the word of the LORD came unto **Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in [which is] Chisleu;**

Zec 7:2 When they {NASV: *the town of Bethel* } had sent unto **the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men**, to pray before the LORD,

Zec 7:3 *And* to speak

- unto **the priests** which *were* in **the house of the LORD of hosts**,
- and to **the prophets**,

saying,

Should I weep in the **fifth month**, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

Zec 7:4 Then came **the word of the LORD of hosts** unto me, saying,

Zec 7:5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying,

When ye fasted and mourned in **the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years**, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me?

Zec 7:6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

Zec 7:7 *Should ye not hear* **the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem** was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, **when men** inhabited the south [Negev] and the plain [foothills]?

Zec 7:8 And **the word of the LORD** came unto Zechariah, saying,

Zec 7:9 **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts**, saying,

- **Execute true judgment,**
- **and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:**
- **Zec 7:10** **And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor;**
- **and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.**

Zec 7:11 But

- they refused to hearken,
- and pulled away the shoulder,
- and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.
- **Zec 7:12** Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which **the LORD of hosts** hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets:

therefore came a great wrath from **the LORD of hosts**.

Zec 7:13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that*

- **as he cried**, and they would not hear;
- **so they cried**, and **I would not hear**,

saith the LORD of hosts:

Zec 7:14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not.

Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

The LORD's blessings to be on Judah and Jerusalem

Zec 8:1 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

Zec 8:2

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

I was jealous for **Zion** with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

Zec 8:3

Thus saith the LORD;

I am returned unto **Zion**, and will dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**:
and **Jerusalem** shall be called a city of truth;
and **the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.**

Zec 8:4

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of **Jerusalem**,
and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

Zec 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

Zec 8:6

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? **saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zec 8:7

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

Zec 8:8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**:
and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Zec 8:9

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days **these words by the mouth of the prophets,**
which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid,
that **the temple** might be built.

Zec 8:10 **For before these days**

- there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast;
- neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction:
- for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

Zec 8:11 **But now**

- I *will not be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, **saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zec 8:12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous;

the vine shall give her fruit,

and the ground shall give her increase,

and the heavens shall give their dew;

and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

Zec 8:13 And it shall come to pass, *that as ye were a curse among the heathen,*

O house of Judah, and house of Israel;

so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing:

fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Zec 8:14

For thus saith the LORD of hosts;

As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, **saith the LORD of hosts,** and I repented not:

Zec 8:15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah:

fear ye not.

Zec 8:16

These *are* the things that ye shall do;

- **Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour;**
- **execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:**
- **Zec 8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour;**
- **and love no false oath:**

for all these *are things* that I hate, **saith the LORD.**

Zec 8:18 And **the word of the LORD of hosts** came unto me, saying,

Zec 8:19

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

The fast of the fourth *month,*

and the fast of the **fifth,**

and the fast of the **seventh,**

and the fast of the **tenth,**

shall be to **the house of Judah** joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts;
therefore

- **love the truth and peace.**

Many will seek the LORD

Zec 8:20

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

Zec 8:21 And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying,

Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek **the LORD of hosts:**

I will go also.

Zec 8:22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek **the LORD of hosts** in **Jerusalem,**

and to pray before **the LORD.**

Zec 8:23

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

In those days *it shall come to pass,* that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations,
even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying,

We will go with you: for we have heard *that God is* with you.

God's judgment on surrounding nations

Zec 9:1

The burden of **the word of the LORD**

in the land of **Hadrach**, and **Damascus** *shall be* the rest thereof:

when the eyes of man, as of **all the tribes of Israel**, *shall be* toward **the LORD.**

Zec 9:2 And **Hamath** also shall border thereby;

Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

Zec 9:3

And **Tyrus**

did build herself a strong hold,
and heaped up silver as the dust,
and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

Zec 9:4 Behold, **the Lord will cast her out,**

and he will smite her power in the sea;

and she shall be devoured with fire.

Zec 9:5 **Ashkelon** shall see *it*, and fear;
Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful,
and **Ekron**; for her expectation shall be ashamed;
and **the king** shall perish from **Gaza**, and **Ashkelon** shall not be inhabited.

Zec 9:6 And a bastard shall dwell in **Ashdod**,
and I will cut off the pride of the **Philistines**.

Zec 9:7 And I will take away **his** blood out of his mouth,
and **his** abominations from between his teeth:
but **he** that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God,
and **he** shall be as a governor in **Judah**,
and **Ekron** as a Jebusite.

Zec 9:8 And I will encamp about **mine house**

- because of the army,
- because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth:

and no oppressor shall pass through them any more:
for now have I seen with mine eyes.

The Savior to come riding on a donkey

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of **Zion**;
shout, O daughter of **Jerusalem**:

behold, thy King cometh unto thee:

- he *is* just, and having salvation;
- lowly, and riding upon an ass,
- and upon a colt the foal of an ass. (See Matthew 21 and John 12)

Zec 9:10 And I will cut off

- the chariot from **Ephraim**,
- and the horse from **Jerusalem**,
- and the battle bow shall be cut off:

and he shall speak peace unto the heathen:

and his dominion *shall be*

- from **sea even to sea**,
- and from **the river even** to the ends of the earth.

Zec 9:11 As for thee also, by **the blood of thy covenant**

I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

Zec 9:12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope:
even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;

Judah, Ephraim, and Zion to have vengeance on Greece

Zec 9:13 When I have bent **Judah** for me,
filled the bow with **Ephraim**,
and raised up thy sons, O **Zion**, against thy sons, O **Greece**,
and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

Zec 9:14 And **the LORD** shall be seen over them,
and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning:
and **the Lord GOD** shall blow the trumpet,
and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

Zec 9:15 **the LORD of hosts** shall defend them;
and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones;
and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine;
and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

Zec 9:16a And **the LORD their God** shall save them in that day as the flock of his people:

A vision of the restoration of Judah, Ephraim, and Zion

Zec 9:16b for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

Zec 9:17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty!

corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Zec 10:1 Ask ye of **the LORD** rain in the time of the latter rain;
so the LORD shall make bright clouds,
and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

False prophets will be punished

Zec 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, (Note: Teraphim, Household idols)
and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams;
they comfort in vain:
therefore they went their way as a flock,
they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Zec 10:3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds,
and I punished the goats: (Note: the leaders, chiefs)
See Matthew 25:31-46

Judah to be mighty

Zec 10:3b for **the LORD of hosts** hath visited **his flock the house of Judah,**
and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

Zec 10:4 Out of him came forth the corner,
out of him the nail,
out of him the battle bow,
out of him every oppressor together.

Zec 10:5 And they shall be as mighty *men,*
which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle:
and they shall fight, because **the LORD is** with them,
and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

Zec 10:6 And I will strengthen **the house of Judah,** and I will save **the house** of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am the LORD their God,* and will hear them.

Scattered Ephraim to come back home and be mighty

Zec 10:7 And *they of Ephraim* shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in **the LORD**.
 Zec 10:8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.
 Zec 10:9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember *me* in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again [come back].

Ephraim's captors, Egypt and Assyria will be shattered

Zec 10:10 I will bring them again also out of **the land of Egypt**, and gather them out of **Assyria**; and I will bring them into the land of **Gilead** and **Lebanon**; and [until] *place* shall not be found for them.

Zec 10:11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of **the {Nile}river** shall dry up: and the pride of **Assyria** shall be brought down, and the sceptre of **Egypt** shall depart away.

Zec 10:12 And I will strengthen them in **the LORD**; and they shall walk up and down in his name, **saith the LORD**.

The mighty trees of Lebanon, Bashan, and Jordan to be destroyed

Zec 11:1 Open thy doors, O **Lebanon**, that the fire may devour thy cedars.
 Zec 11:2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled:

howl, O ye oaks of **Bashan**; for the forest of the vintage is come down.
 Zec 11:3 *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of **Jordan** is spoiled.

God's view of worthless shepherds

Zec 11:4
 Thus saith the LORD my God;

Feed the flock of the slaughter;

- Zec 11:5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty:
- and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* the LORD; for I am rich:
- and their own shepherds pity them not.

Zec 11:6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, **saith the LORD**: but, lo, I will deliver the men

- every one into his neighbour's hand,
- and into the hand of his king:
- and they shall smite the land,
- and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

Zec 11:7 So I pastured the flock *doomed* to slaughter, hence the afflicted of the flock. (NASV)

Zec 11:7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. (KJV)

And I took unto me two staves;

- the one I called **Beauty**,
- and the other I called **Bands**;

and I fed the flock.

Zec 11:8 *Three shepherds* also I cut off in one month;

- and my soul loathed them,
- and their soul also abhorred me.

Zec 11:9 Then said I, I will not feed you:

- that that dieth, let it die;
- and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off;
- and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

Zec 11:10 And I took my staff, *even* **Beauty**,

- and cut it asunder,
- that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.
- Zec 11:11 And it was broken in that day:

and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD.

Zec 11:12 And I said unto them,

If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear [never mind].

So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.

Zec 11:13

And the LORD said unto me,

Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them.

And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in **the house of the LORD**.

Zec 11:14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between **Judah** and **Israel**.

Zec 11:15

And the LORD said unto me,

Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

Zec 11:16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land,

- *which* shall not visit those that be cut off,
- neither shall seek the young one,
- nor heal that that is broken,
- nor feed that that standeth still:

but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

Zec 11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock!

the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye:

his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Zec 12:1a The burden of **the word of the LORD** for Israel,

The LORD to make Judah and Jerusalem mightier than their surrounding nations
and destroy the nations that come against them

Zec 12:1b saith the LORD,

- which stretcheth forth the heavens,
- and layeth the foundation of the earth,
- and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zec 12:2 Behold, I will make **Jerusalem** a cup of trembling unto all the people round about,

- when they shall be in the siege both against **Judah** and against **Jerusalem**.

Zec 12:3 And **in that day** will I make **Jerusalem** a burdensome stone for all people:

- all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces,
though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

ec 12:4 **In that day**, saith the LORD,

I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness:

and I will open mine eyes upon **the house** of **Judah**, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

Zec 12:5 And **the governors of Judah** shall say in their heart,

The inhabitants of **Jerusalem** shall be my strength in **the LORD** of hosts their God.

Zec 12:6 **In that day** will I make **the governors of Judah**

- like an hearth of fire among the wood,
- and like a torch of fire in a sheaf;
- and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:
- and **Jerusalem** shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in **Jerusalem**.

Zec 12:7 **The LORD** also shall save the tents of **Judah** first,

that the glory of **the house** of David and the glory of the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** do not magnify themselves against **Judah**.

Zec 12:8 **In that day** shall **the LORD** defend the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**;

and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as **David**;

and **the house of David** shall be as God, as **the angel of the LORD** before them.

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against **Jerusalem**.

Jerusalem to be given grace to repent

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon **the house of David**, and upon the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, **the spirit of grace and of supplications**:

- and they shall look upon **me** whom they have pierced,
- and they shall mourn for **him**, as one mourneth for *his* only son,
- and shall be in bitterness for **him**, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Zec 12:11 **In that day** shall there be a great mourning in **Jerusalem**, as the mourning of **Hadadrimmon** in the valley of **Megiddon** [**Megiddo**].

Zec 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart;

- the family of **the house of David** apart, and their wives apart;
- the family of **the house of Nathan** apart, and their wives apart;
- Zec 12:13 The family of **the house of Levi** apart, and their wives apart;
- the family of **Shimei** apart, and their wives apart;
- Zec 12:14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zec 13:1 **In that day** there shall be a fountain opened

- to **the house of David**
- and to the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**

for sin and for uncleanness.

Idols and false prophets to be destroyed

Zec 13:2 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, saith the LORD of hosts, *that*

- I will cut off **the names of the idols** out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered:
- and also I will cause **the prophets and the unclean spirit** to pass out of the land.

Zec 13:3 And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him,

- Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD:
- and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

Zec 13:4 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, *that*

- **the prophets** shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied;
- neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

Zec 13:5 But he shall say,

I am no prophet, *I am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

Zec 13:6 And *one* shall say unto him,

What *are* these wounds in thine hands?

Then he shall answer,

Those with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

Judah and Jerusalem to be purged of their wicked

Note: Only a remnant will be the LORD's chosen.

- 10 of the 12 tribes are already perished (except for their faithful remnant)
- A remnant of Benjamin
- One third of Judah

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against **my shepherd**, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite **the shepherd**, and the sheep shall be scattered:

and I will turn mine hand upon [against] the little ones.

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD,

- **two parts therein shall be cut off and die;**
- but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire,
and will refine them as silver is refined,
and will try them as gold is tried:

they shall call on **my name**, and I will hear them:
I will say, *It is my people*: and they shall say, **The LORD is my God**.

Jerusalem will be captured per the LORD's judgment

Zec 14:1 Behold, **the day of the LORD cometh**,
and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against **Jerusalem** to battle;

- and **the city** shall be taken,
- and the houses rifled,
- and the women ravished;
- and half of the city shall go forth into captivity,
- and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Mount of Olives will split in the middle, Jerusalem will flee

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand **in that day** upon **the mount of Olives**, which is before **Jerusalem** on the east,
and **the mount of Olives** shall cleave [split] in the midst [middle] thereof toward the east and toward the west,
and there shall be (Note: resulting in) a very great valley;

- and half of **the mountain** shall remove toward the north,
- and half of it toward the south.

(See Matthew 24)

Zec 14:5a And ye shall flee to **the valley of the mountains**;

for **the valley of the mountains** shall reach unto **Azal**:

yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before **the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah**:

The LORD will come with His holy ones to rule over all the earth

Zec 14:5b and **the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee**.

Zec 14:6 And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. (NASV)	Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass In that day , that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: (KJV)
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Zec 14:7 But it shall be **one day which shall be known to the LORD**, not day, nor night:

- but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.

Zec 14:8 And it shall be **In that day**, that living waters shall go out from **Jerusalem**;

- half of them toward the former [eastern] sea,
- and half of them toward the hinder [western] sea:

in summer and in winter shall it be.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth:
In that day shall there be one LORD,
 and his name one.

Landscape of Israel to be rearranged

Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain
 from **Geba** to **Rimmon** south of **Jerusalem**:

and it [**Jerusalem**] shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place,

- from **Benjamin's gate** unto the place of the **first gate**, unto the **corner gate**,
- and *from* the **tower of Hananeel** unto **the king's winepresses**.

Jerusalem will dwell in security

Zec 14:11 And *men* shall dwell in it,
 and there shall be no more utter destruction;
 but **Jerusalem** shall be safely inhabited.

Biological plagues to infest those who go to war against Jerusalem

Zec 14:12 And this shall be **the plague** wherewith **the LORD** will smite all the people that have
 fought against **Jerusalem**;

- Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet,
- and their eyes shall consume away in their holes,
- and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zec 14:13 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, *that* a great tumult from **the LORD** shall be
 among them;

- and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise
 up against the hand of his neighbour.

Zec 14:14 And **Judah** also shall fight at **Jerusalem**;

- and the wealth of **all the heathen round about** shall be gathered together, gold, and
 silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Zec 14:15 And so shall be **the plague** of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and
 of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

Those who survive the plagues will be forced annually to celebrate the Feast of Booths in Jerusalem

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of **all the nations which came**
 against **Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year

- to worship the King, **the LORD of hosts**,
- and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto
Jerusalem to worship **the King, the LORD of hosts**,

- *even upon them shall be no rain.*

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter,
 • then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. (NASV)

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. (KJV)

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD;

and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe [boil] therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Note: verses 16-21 are duplicated in CB09-5 for comparison only

The temple is completed, A celebration dedicating the temple 6th Year, 12th month, 3rd Day of Darius

Ezr 6:14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Ezr 6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar,

which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

Ezr 6:16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

- Ezr 6:17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.
- Ezr 6:18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

The exiles return to celebrate the Passover Year 7, Month 1, Day 14 of King Darius

- Ezr 6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.
- Ezr 6:20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover {lamb} for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

Ezr 6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

Ezr 6:22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Note:Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Psa 146:1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Psa 146:2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Psa 146:3 Put not your trust in **princes**, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

Psa 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Psa 146:5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

Psa 146:6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

Psa 146:7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

Psa 146:8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

Psa 146:9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Psa 146:10 The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 147:1 Praise ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; and praise is comely.

Psa 147:2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

Psa 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psa 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

Psa 147:5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

Psa 147:6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Psa 147:7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Psa 147:8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Psa 147:9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

Psa 147:10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

Psa 147:11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Psa 147:12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O **Zion**.

Psa 147:13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Psa 147:14 He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

Psa 147:15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

Psa 147:16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

Psa 147:17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

Psa 147:18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

Psa 147:19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

Psa 147:20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them.

Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 148:1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Psa 148:2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Psa 148:3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Psa 148:4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

Psa 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

Psa 148:6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Psa 148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Psa 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Psa 148:9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Psa 148:10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Psa 148:11 Kings of the earth, and all people; **princes**, and all judges of the earth:

Psa 148:12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Psa 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

Psa 148:14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints;

even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 149:1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

Psa 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of **Zion** be joyful in their King.

Psa 149:3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

Psa 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Psa 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Psa 149:6 *Let the high praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

Psa 149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

Psa 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 150:1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psa 150:2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Psa 150:3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Psa 150:4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Psa 150:5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Psa 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Ezra returns to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon to teach God's statutes and ordinances to Israel

7th Year, 5th Month, Day 1 of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia

Ezr 7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of **Artaxerxes king of Persia**, **Ezra the son of Seraiah**, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

Ezr 7:2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

Ezr 7:3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

Ezr 7:4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

Ezr 7:5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

Ezr 7:6 This **Ezra** went up from **Babylon**;

- and he *was* a ready scribe in **the law of Moses**, which **the LORD God of Israel** had given:
- and **the king** granted him all his request, according to **the hand of the LORD his God** upon him.
- **Ezr 7:7** And there went up **some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites**, and the **singers**, and the porters [**gatekeepers**], and the Nethinims [**temple servants**], unto **Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king**.

Ezr 7:8 And he came to **Jerusalem** in the fifth month, which *was* **in the seventh year** of **the king**.

Ezr 7:9 For upon the first **day** of the first month began he to go up from **Babylon**,

and on the first **day** of the fifth month came he to **Jerusalem**, according to **the good hand of his God upon him**.

Ezr 7:10 For **Ezra** had prepared his heart

- to seek **the law of the LORD**,
- and to do *it*,
- and to teach in Israel **statutes** and **judgments**.

Contents of the decree of King Artaxerxes blessing on those returning from exile to Jerusalem

Ezr 7:11

Now **this is the copy of the letter** that the king **Artaxerxes** gave unto **Ezra**

- **the priest,**
- **the scribe,**
- *even* a scribe of **the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes** to Israel.

Ezr 7:12 **Artaxerxes**, king of kings,
unto **Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven,**
perfect *peace*,

and at such a time.

Ezr 7:13 I make a decree,

that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his **priests** and **Levites**, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to **Jerusalem**, go with thee.

Ezr 7:14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of **the king, and of his seven counsellors**, to enquire concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, according to **the law of thy God** which *is* in thine hand;

- Ezr 7:15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto **the God of Israel**, whose habitation *is* in **Jerusalem**,
- Ezr 7:16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in **all the province of Babylon**,
- with **the freewill offering** of the people, and of **the priests**, offering willingly for **the house of their God** which is in **Jerusalem**:

Ezr 7:17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money

- **bullocks, rams, lambs**, with their **meat offerings** and their **drink offerings**, and offer them upon **the altar of the house of your God** which is in **Jerusalem**.
- Ezr 7:18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do **after the will of your God**.

Ezr 7:19 **The vessels** also that are given thee for the service of **the house of thy God**, those deliver thou before **the God of Jerusalem**.

Ezr 7:20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for **the house of thy God**, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house.

Ezr 7:21 And I, *even* I **Artaxerxes** the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond **the river**,

that whatsoever **Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven**, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

Ezr 7:22 Unto an hundred talents of **silver**, and to an hundred measures of **wheat**, and to an hundred baths of **wine**, and to an hundred baths of **oil**, and **salt** without prescribing *how much*.

Ezr 7:23 Whatsoever is commanded by **the God of heaven**, let it be diligently done for **the house of the God of heaven**: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

Ezr 7:24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the **priests** and **Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims**, or **ministers of this house of God**, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

Ezr 7:25 And thou, **Ezra**, after **the wisdom of thy God**, that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and judges,

- which may judge all the people that *are* beyond **the river**, all such as know the laws of thy God;
- and teach ye them that know *them* not.
- Ezr 7:26 And whosoever will not do **the law of thy God**, and **the law of the king**, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Ezr 7:27 **Blessed be** the LORD God of our fathers,

- which hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart,
- to beautify **the house of the LORD** which *is* in **Jerusalem**:
- Ezr 7:28 And hath extended mercy unto me before **the king**, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes.

And I was strengthened as **the hand of the LORD my God was upon me**, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Brief Geneology and Census of those who came with Ezra out of exile from Babylon back to Jerusalem

Ezr 8:1 These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from **Babylon**, in the reign of **Artaxerxes the king**.

Ezr 8:2 Of the sons of Phinehas; **Gershom**: of the sons of Ithamar; **Daniel**: of the sons of David; Hattush.

Ezr 8:3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; **Zechariah**: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

Ezr 8:4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab; **Elihoenai** the son of Zerachiah, and with him two hundred males.

Ezr 8:5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; **the son of Jahaziel**, and with him three hundred males.

Ezr 8:6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

Ezr 8:7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

Ezr 8:8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

Ezr 8:9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

Ezr 8:10 And of the sons of Shelomith; **the son of Josiphiah**, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

Ezr 8:11 And of the sons of Bebai; **Zechariah** the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

Ezr 8:12 And of the sons of Azgad; **Johanah** the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

Ezr 8:13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, **Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah**, and with them threescore males.

Ezr 8:14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; **Uthai, and Zabbud**, and with them seventy males.

Ezra searches for Levites among the exiles with him

Ezr 8:15 And I gathered them together to **the river that runneth to Ahava**; and there abode we in tents **three days**: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

Ezr 8:16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, **chief men**; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, **men of understanding**.

Ezr 8:17 And I sent them with commandment unto **Iddo the chief** at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for **the house of our God**.

Ezr 8:18 And by **the good hand of our God** upon us they brought us

- **a man of understanding**, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;
- Ezr 8:19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;
- Ezr 8:20 Also of the Nethinims, whom **David** and the **princes** had appointed for the service of the **Levites**, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

A fast to entreat God's protection for the journey back to Jerusalem

Ezr 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at **the river of Ahava**, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

Ezr 8:22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, **The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.**

Ezr 8:23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: **and he was intreated of us.**

Ezr 8:24 Then I separated **twelve of the chief of the priests**, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

Ezr 8:25 And weighed unto them **the silver, and the gold, and the vessels**, *even* **the offering** of **the house of our God**, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered:

Ezr 8:26 I even weighed unto their hand

- six hundred and fifty talents of **silver**, and **silver vessels** an hundred talents,
- *and* of **gold** an hundred talents; Ezr 8:27 Also twenty **basons of gold**, of a thousand drams;
- and two **vessels** of fine copper, precious as gold.

Ezr 8:28 And I said unto them,

- Ye *are* holy unto **the LORD**;
- the **vessels** *are* holy also;
- and the silver and the gold *are* a **freewill offering** unto **the LORD God of your fathers.**

Ezr 8:29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before

- **the chief of the priests**
- **and the Levites,**
- **and chief of the fathers** of Israel, at **Jerusalem**,

in the chambers of **the house of the LORD**.

Ezr 8:30 So took the **priests** and the **Levites** the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to **Jerusalem** unto **the house of our God**.

God protects the exiles from ambushes on their journey home

Ezr 8:31 Then we departed from **the river** of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto **Jerusalem**: and the hand of our God was upon us,

and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

Ezr 8:32 And we came to **Jerusalem**, and abode there three days.

1st month day 16 calculated

Ezr 8:33 Now **on the fourth day** was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in **the house of our God**

- by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest;
- and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas;
- and with them *was* Jozabad the son of **Jeshua**, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;

Ezr 8:34 By number *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

Ezr 8:35 *Also* the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered **burnt offerings** unto **the God of Israel**,
 twelve bullocks for all Israel,
 ninety and six rams,
 seventy and seven lambs,
 twelve he goats *for* a sin offering:
 all *this was* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Ezr 8:36 And they delivered **the king's commissions**

- unto **the king's lieutenants**,
- and to **the governors** on this side **the river**: (note: the Jordan River)

and they furthered [supported] the people, and **the house of God**.

Wives loyal to foreign gods still found among the returning exiles

Ninth month day 17 (calculated from Ezr 10:9)

Ezr 9:1 Now when these things were done, **the princes** came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the **priests**, and the **Levites**, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even of*

- the **Canaanites**,
- the **Hittites**,
- the **Perizzites**,
- the **Jebusites**,
- the **Ammonites**,
- the **Moabites**,
- the **Egyptians**,
- and the **Amorites**.

Ezr 9:2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the **princes** and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

Ezr 9:3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished [stunned].

Ezr 9:4 Then were assembled unto me **every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel**, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished [stunned] until **the evening sacrifice**.

Ezr 9:5 And at **the evening sacrifice** I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees,

and spread out my hands unto **the LORD my God**,

Ezr 9:6 And said,

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

Ezr 9:7 Since the days of our fathers *have we been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities *have we*, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered

- into the hand of the kings of the lands,
- to the sword,
- to captivity,
- and to a spoil,
- and to confusion of face,

as *it is* this day.

Ezr 9:8 And now for a little space grace hath been *shewed* from **the LORD our God**,

- to leave us a remnant to escape,
- and to give us a nail in his holy place,

that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

Ezr 9:9 For we *were* bondmen;

yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage,

but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of **the kings of Persia**,

- to give us a reviving, to set up **the house of our God**,
- and to repair the desolations thereof,

- and to give us a wall in **Judah** and in **Jerusalem**.

Ezr 9:10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this?

for **we have forsaken thy commandments**,

Ezr 9:11

Which thou hast commanded by **thy servants the prophets**, saying,

The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is **an unclean land**

- **with the filthiness of the people of the lands,**
- **with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.**

Ezr 9:12 Now therefore

- give not your daughters unto their sons,
- neither take their daughters unto your sons,
- nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever:

that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.

Ezr 9:13 **And after all that is come upon us**

- for our evil deeds,
- and for our great trespass,

seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*,
and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;

Ezr 9:14 Should we again break thy commandments,
and join in affinity with the people of these abominations?

wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that *there should be no remnant nor escaping?*

Ezr 9:15 **O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous:**

for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day:

behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses:

for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Those who repented pledge to put away their wives loyal to foreign gods

Ezr 10:1 Now when **Ezra**

- had prayed, and when he had confessed,
- weeping and casting himself down before **the house of God**,

there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children:

- for the people wept very sore.

Ezr 10:2 And **Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam**, answered and said unto Ezra,

We have trespassed against our God,

and have taken strange wives of the people of the land:

- yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

Ezr 10:3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God

- to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them,

according to **the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God;**

and let it be done according to **the law**.

Ezr 10:4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee:

we also *will be* with thee:

be of good courage, and do *it*.

Ezr 10:5 Then arose **Ezra**, and made the chief **priests**, the **Levites**, and **all Israel**, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore [took the oath].

Ezr 10:6 Then **Ezra** rose up from before **the house of God**, and went into **the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib**: and *when* he came thither [there],

- he did eat no bread,
- nor drink water:

for he mourned because of **the transgression of them that had been carried away**.

Ezr 10:7 And they made **proclamation** throughout **Judah** and **Jerusalem** unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto **Jerusalem**;

Ezr 10:8 And that **whosoever would not come within three days**, according to the counsel of **the princes and the elders**,

all his substance should be forfeited,

and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

Ezr 10:9 Then all the **men** of **Judah** and **Benjamin** gathered themselves together unto **Jerusalem** **within three days**.

It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of **the house of God**, trembling

- because of *this* matter,
- and for **the great rain**.

Ezr 10:10 And **Ezra the priest** stood up, and said unto them,

Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

Ezr 10:11 Now therefore

- make confession unto **the LORD God of your fathers**,
- and do his pleasure [will]:
- and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from **the strange** [foreign, pagan] **wives**.

Ezr 10:12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice,
As thou hast said, so must we do.

Ezr 10:13 But the people *are* many,

and *it is* a time of much rain,

and we are not able to stand without,

neither *is this* a work of one day or two:

for **we are many that have transgressed in this thing**.

Ezr 10:14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand,

and let all **them which have taken strange wives in our cities** come at appointed times,

and with them **the elders of every city, and the judges thereof**,

until **the fierce wrath of our God** for this matter be turned from us.

Ezr 10:15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this *matter*: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

Ezr 10:16 And the children of the captivity did so. And **Ezra the priest**, *with* certain **chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers**, and all of them by *their* names, were separated,

and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

Ezr 10:17 And they made an end with [they finished investigating] **all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month**.

Those Guilty of marrying pagan wives

Ezr 10:18

And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives:

namely, of the sons of **Jeshua the son of Jozadak**, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

Ezr 10:19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass.

Ezr 10:20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

Ezr 10:21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziiah.

Ezr 10:22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

Ezr 10:23

Also of the Levites;

Jozabad, and Shimeï, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

Ezr 10:24

Of the singers also;

Eliashib:

and of the porters [gatekeepers];

Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

Ezr 10:25

Moreover of Israel:

of the sons of Parosh;

Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

Ezr 10:26 And of the sons of Elam;

Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

Ezr 10:27 And of the sons of Zattu;

Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

Ezr 10:28 Of the sons also of Bebai;

Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.

Ezr 10:29 And of the sons of Bani;

Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

Ezr 10:30 And of the sons of Pahathmoab;

Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

Ezr 10:31 And *of* the sons of Harim;

Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, Ezr 10:32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.

Ezr 10:33 Of the sons of Hashum;
Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.

Ezr 10:34 Of the sons of Bani;
Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
Ezr 10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,
Ezr 10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
Ezr 10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,
Ezr 10:38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
Ezr 10:39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
Ezr 10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
Ezr 10:41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
Ezr 10:42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.

Ezr 10:43 Of the sons of Nebo;
Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

Ezr 10:44 **All these had taken strange wives:** and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

Neh 1:1a (Discrepancy: Verse 1 date is out of Chronological order or scribal error as to what year and/or month although the event described appears to be in logical order with the rest of the book of Nehemiah.)

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

20th Year, 9th Month of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia

Walls of Jerusalem are reported broken down

Neh 1:1b And it came to pass in the month Chisleu [Chislev], in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace [Susa the capital],

Neh 1:2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them

- concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity,
- and concerning Jerusalem.

Neh 1:3 And they said unto me,

- The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach:
- the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

Nehemiah confesses the sins of Jerusalem

Neh 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,

Neh 1:5 And said,

I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven,
the great and terrible God,
that keepeth covenant and mercy
for them that love him and observe his commandments:

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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:

Neh 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 that I have chosen to set my name there.

Neh 1:10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

Neh 1:11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to

- the prayer of thy servant,
- and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name:

and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.

20th Year, 1st Month of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia Artaxerxes grants Nehemiah letters of passage to Jerusalem

Neh 1:11b For [Now] I was the king's cupbearer.

Neh 2:1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth 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.

Neh 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 afraid,

Neh 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?

Neh 2:4 Then the king said unto me,

For what dost thou make request?

So I prayed to **the God of heaven**.

Neh 2:5 And I said unto the king,

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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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**;
- **Neh 2:8** And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he 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**.

Neh 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.

Neh 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 of **the children of Israel**.

Neh 2:11 So I came to **Jerusalem**, and was there **three days**.

Details of restoring Jerusalem's walls and gates

The Sheep Gate

Neh 3:1 Then **Eliashib the high priest** rose up with his brethren **the priests**, and they builded **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**.

Neh 3:2 And next unto him builded **the men of Jericho**.
And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

The Fish Gate

Neh 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.

- **Neh 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.
- **Neh 3:5** And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

The Old Gate

Neh 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.

- **Neh 3:7** And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah,

also made repairs for the official seat of the governor of the province beyond the River . (NASV correct translation here - on the east side of the Jordan river)	unto the throne of the governor on this side the river . (KJV incorrect translation here)
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- **Neh 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**.
- **Neh 3:9** And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of **Jerusalem**.
- **Neh 3:10** And next unto them repaired Jediah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house.
- And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

The Tower of Furnaces

Neh 3:11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and **the tower of the furnaces**.

- **Neh 3:12** And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Haloresh, the ruler of the half part of **Jerusalem**, he and his daughters.

The Valley Gate

Neh 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**.

The Refuse Gate

Neh 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.

The Fountain Gate

Neh 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**.

Neh 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 {men}**.

Neh 3:17 After him repaired the **Levites**, {under} Rehum the son of Bani.

District Repairs

Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

Neh 3:18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

The Armory

Neh 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 [Angle] of the wall**.

Neh 3:20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning **[Angle] of the wall** unto the door of the house of **Eliashib the high priest**.

- Neh 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**.
- Neh 3:22 And after him repaired the **priests**, the men of the plain.

Neh 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**.

- Neh 3:24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from **the house of Azariah** unto the turning **[Angle] of the wall**, even unto the corner.

Neh 3:25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning **[Angle] of the wall**, and the tower which lieth out from **the king's high house**, that *was* by **the court of the prison**. (Note: court of the guardhouse of the prison)

- After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

The Water Gate

Neh 3:26 Moreover the Nethinims [**temple** servants] dwelt in Ophel, unto *the place* over against **the water gate** toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

The Wall of Ophel

Neh 3:27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto **the wall of Ophel**.

The Horse Gate

Neh 3:28 From above the horse gate repaired the **priests**, every one over against his house.

Neh 3:29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house.

The East Gate

After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of **the east gate**.

- Neh 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.

The Inspection Gate

Neh 3:31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims [**temple** servants], and of the merchants, over against **the gate Miphkad [Inspection gate]**, and to the going up of the corner.

- **Neh 3:32** And between the going up of the corner unto **the sheep gate** repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites oppose Nehemiah

Neh 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.

Neh 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?

Neh 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.

Neh 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:

Neh 4:5 And cover not their iniquity,
and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee:

for they have demoralized the builders. (NASV)

for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders. (KJV)

Neh 4:6 **So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half {height} thereof;** for the people had a mind to work.

Neh 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,

Neh 4:8 And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against **Jerusalem**, and to hinder it.

Neh 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Neh 4:10 And **Judah** said,

The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

Neh 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.

Neh 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*.

Half of the people rebuild the wall, half stand guard with their weapons

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.**

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 4:20 In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us:
our God shall fight for us.

Neh 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.**

Neh 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.

Neh 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,**

each took his weapon even to the water. (NASV)

saving that every one put them off for washing. (KJV)

Corruption of Israel's governors profiting from usury, taking property and slaves

Neh 5:1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

- **Neh 5:2** For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many: therefore we take up [let us get] corn [grain] *for them,* that we may eat, and live.
- **Neh 5:3** *Some* also there were that said, We have **mortgaged** our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn [grain], because of the dearth.
- **Neh 5:4** There were also that said, **We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.**

Neh 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.

Neh 5:6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

Neh 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.

Neh 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*.

Neh 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?

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 5:13 Also I shook my lap [the front of my garment], and said,
**So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour [possessions], 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.

Sidenote

Neh 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.

Neh 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.*

Neh 5:16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall,
neither bought we any land:
and all my servants *were* gathered thither unto the work.

Neh 5:17 Moreover *there were* at my table

- an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers,
- beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us.

Neh 5:18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily was

one ox
and six choice sheep;
also fowls were prepared for me,

and once in ten days
store of all sorts of wine:

yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

Neh 5:19 Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

Tobiah and Sanballat hire false prophets to frighten Nehemiah

Neh 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 [rebuilt] the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)

Neh 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.

Neh 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?

Neh 6:4 Yet they sent unto me *four times* after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

Neh 6:5 Then sent **Sanballat** his servant unto me in like manner the *fifth time* with an open letter in his hand;

Neh 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.
- Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 6:10 Afterward I came unto **the house** of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, **who was shut up [confined at home]**; 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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 [try to] put me in fear.

Sidenote

Neh 6:17 Moreover in those days **the nobles of Judah** sent many letters unto **Tobiah**, and *the letters* of **Tobiah** came unto them.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

20th Year 12th Month, 25th Day of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia

The Wall is completed in 52 days

Neh 6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

Neh 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.

Nehemiah appoints people in charge of Jerusalem

Neh 7:1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters [gatekeepers] and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 7:4 Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

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Genealogies and census of those who returned from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem

Neh 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,

Note in pink: Discrepancies between what **Ezra** wrote and what **Nehemiah** later finds a copy of or possibly the original

To compare more easily here and with the NASV the written/scripted out numbers are reformatted to actual numbers.

Ezr 2:1 Now these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon** had carried away unto **Babylon**, and came again unto Jerusalem and **Judah**, every one unto his city;

Ezr 2:2 Which came with

- **Zerubbabel**,
- **Jeshua**,
- Nehemiah,
- **Seraiah**,
- **Reelaiah**,
- **Mordecai**,
- Bilshan,
- **Mispar**,
- Bigvai,
- **Rehum**,
- Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

- **Ezr 2:3** The children of Parosh, 2,172.
- **Ezr 2:4** The children of Shephatiah, 372.
- **Ezr 2:5** The children of Arah, 775.
- **Ezr 2:6** The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of **Jeshua** and Joab, 2,812.
- **Ezr 2:7** The children of Elam, 1,254.
- **Ezr 2:8** The children of Zattu, 945.
- **Ezr 2:9** The children of Zaccai, 760.
- **Ezr 2:10** The children of **Bani**, 642.
- **Ezr 2:11** The children of Bebai, 623.
- **Ezr 2:12** The children of Azgad, 1,222.
- **Ezr 2:13** The children of Adonikam, 666.
- **Ezr 2:14** The children of Bigvai, 2,056.
- **Ezr 2:15** The children of Adin, 454.
- **Ezr 2:16** The children of Ater of Hezekiah, 98.
- **Ezr 2:17** The children of Bezai, 323.
- **Ezr 2:18** The children of **Jorah**, 112.
- **Ezr 2:19** The children of **Hashum**, 223.
- **Ezr 2:20** The children of **Gibbar**, 95.
- **Ezr 2:21** The children of Bethlehem, 123.
- **Ezr 2:22** The men of Netophah, 56.
- **Ezr 2:23** The men of Anathoth, 128.

Neh 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;

Neh 7:7 Who came with

- **Zerubbabel**,
- **Jeshua**,
- Nehemiah,
- **Azariah**,
- **Raamiah**,
- Na**Hamani**,
- **Mordecai**,
- Bilshan,
- **Mispereth**,
- Bigvai,
- **Nehum**,
- Baanah.

The number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel was this;

- **Neh 7:8** The children of Parosh, 2,172.
- **Neh 7:9** The children of Shephatiah, 372.
- **Neh 7:10** The children of Arah, 652.
- **Neh 7:11** The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of **Jeshua** and Joab, 2,818.
- **Neh 7:12** The children of Elam, 1,254.
- **Neh 7:13** The children of Zattu, 845.
- **Neh 7:14** The children of Zaccai, 760.
- **Neh 7:15** The children of **Binnui**, 648.
- **Neh 7:16** The children of Bebai, 628.
- **Neh 7:17** The children of Azgad, 2,322.
- **Neh 7:18** The children of Adonikam, 667.
- **Neh 7:19** The children of Bigvai, 2,067.
- **Neh 7:20** The children of Adin, 655.
- **Neh 7:21** The children of Ater of Hezekiah, 98.
- **Neh 7:23** The children of Bezai, 324.
- **Neh 7:24** The children of **Hariph**, 112
- **Neh 7:22** The children of **Hashum**, 328.
- **Neh 7:25** The children of **Gibeon**, 95.
- **Neh 7:26** The men of Bethlehem
- and Netophah, 188.
- **Neh 7:27** The men of Anathoth, 128.

- [Ezr 2:24](#) The children of Azmaveth, 42.
- [Ezr 2:25](#) The children of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743.
- [Ezr 2:26](#) The children of Ramah and Gaba, 621.
- [Ezr 2:27](#) The men of Michmas, 122.
- [Ezr 2:28](#) The men of Bethel and Ai, [223](#).
- [Ezr 2:29](#) The children of [Nebo](#), 52.
- [Ezr 2:30](#) The children of Magbish, 156.
- [Ezr 2:31](#) The children of the other Elam, 1,254.
- [Ezr 2:32](#) The children of Harim, 320.
- [Ezr 2:34](#) The children of [Jericho](#), 345.
- [Ezr 2:33](#) The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725.
- [Ezr 2:35](#) The children of Senaah, [3,630](#).
- [Ezr 2:36](#) The [priests](#): the children of Jedaiah, of [the house](#) of [Jeshua](#), 973.
- [Ezr 2:37](#) The children of Immer, 1,052.
- [Ezr 2:38](#) The children of Pashur, 1,247
- [Ezr 2:39](#) The children of Harim, 1,017.

[Ezr 2:40](#) [The Levites](#): the children of [Jeshua](#) and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, 74.

[Ezr 2:41](#) [The singers](#): the children of [Asaph](#), [128](#).

[Ezr 2:42](#) [The children of the porters \[gatekeepers\]](#):

- the children of Shallum,
- the children of Ater,
- the children of Talmon,
- the children of Akkub,
- the children of Hatita,
- the children of Shobai,

in all [139](#).

[Ezr 2:43](#) [The Nethinims \[temple servants\]](#):

- the children of Ziha,
- the children of Hasupha,
- the children of Tabbaoth,
- [Ezr 2:44](#) The children of Keros,
- the children of [Siaha](#),
- the children of Padon,
- [Ezr 2:45](#) The children of Lebanah,
- the children of Hagabah,
- the children of Akkub,
- [Ezr 2:46](#) The children of Hagab,
- the children of Shalmal,
- the children of Hanan,
- [Ezr 2:47](#) The children of Giddel,
- the children of Gahar,
- the children of Reaiah,

- [Neh 7:28](#) The men of Bethazmaveth, 42.
- [Neh 7:29](#) The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743.
- [Neh 7:30](#) The men of Ramah and Geba, 621.
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- [Neh 7:31](#) The men of Michmas, 122.
- [Neh 7:32](#) The men of Bethel and Ai, [123](#).
- [Neh 7:33](#) The men of the [other Nebo](#), 52.
- [Neh 7:34](#) The children of the other Elam, 1,254
- [Neh 7:35](#) The children of Harim, 320.
- [Neh 7:36](#) The children of [Jericho](#), 345.
- [Neh 7:37](#) The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725.
- [Neh 7:38](#) The children of Senaah, [3,930](#).
- [Neh 7:39](#) The [priests](#): the children of Jedaiah, of [the house](#) of [Jeshua](#), 973.
- [Neh 7:40](#) The children of Immer, 1,052.
- [Neh 7:41](#) The children of Pashur, 1,247.
- [Neh 7:42](#) The children of Harim, 1,017.

[Neh 7:43](#) [The Levites](#): the children of [Jeshua](#), of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, 74.

[Neh 7:44](#) [The singers](#): the children of [Asaph](#), [148](#).

[Neh 7:45](#) [The porters \[gatekeepers\]](#):

- the children of Shallum,
- the children of Ater,
- the children of Talmon,
- the children of Akkub,
- the children of Hatita,
- the children of Shobai,

[138](#).

[Neh 7:46](#) [The Nethinims \[temple servants\]](#):

- the children of Ziha,
- the children of Hashupha,
- the children of Tabbaoth,
- [Neh 7:47](#) The children of Keros,
- the children of [Sia](#),
- the children of Padon,
- [Neh 7:48](#) The children of Lebana,
- the children of Hagaba,
- the children of Shalmal,
- [Neh 7:49](#) The children of Hanan,
- the children of Giddel,
- the children of Gahar,
- [Neh 7:50](#) The children of Reaiah,

- [Ezr 2:48](#) The children of Rezin,
- the children of Nekoda,
- the children of Gazzam,
- [Ezr 2:49](#) The children of Uzza,
- the children of Paseah,
- the children of Besai,
- [Ezr 2:50](#) The children of Asnah,
- the children of Mehunim,
- the children of **Nephusim**,
- [Ezr 2:51](#) The children of Bakbuk,
- the children of Hakupha,
- the children of Harhur,
- [Ezr 2:52](#) The children of Bazluth,
- the children of Mehida,
- the children of Harsha,
- [Ezr 2:53](#) The children of Barkos,
- the children of Sisera,
- the children of Thamah,
- [Ezr 2:54](#) The children of Neziah,
- the children of Hatipha.

[Ezr 2:55](#) **The children of Solomon's servants:**

- the children of Sotai,
- the children of Sophereth,
- the children of Peruda,
- [Ezr 2:56](#) The children of Jaalah,
- the children of Darkon,
- the children of Giddel,
- [Ezr 2:57](#) The children of Shephatiah,
- the children of Hattil,
- the children of Pochereth of Zebaim,
- the children of **Ami**.

[Ezr 2:58](#) All the **Nethinims** [**temple servants**], and the **children of Solomon's servants**, *were* 392.

[Ezr 2:59](#) And these *were* they which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:

- [Ezr 2:60](#) The children of Delaiah,
- the children of **Tobiah**,
- the children of Nekoda,

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[Ezr 2:61](#) **And of the children of the priests:**

- the children of Habaiah,
- the children of Koz,
- the children of Barzillai;

which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

[Ezr 2:62](#) These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found:

- the children of Rezin,
- the children of Nekoda,
- [Neh 7:51](#) The children of Gazzam,
- the children of Uzza,
- the children of Phaseah,
- [Neh 7:52](#) The children of Besai,
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- the children of Meunim,
- the children of **Nepshishesim**,
- [Neh 7:53](#) The children of Bakbuk,
- the children of Hakupha,
- the children of Harhur,
- [Neh 7:54](#) The children of Bazlith,
- the children of Mehida,
- the children of Harsha,
- [Neh 7:55](#) The children of Barkos,
- the children of Sisera,
- the children of Tamah,
- [Neh 7:56](#) The children of Neziah,
- the children of Hatipha.

[Neh 7:57](#) **The children of Solomon's servants:**

- the children of Sotai,
- the children of Sophereth,
- the children of Perida,
- [Neh 7:58](#) The children of Jaala,
- the children of Darkon,
- the children of Giddel,
- [Neh 7:59](#) The children of Shephatiah,
- the children of Hattil,
- the children of Pochereth of Zebaim,
- the children of **Amon**.

[Neh 7:60](#) All the **Nethinims** [**temple servants**], and the **children of Solomon's servants**, *were* 392.

[Neh 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.

- [Neh 7:62](#) The children of Delaiah,
- the children of **Tobiah**,
- the children of Nekoda,

642.

[Neh 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.

[Neh 7:64](#) These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found:

<p>therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.</p> <p>Ezr 2:63 And the Tirshatha [governor] said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.</p> <p>Ezr 2:64 The whole congregation together was 42,360,</p> <p>Ezr 2:65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom <i>there were</i> 7,337: and <i>there were</i> among them 200 singing men and singing women.</p> <p>Ezr 2:66 Their horses <i>were</i> 736; their mules, 245;</p> <p>Ezr 2:67 Their camels, 435; <i>their asses</i>, 6,720.</p> <p>Ezr 2:68 And <i>some of the chief of the fathers</i>, when they came to the house of the LORD which <i>is</i> at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:</p> <p>Ezr 2:69 They [everyone] gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61,000 drams of gold, • and 5,000 pound of silver, • and 100 priests' garments. <p>Ezr 2:70 So</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the priests, • and the Levites, • and <i>some</i> of the people, • and the singers, • and the porters [gatekeepers], • and the Nethinims [temple servants], <p>dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.</p> <p>Ezr 3:1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel <i>were</i> in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.</p> <p>Neh 7:65 And the Tirshatha [governor] said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood <i>up</i> a priest with Urim and Thummim.</p> <p>Neh 7:66 The whole congregation together was 42,360,</p> <p>Neh 7:67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom <i>there were</i> 7,337 and they had 245 singing men and singing women.</p> <p>Neh 7:68 Their horses, 736; their mules, 245:</p> <p>Neh 7:69 <i>Their</i> camels, 435; 6,720 asses.</p> <p>Neh 7:70 And <i>some of the chief of the fathers</i> gave unto the work.</p> <p>The Tirshatha [governor] gave to the treasure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 drams of gold, • 50 basons, • 530 priests' garments. <p>Neh 7:71 And <i>some of the chief of the fathers</i> gave to the treasure of the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 drams of gold, • and 2,200 pound of silver. <p>Neh 7:72 And <i>that</i> which the rest of the people gave <i>was</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 drams of gold, • and 2,000 pound of silver, • and 67 priests' garments. <p>Neh 7:73 So</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the priests, • and the Levites, • and the porters [gatekeepers], • and the singers, • and <i>some</i> of the people, • and the Nethinims [temple servants], • and all Israel, <p>dwelt in their cities;</p> <p>and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel <i>were</i> in their cities.</p>
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21st Year, 7th Month, 1st Day of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia

Ezra reads The Book of the Law of Moses to the assembly

Neh 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**.

Neh 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**.

Neh 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**.

Neh 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 Hilkihah, and Maaseiah, **on his right hand;**
- **and on his left hand,** Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

Neh 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:**

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 8:9 And

- **Nehemiah**, which *is* the Tirshatha [governor],
- 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.

Neh 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**.

Neh 8:11 So the **Levites** stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.

Neh 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.

21st Year, 7th Month, 2nd Day of Artaxerxes 2 king of Persia

The Feast of Booths

Neh 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.

Neh 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:

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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 [ordinance]. (7th month)

A day of Repentance

Neh 9:1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled (7th month)

- with fasting,
- and with sackclothes,
- and earth upon them.

Neh 9:2 And the seed [descendants] of Israel

- separated themselves from all strangers [pagans],
- and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

Neh 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.

Levites remind the assembly of the history of Israel

Neh 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**.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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**;
- **Neh 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:

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

- **Neh 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.
- **Neh 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.
- **Neh 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.

Neh 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**:
- **Neh 9:14** And madest known unto them thy **holy sabbath**,
- and commandedst them **precepts, statutes, and laws**,

by the hand of **Moses thy servant**:

Neh 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.

Neh 9:16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly,
and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

Neh 9:17 And refused to obey,
neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them;
but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage:

but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

Neh 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;

Neh 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.
- Neh 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.
- Neh 9:21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing;
 - their clothes waxed not old,
 - and their feet swelled not.

Neh 9:22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations,

- and didst divide them into corners [boundaries]:
- so they possessed
 - the land of **Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon,**
 - and the land of **Og king of Bashan.**
- Neh 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*.
 - Neh 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.
 - Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 9:28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee:
therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them:

yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven;

and many times
 didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;
 Neh 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.
 Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 9:33 Howbeit thou *art* just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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*:

Neh 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.

Neh 9:38 And because of all this we make a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and our **princes**, **Levites**, and **priests**, seal unto *it*.

The Sealed Document of the names of the Leaders, Levites, and Priests

Neh 10:1 Now those that sealed *were*, **Nehemiah, the Tirshatha [governor], the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,**

Neh 10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

Neh 10:3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

Neh 10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

Neh 10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

Neh 10:6 **Daniel**, Ginnethon, Baruch,

Neh 10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

Neh 10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah:

these were the priests.

Neh 10:9 And the **Levites**:

both **Jeshua** the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

Neh 10:10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

Neh 10:11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

Neh 10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

Neh 10:13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

Neh 10:14 **The chief of the people;**

Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

Neh 10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

Neh 10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

Neh 10:17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,

Neh 10:18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

Neh 10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

Neh 10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

Neh 10:21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

Neh 10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

Neh 10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

Neh 10:24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,

Neh 10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

Neh 10:26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

Neh 10:27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

Oaths and Curses

Neh 10:28 And the rest of the people, the **priests**, the **Levites**, the porters [**gatekeepers**], the **singers**, the Nethinims [**temple** servants], **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;**

Neh 10:29 *They clave 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;**

Neh 10:30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land,
nor take their daughters for our sons:

Neh 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 [forgo] {the crops of} **the seventh year,** and the exaction of every debt.

Neh 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;**

- Neh 10:33 For the shewbread,
- and for the continual meat [**grain**]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.**

Neh 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:**
- Neh 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:**
- Neh 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:**

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 10:39 For **the children of Israel** and **the children of Levi** shall bring the offering

- of the corn [grrain],
- 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 [**gatekeepers**],
- and the **singers:**

and we will not forsake **the house of our God.**

Lots Cast for Divisions of People

Neh 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.

Neh 11:2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at **Jerusalem.**

Neh 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 [**temple** servants],
- and the children of **Solomon's** servants.

Neh 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;
- **Neh 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.

Neh 11:6 All the **sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem** *were* **four hundred threescore and eight** valiant men.

Neh 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.
- **Neh 11:8** And after him Gabbai, Sallai,

nine hundred twenty and eight.

Neh 11:9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer:
and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

Neh 11:10 Of the **priests:**

- Jedaiah the son of Joiarib,
- Jachin.
- **Neh 11:11** Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of **the house of God.**

Neh 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,

Neh 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,
- Neh 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*.

Neh 11:15 Also of the **Levites**:

- Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
- Neh 11:16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the **Levites**, *had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.*
- Neh 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.

Neh 11:18 All the **Levites** in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

Neh 11:19 Moreover the porters [**gatekeepers**],

Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two.

Neh 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.

Neh 11:21 But the Nethinims [**temple servants**] dwelt in **Ophel**: and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims [**temple servants**].

Neh 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**.

Neh 11:23 *For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.*

Neh 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.

Villages Outside Jerusalem

Neh 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,
- Neh 11:26 And at **Jeshua**,
- and at **Moladah**,
- and at **Bethphelet**,
- Neh 11:27 And at **Hazarshual**,
- and at **Beersheba**, and *in* the villages thereof,

- Neh 11:28 And at **Ziklag**,
- and at **Mekonah**, and in the villages thereof,
- Neh 11:29 And at **Enrimmon**,
- and at **Zareah**,
- and at **Jarmuth**,
- Neh 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**.

Neh 11:31 The children also of **Benjamin** from **Geba** *dwelt* at

- **Michmash**,
- and **Aija**,
- and **Bethel**, and *in* their villages,
- Neh 11:32 *And* at **Anathoth**,
- **Nob**,
- **Ananiah**,
- Neh 11:33 **Hazor**,
- **Ramah**,
- **Gittaim**,
- Neh 11:34 **Hadid**,
- **Zeboim**,
- Neballat,
- Neh 11:35 **Lod**,
- and **Ono**, the valley of craftsmen.

Neh 11:36 And of the **Levites** *were* divisions *in* **Judah**, and *in* **Benjamin**.

Neh 12:1 Now these *are* the **priests** and the **Levites** that went up with **Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, and **Jeshua**:

Seraiah, Jeremiah, **Ezra**,
 Neh 12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
 Neh 12:3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
 Neh 12:4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,
 Neh 12:5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
 Neh 12:6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,
 Neh 12:7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah.

These *were* the chief of the **priests** and of their brethren **in the days of Jeshua**.

Neh 12:8 Moreover the **Levites**:

- Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, **Judah**, and Mattaniah, *which was over the thanksgiving*, he and his brethren.
- Neh 12:9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were over against them in the watches*.

Neh 12:10 And **Jeshua** begat Joiakim,
 Joiakim also begat Eliashib,
 and Eliashib begat Joiada,

Neh 12:11 And Joiada begat Jonathan,
 and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

Neh 12:12 And **in the days of** Joiakim were **priests, the chief of the fathers:**

- of Seraiah, Meraiah;
- of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
- Neh 12:13 Of **Ezra**, Meshullam;
- of Amariah, Jehohanan;
- Neh 12:14 Of Melicu, Jonathan;
- of Shebaniah, Joseph;
- Neh 12:15 Of Harim, Adna;
- of Meraioth, Helkai;
- Neh 12:16 Of Iddo, Zechariah;
- of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
- Neh 12:17 Of Abijah, Zichri;
- of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;
- Neh 12:18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
- Neh 12:19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai;
- of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
- Neh 12:20 Of Sallai, Kallai;
- of Amok, Eber;
- Neh 12:21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah;
- of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

Neh 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.**

Neh 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.

Neh 12:24 And **the chief of the Levites:** Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and **Jeshua the son of Kadmiel**, with their brethren over against [opposite] them, *to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.*

Neh 12:25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters [**gatekeepers**] *keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.*

Neh 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.

Dedication of the Wall of Jerusalem

Neh 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.

Neh 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;

Neh 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**.

Neh 12:30 And the **priests** and the **Levites**

- purified themselves,
- and purified the people,
- and the gates,
- and the wall.

Neh 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:**

- Neh 12:32 And after them went Hoshaiiah, and half of **the princes of Judah,**
- Neh 12:33 And Azariah, **Ezra**, and Meshullam,
- Neh 12:34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,
- Neh 12:35 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:
- Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 12:38 And the other *company of them that gave thanks* went over against [opposite]*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**;

Neh 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.**

Neh 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:

Neh 12:41 And the **priests**; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, *with trumpets*;

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Service at the temple

Neh 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 [served].

<p>Neh 12:45 For they performed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the worship of their God • and the service of purification, • together with the singers and the gatekeepers in accordance with the command of David and of his son Solomon. <p>(NASV)</p>	<p>Neh 12:45 And both</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the singers • and the porters [gatekeepers] <p>kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.</p> <p>(KJV)</p>
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Comment

Neh 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.

Neh 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 [**gatekeepers**], every day his portion:
- and they sanctified *holy things* unto the **Levites**;
- and the **Levites** sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

Neh 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;

Neh 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.

Neh 13:3 Now **it came to pass**, when they had heard **the law**, that they separated from Israel all the mixed [pagan] multitude.

Psalm 119

Psa 119:1 ALEPH.

Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Psa 119:2 Blessed *are* they that keep **his testimonies**, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

Psa 119:3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Psa 119:4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep **thy precepts** diligently.

Psa 119:5 O that my ways were directed to keep **thy statutes!**

Psa 119:6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned **thy righteous judgments**.

Psa 119:8 I will keep **thy statutes**: O forsake me not utterly.

Psa 119:9 BETH.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to **thy word.**

Psa 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:11 **Thy word** have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psa 119:12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

Psa 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of **thy testimonies**, as *much as* in all riches.

Psa 119:15 I will meditate in **thy precepts**, and have respect unto thy ways.

Psa 119:16 I will delight myself in **thy statutes**: I will not forget **thy word**.

Psa 119:17 GIMEL.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep **thy word.**

Psa 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of **thy law**.

Psa 119:19 I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not **thy commandments** from me.

Psa 119:20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto **thy judgments** at all times.

Psa 119:21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:24 **Thy testimonies** also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

Psa 119:25 DALETH.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: **quicken [revive] thou me according to **thy word****.

Psa 119:26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:27 Make me to understand the way of **thy precepts**: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Psa 119:28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto **thy word**.

Psa 119:29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me **thy law** graciously.

Psa 119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: **thy judgments** have I laid *before me*.

Psa 119:31 I have stuck unto **thy testimonies**: O LORD, put me not to shame.

Psa 119:32 I will run the way of **thy commandments**, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Psa 119:33 HE.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of **thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto the end*.**

Psa 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep **thy law**; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

Psa 119:35 Make me to go in the path of **thy commandments**; for therein do I delight.

Psa 119:36 Incline my heart unto **thy testimonies**, and not to covetousness.

Psa 119:37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.

Psa 119:38 Stablish **thy word** unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

Psa 119:39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for **thy judgments** *are* good.

Psa 119:40 Behold, I have longed after **thy precepts**: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Psa 119:41 VAU.

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

Psa 119:42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in **thy word**.

Psa 119:43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in **thy judgments**.

Psa 119:44 So shall I keep **thy law** continually for ever and ever.

Psa 119:45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:46 I will speak of **thy testimonies** also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

Psa 119:47 And I will delight myself in **thy commandments**, which I have loved.

Psa 119:48 My hands also will I lift up unto **thy commandments**, which I have loved; and I will meditate in **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:49 ZAIN [ZAYIN].

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

Psa 119:50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for **thy word** hath quickened me.

Psa 119:51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from **thy law**.

Psa 119:52 I remembered **thy judgments** of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

Psa 119:53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake **thy law**.

Psa 119:54 **Thy statutes** have been my songs in **the house** of my pilgrimage.

Psa 119:55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept **thy law**.

Psa 119:56 This I had, because I kept **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:57 CHETH [HETH].

Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

Psa 119:58 I intreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to **thy word**.

Psa 119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten **thy law**.

Psa 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of **thy righteous judgments**.

Psa 119:63 *I am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:65 TETH.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Psa 119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept **thy word**.

Psa 119:68 Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep **thy precepts** with *my* whole heart.

Psa 119:70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in **thy law**.

Psa 119:71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:72 **The law of thy mouth** *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Psa 119:73 JOD [YODH].

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

Psa 119:74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in **thy word**.

Psa 119:75 I know, O LORD, that **thy judgments** *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Psa 119:76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to **thy word** unto thy servant.

Psa 119:77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for **thy law** *is* my delight.

Psa 119:78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:80 Let my heart be sound in **thy statutes**; that I be not ashamed.

Psa 119:81 CAPH [KAPH].

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Psa 119:82 Mine eyes fail for **thy word**, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

Psa 119:83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:84 How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

Psa 119:85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after **thy law**.

Psa 119:86 All **thy commandments** *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

Psa 119:87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

Psa 119:89 LAMED [LAMEDH].

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psa 119:90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

Psa 119:91 They continue this day according to **thine ordinances**: for all *are* thy servants.

Psa 119:92 Unless **thy law** *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psa 119:93 I will never forget **thy precepts**: for with them thou hast quickened me.

Psa 119:94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

Psa 119:97 MEM.

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Psa 119:98 Thou through **thy commandments** hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for **thy testimonies** *are* my meditation.

Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep **thy word**.

Psa 119:102 I have not departed from **thy judgments**: for thou hast taught me.

Psa 119:103 How sweet are **thy words** unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

Psa 119:104 Through **thy precepts** I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Psa 119:105 NUN.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psa 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep **thy righteous judgments**.

Psa 119:107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto **thy word**.

Psa 119:108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me **thy judgments**.

Psa 119:109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget **thy law**.

Psa 119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:111 **Thy testimonies** have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

Psa 119:112 I have inclined mine heart to perform **thy statutes** always, *even unto* the end.

Psa 119:113 SAMECH [SAMEKH].

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Psa 119:114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in **thy word**.

Psa 119:115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Psa 119:116 Uphold me according unto **thy word**, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Psa 119:117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto **thy statutes** continually.

Psa 119:118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from **thy statutes**: for their deceit *is* falsehood.

Psa 119:119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of **thy judgments**.

Psa 119:121 AIN [AYIN].

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Psa 119:122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Psa 119:123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Psa 119:124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *for* they have made void **thy law**.

Psa 119:127 Therefore I love **thy commandments** above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Psa 119:128 Therefore I esteem all **thy precepts** concerning all *things to be* right; and I hate every false way.

Psa 119:129 PE.

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

Psa 119:130 The entrance of **thy words** giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psa 119:131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Psa 119:133 Order my steps in **thy word**: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Psa 119:134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not **thy law**.

Psa 119:137 TZADDI [TSADHE].

Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

Psa 119:138 **thy testimonies** that thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

Psa 119:139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten **thy words**.

Psa 119:140 **Thy word** *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psa 119:141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law** *is* the truth.

Psa 119:143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* **thy commandments** *are* my delights.

Psa 119:144 The righteousness of **thy testimonies** *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

Psa 119:145 KOPH [QOPH].

I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

Psa 119:146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in **thy word**.

Psa 119:148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in **thy word**.

Psa 119:149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

Psa 119:150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from **thy law**.

Psa 119:151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all **thy commandments** *are* truth.

Psa 119:152 Concerning **thy testimonies**, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

Psa 119:153 RESH.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Psa 119:154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to **thy word**.

Psa 119:155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to **thy judgments**.

Psa 119:157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from **thy testimonies**.

Psa 119:158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not **thy word**.

Psa 119:159 Consider how I love **thy precepts**: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

Psa 119:160 **Thy word** *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of **thy righteous judgments** *endureth* for ever.

Psa 119:161 SCHIN.

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

Psa 119:162 I rejoice at **thy word**, as one that findeth great spoil.

Psa 119:163 I hate and abhor lying: *but thy law* do I love.

Psa 119:164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of **thy righteous judgments**.

Psa 119:165 Great peace have they which love **thy law**: and nothing shall offend them.

Psa 119:166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done **thy commandments**.

Psa 119:167 My soul hath kept **thy testimonies**; and I love them exceedingly.

Psa 119:168 I have kept **thy precepts** and **thy testimonies**: for all my ways *are* before thee.

Psa 119:169 TAU.

Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

Psa 119:170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to **thy word**.

Psa 119:171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me **thy statutes**.

Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of **thy word**: for all **thy commandments** *are* righteousness.

Psa 119:173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen **thy precepts**.

Psa 119:174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and **thy law** *is* my delight.

Psa 119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let **thy judgments** help me.

Psa 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget **thy commandments**.

Comment - Nehemiah's battles with corrupt leaders in Jerusalem

Neh 13:4 And before this,

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

Neh 13:5 *And he had prepared for him a great chamber*, where aforetime they laid

- the meat [**grain**] offerings,
- the **frankincense**,
- and the **vessels**,
- and the tithes of the corn [**grain**], the **new wine**, and the **oil**,

which was commanded *to be given* to

- the **Levites**,
- and the **singers**,
- and the porters [**gatekeepers**];
- and the offerings of the **priests**.

Neh 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,

(Discrepancy: should be 20th year per Neh 1:1 and 2:1, or is this another Artaxerxes?)

and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

Neh 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**.

Neh 13:8 And it grieved me sore:

therefore

- I cast forth all the household stuff of **Tobiah** out of the chamber.
- Neh 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 [**grain**] offering and the **frankincense**.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 13:12 Then brought all **Judah** the tithe of

- the corn [grain]
- and the new wine
- and the oil

unto the treasuries.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 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 [food].

Neh 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**.

Neh 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?

Neh 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**.

Neh 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.

Neh 13:20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without **Jerusalem** once or twice.

Neh 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**.

Neh 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.

Neh 13:22b Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Neh 13:23 In those days also saw I

Jews *that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:*

Neh 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**.

Neh 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.

Neh 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.

Neh 13:27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

Neh 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.

Neh 13:29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled **the priesthood**, and **the covenant of the priesthood**, and of **the Levites**.

Neh 13:30a Thus

- cleansed I them from all strangers,
- and appointed the wards of the **priests** and the **Levites**, every one in his business;
- Neh 13:31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits.

Neh 13:30b Remember me, O my God, for good.

Note: Many scholars believe Malachi was written during the time of Zedekiah's reign but all passages relate directly to what the other prophets Habakkuk and Zephaniah were saying during the reign of Josiah. I have elected to place the passages in Malachi in parallel and in sequence with the other prophets during Josiah's reign and repeat the book in whole here to satisfy those who insist otherwise. I will let the scholars fight it out between themselves.

Mal 1:1

The burden of **the word of the LORD** to Israel by Malachi.

God's hatred toward wicked Esau(Edom)

Mal 1:2 I have loved you, **saith the LORD**.

Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us?

Was not **Esau Jacob's** brother? **saith the LORD**: yet I loved **Jacob**,

Mal 1:3 And I hated **Esau**,

- and laid his mountains
- and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Note: Why God hated Esau is detailed in the book of Jashar

Mal 1:4 Whereas **Edom** saith,
 We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places;
 thus saith the LORD of hosts,
 they shall build, but I will throw down;
 and they shall call them, The border of wickedness,
 and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

Mal 1:5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say,
 The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

Priests who despise the LORD with defective offerings

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master:
 if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour?
 and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear?
 saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O **priests**, that despise **my name**.

And ye say, Wherein have we despised **thy name**?

Mal 1:7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;

and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?
 In that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

Mal 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil?
 and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil?
 offer it now unto thy governor;
 (Note: Governor used here is a Persian-era term which suggests Malachi was written after the Babylonian exile)
 will he be pleased with thee,
 or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us:
 this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*?
 neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought.
 I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts,
 neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same
 my name *shall be great among the Gentiles*;
 and in every place **incense** *shall be* offered unto my name,
 and a pure offering:
 for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:12 But ye have profaned it,

- in that ye say,
 - The table of the LORD *is* polluted;
 - and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.
- Mal 1:13 Ye said also,
 - Behold, what a weariness *is it!*
- and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts;
- and ye brought
 - *that which was* torn,
 - and the lame, and the sick;

thus ye brought an offering:
should I accept this of your hand? **saith the LORD.**

Mal 1:14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male,
and voweth, and sacrificeth unto **the Lord** a corrupt thing:
for I *am* a great King, **saith the LORD of hosts,**
and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.

Mal 2:1 And now, O ye **priests,** this commandment *is* for you.

Mal 2:2 If ye will not hear,
and if ye **will not lay it to heart,** to give glory unto **my name,**
saith the LORD of hosts,

I will even send a curse upon you,
and I will curse your blessings:
yea, I have cursed them already,
because **ye do not lay it to heart.**

Mal 2:3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed,
and spread dung upon your faces,
even the dung of your solemn feasts;
and *one* shall take you away with it.

God uses Levi as an example for priests to follow

Mal 2:4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you,
that **my covenant** might be with **Levi,**
saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 2:5 **My covenant was with him** of life and peace;
and I gave them to him

for

the fear wherewith he feared **me,** (Note: morally to revere, causatively to make afraid - H3372, H2865)
and was afraid before **my name.**

Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth,
and iniquity was not found in his lips:
he walked with **me** in peace and equity,
and did turn many away from iniquity.

Mal 2:7 For **the priest's lips should keep knowledge,**
and they should seek **the law** at his mouth:
for he *is* the messenger of **the LORD of hosts.**

The priests of Judah and Israel have dealt treacherously

Mal 2:8 But

- ye are departed out of **the way;**
- ye have caused many to stumble at **the law;**
- ye have corrupted **the covenant of Levi,**

saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 2:9 Therefore *have* I also made you contemptible and base before all the people,
according as ye have not kept **my ways,** but have been partial in **the law.**

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one father?
hath not one God created us?
why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning **the covenant of our fathers?**

Mal 2:11 **Judah** hath dealt treacherously,
and an abomination is committed in **Israel** and in **Jerusalem**;
for **Judah** hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved,
and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

Mal 2:12 "As for the man who does this,
may the LORD cut off from the tents [households] of
Jacob everyone who awakes and answers,
or who presents an offering to the LORD of hosts.
(NASV)

Mal 2:12 The LORD will cut off
the man that doeth this,
the master and the scholar,
out of the tabernacles [households] of **Jacob**,
and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of
hosts. (KJV)

God despises men who mistreat their wives

Mal 2:13 And this have ye done again,
covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out,
insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

Mal 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore?
Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and
the wife of thy youth,

- against whom thou hast dealt treacherously:
- yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Mal 2:15 "But not one has done so who has a remnant
of the Spirit.
And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly
offspring? (NASV)

Mal 2:15 And did not he make one?
Yet had he the residue of the spirit.
And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.
(KJV)

Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Mal 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away [divorce]:
for *one* covereth violence with his garment,
saith the LORD of hosts:
therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Mal 2:17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.
Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*?
When ye say,
Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them;
or,
Where *is* the God of judgment?

God's messenger to clear the way. Then the LORD comes to His temple.

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger,
(note: John the Baptist)
and he shall prepare the way before me:

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet**
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of
the LORD:
See also Matthew 11:7-14

Mal 3:1b and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth?

for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Mal 3:3a And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,

Offerings to be made as formerly

Mal 3:3b that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Mal 3:4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Judgment against Oppressors

Mal 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness

- against the sorcerers,
- and against the adulterers,
- and against false swearers,
- and against those that oppress
 - the hireling in his wages,
 - the widow, and the fatherless,
- and that turn aside the stranger from his right, (Note: the alien who wishes appropriate the ways of the LORD)
- and fear not me,

saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Robbing the LORD by holding back tithes and offerings

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Mal 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

A requirement for rebuking the devourer

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, (Note: Storehouse: the chambers in the courtyard for storing the tithes of grain, wine, incense/frankincense, oil used in the various animal sacrifices and various offerings) that there may be meat [food] in mine house,

and prove me now herewith, **saith the LORD of hosts,**

- if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*
- Mal 3:11 **And I will rebuke the devourer** for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;
- neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,

saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed:

for ye shall be a delightsome land,

saith the LORD of hosts.

Concerning the arrogant

Mal 3:13 Your words have been stout against me, **saith the LORD.**

Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

Mal 3:14 Ye have said,

It *is* vain to serve God:

and what profit *is it* that we have kept his ordinance,

and that we have walked mournfully before **the LORD of hosts?**

Mal 3:15 And now we call the proud happy;

- yea, they that work wickedness are set up;
- yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.

Book of remembrance of God's own

Mal 3:16 Then **they that feared the LORD** spake often one to another:

and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it,*

and **a book of remembrance** was written before him for

- **them that feared the LORD,**
- and that thought upon **his name.**

Mal 3:17 **And they shall be mine,** **saith the LORD of hosts,**

In that day when I make up my jewels;

and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern

- between the righteous and the wicked,
- between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

The arrogant turned to ashes to be walked over by the righteous

Mal 4:1 For, behold, **the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven;**

and all **the proud,** yea, and all **that do wickedly,** shall be stubble:

and **the day that cometh** shall burn them up, **saith the LORD of hosts,**

that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Mal 4:2 But unto **you that fear my name**

- shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;
- and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
- Mal 4:3 **And ye shall tread down the wicked;**
 - for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet **in the day that I shall do this,**

saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 4:4 Remember ye **the law** of **Moses my servant**,
which I commanded unto him in **Horeb** for **all Israel**, *with* the **statutes** and **judgments**.

Elijah the prophet to come before the “day of the LORD”

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** (note: John the Baptist)
before the coming of **the great and dreadful day of the LORD**:

Mal 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
and the heart of the children to their fathers,
lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Note: Jesus speaking to the multitudes about John the Baptist (Matthew 11:7-14)

Mat 11:13-14 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. and if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias [Elijah],
which was for to come..