

- de put away their wiues, and they that had trespassed, *gave* a rāme for their trespasse.
- 20 And of the sonnes of Immér, Honaní, and Zebadiáh.
- 21 And of the sonnes of Hai ím, Maaseiáh, and Eliáh, and Semaiah, and Iehiél, and Vzziáh.
- 22 And of the sonnes of Pashúr, Elioenái, Maaseiáh, Ishmaél, Nethaneél, Iozabád, and Elafáh.
- 23 And of the Leuites, Iozabád and Shimeí & Kelaiáh, (which is Kelitáh) Pethahiah, Iudáh and Elézer.
- 24 And of the singers, Eliafíib. And of the porters, Shallúm, and Telém, and Vrí.
- 25 And of <sup>m</sup> Israél: of the sonnes of Parósh, Ramaiah, and Iefiáh, and Malchiáh, and Miámin, and Eleazár, and Malchiáh, and Beniáh.
- 26 And of the sonnes of Elám, Mattaniáh, Zechariáh, and Iehiél, and Abdí, and Ieremóth, and Eliáh.
- 27 And of the sonnes of Zattu, Elioenái, Eliafíib, Mattaniáh, and Ierimóth, & Zabád, and Azizá.
- 28 And of the sonnes of Bebái, Iehohanán, Hananiah, Zabbái, Athlái.
- 29 And of the sonnes of Baní, Meshullám, Mallúch, and Adaiáh, Iafhúb, and Saeál, Ieramóth.
- 30 And of the sonnes of <sup>n</sup> Paháth Moáb, Adná, & Chelál, Beniáh, Maaseiah, Mattaniáh, Bezaleél, & Binnúi, and Manafích.
- 31 And of the sonnes of Harim, Elézer, Iffuáh, Malchiáh, Semaiah, Shimeón, Beniámín, Mallúch, Shamariah.
- 32 Of the sonnes of Hashúm, Mattenái, Mattattáh, Zabád, Eliphélet, Ieremái, Menafích, Shimeí.
- 34 Of the sonnes of Baní, Maadáí, Amráím, and Vél,
- 35 Banaiáh, Bediáh, Chellúh,
- 36 Vaniah, Meremóth, Eliafíib,
- 37 Mattaniáh, Mattenái, and Iafsau,
- 38 And Banni & Bennúi, Shimeí,
- 39 And Shelemiah, & Nathan, & Adaiáh,
- 40 Machnadebái, Shafái, Sharái,
- 41 Azareél, and Shelemiah, Semaiah,
- 42 Shallúm, Amariáh, Ioseph.
- 43 Of the sonnes of Nebó, Ieiel, Mattithiáh, Zabád, Zebiná, Iadaú, & Ioél, Beniáh.
- 44 All these had taken strange wiues: and among thé were womé that had <sup>n</sup> childré.

<sup>m</sup> Meaning, of <sup>y</sup> comune people for before the speake of the Priests & Leuites.

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

# NEHEMIAH.

## THE ARGUMENT.

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

### CHAP. I.

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



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

<sup>a</sup> Which concerneth part of November & part of December, and was their ninth moneth.  
<sup>b</sup> A Iewe as I was.

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

<sup>c</sup> Meaning, in Ierusalém.

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

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

*Dan. 9.4.*

against thee, bothe I & my fathers house haue sinned:

<sup>10</sup> *Ebr. corrupted* 7 We haue grievously sinned against thee, and haue not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the iudgments, w<sup>ch</sup> thou commandedst thy seruant Moses.

<sup>8</sup> I beseeche thee, remember the worde that thou commandedst thy seruant Moses, saying, Ye wil transgresse, and I wil scatter you abroade among the people.

*Deut 30.4*

<sup>9</sup> But if ye turne vnto me, and kepe my commandments, and do them, though your scattering were to the vntermost parte of the heaue. yet wil I gather you from thence and wil bring you vnto the place that I haue chosen, to place my Name there.

<sup>10</sup> Now these are thy seruants & thy people, whome thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy mighty hand.

<sup>11</sup> O Lord, I beseeche thee, let thine eare now hearken to the prayer of thy seruant, and to the prayer of thy seruants, w<sup>ch</sup> I desire to feare thy Name, and, I pray thee, cause thy seruant to prosper this day, and giue him fauour in the presence of this man: for I was the Kings butler.

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

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

CHAP. II.

<sup>1</sup> After Nehemiah had obtained letters of Artaxerxes, he came to Ierusalem, and buylde the walles.

<sup>a</sup> Which was the first month of the yere & cometh part of Marche & part of April  
<sup>b</sup> Who is also called Darius read Ezr 7.

<sup>1</sup> NOW in the moneth Nisan in the twetieth yere of King Artahshaste, the wine sode before him, and I toke vp the wine, and gaue it vnto the King. now I was not before time sad in his presence.

<sup>2</sup> And the King said vnto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seing thou art not sick? this is nothing, but sorowe of heart. Then was I fore afraid,

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

<sup>4</sup> And the King said vnto me, For what thing dost thou require? Then I prayed to the God of heauen,

<sup>1</sup> I desired God in mine hart, so prosper mine enterprise.

And said vnto the King, If it please the King, and if thy seruant haue founde fauour in thy sight, I desire that thou woldest send me to Iudah vnto the cite of the sepulchres of my fathers, that I may buylde it.

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

<sup>10</sup> *Ebr. Euphrates.*

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

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

<sup>10</sup> *Or, paradise.*

<sup>9</sup> ¶ Then came I to the captaines beyonde the Riuer, & gaue them the Kings letters. And the King had sent captaines of the armie and horsmen with me.

<sup>d</sup> As God moued me to aske, & as he gaue me good success the. xiiij.

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

<sup>e</sup> These were great enemies to the Iewes & hated all w<sup>ch</sup> bothe by force & subtiltie to ouer come them, & Tobiah because his wife was a Iewesse, had aduertisement euer of their affaires and so wrought them great trouble.

So I came to Ierusalem, and was there thre dayes.

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

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

Then I went forthe vnto the gate of the fountaine, and to the Kings fish pool, & there was no iourne for the beast that was vnder me to passe.

<sup>10</sup> *Or, conduit.*

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

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

<sup>f</sup> That is, corrupted of other nations, is though God had forsaken vs

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

<sup>g</sup> They were encouraged & gaue them felices to do well, & to traueil in this worthy enterprise.

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

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

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

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

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

**k** Nether ye are of the number of the children of God (to whome he hath appointed this crite onely) nether did anie of your predecessours euer feare God

**a** In Ebrewé, they sanctified it, that is, they finished it, and so dedicated it to the Lord by prayer, in desiring him to mainteine it

**b** The rické & mightie wolde not obey the, which were appointed officers in this worke, nether wolde they helpe therunto  
*Isa 22, 11.*

**e** Vnto y place where the Duke was worthe to sit in iudgement, who gouerned the countrey in their absence.  
*Or, of Zorobabell*  
*Or, of the apostolites.*

*Or, mensure.*

we his seruants wil liue vp and buylde: but as for you, ye haue no portion nor right, nor memorial in Ierusalém.

CHAP. III.

*The number of them that buylded the walles.*

**T**hen arose Eliashib the hie Priest with his brethren the Priests, & they buylt the shepegate: they repaired it, & set vp the dores thereof: euen vnto the towre of Meish repaired they it, & vnto the towre of Hananel.

**2** And next vnto him buylded the men of Ilichó, and beside him Zaccúr the sonne of Imrí.

**3** But the fish porte did the sonnes of Senaáh buylde, which also layed the beames thereof, and set on the dores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

**4** And next vnto the fortified Merimóth, the sonne of Vriah, the sonne of Hakkóz: and next vnto them fortified Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiáh, the sonne of Meshazabeél: and next vnto them fortified Zidók, the sonne of Baaná:

**5** And next vnto them fortified the Tckoites. but the great man of them put not their neckes to the worke of their lords.

**6** And the gate of the old fishpoole fortified Iehoiadá the sonne of Paseah, & Meshullam the sonne of Besodaiáh, they layed the beames thereof, and set on the dores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

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

**8** Next vnto him fortified Vzzél the sonne of Harhohiáh of the golde smithes: next vnto him also fortified Hananiah, the sonne of Harakkahím, and they repaired Ierusalém vnto the broad wall.

**9** Also next vnto them fortified Rephaiáh, the sonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe parte of Ierusalém.

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

**11** Malchiáh the sonne of Harím, and Hashúb the sonne of Paháth Moáb fortified the seconde portion, & the towre of the fornaces.

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

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

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

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

**16** After him fortified Nehemiáh the sonne of Azbák, the ruler of the halfe parte of Beth-zúr, vntil the other side ouer against the sepulchres of Dauid, and to the fishpoole that was repaired, and vnto the house of the mightie.

**17** After him fortified the Leuites, Rehúm the sonne of Baní, and next vnto him fortified Hashabiah the ruler of the halfe parte of Keilah in his quarter.

**18** After him fortified their brethren: Bauiáh, the sonne of Henadád the ruler of the halfe parte of Keilah:

**19** And next vnto him fortified Ezer, the sonne of Ieshúa the ruler of Mizpáh, the other portion ouer against the going vp to the corner of the armoure.

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

**21** After him fortified Merimóth, the sonne of Vriah, the sonne of Hakkóz, another portion from the dore of the house of Eliashib, euen as long as the house of Eliashib extended.

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

**23** After them fortified Beniamín, & Hashúb ouer against their house: after him fortified Azariáh, the sonne of Maaseráh, the sonne of Ananiáh, by his house.

**24** After him fortified Binnú, the sonne of Henadád another portion, from the house of Azariáh vnto the turning and vnto the corner.

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

**26** And the Nethinims they dwelt in the forteisse vnto the place ouer against the water gate, Eastward, & to the towre that lyeth out.

**27** After him fortified y Tckoites another portion ouer against the great towre, that lyeth out, euen vnto the wall of the forteisse.

*Or, 8/10.*

**d** Where the weapons and armour of the cite laye

**e** Which dwells in y plaine countrey by Iorden & Ierichó.

**f** Read Ezra Chap 2, 43

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

## CHAP. IIIII.

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

1 **B**Vt when Sanballát heard that we  
 buylded the wall, then was he wroth  
 and sore grieued, and mocked the Iewes,  
 2 And said before his brethien and the  
 armie of Samaria, thus he said, What do  
 these weake Iewes wil they fortifie the  
 selues wil they sacrifice wil they finish it  
 in a day wil they make the stones whole  
 againe out of y heapes of dust, seing they  
 are burnt  
 3 And Tobiah the Ammonite was beside  
 him, and said, Although they buylde, yet if  
 a foxe go vp, he shal euen breake downe  
 their stony wall.

4 Heare, o our God (for we are despised)  
 and turne their shame vpon their owne  
 head, and giue them vnto a pray d in the  
 land of their captiuitie,

5 And couer not their iniquitie, neither let  
 their sinne be put out in thy presence: for  
 they haue prouoked vs before the buylders.

6 So we buylt the wall, and all the wall was  
 ioyned vnto the halfe thereof, and the  
 heart of the people was to worke.

7 ¶ But when Sanballát, and Tobiah, & the  
 Arabians, and the Ammonites, & the Ash-  
 dodims heard that the walles of Ierusalém  
 were repared, (for the breaches begā to be  
 stopped) then they were verie wroth,

8 And conspired altogether to come and to  
 fight against Ierusalém, & to hinder thē.

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

10 And Iudáh said, The strength of y bea-  
 rers is weakened, and they can muche earth,  
 so that we are not able to buylde the wall.

11 Also our aduersaries had said, They shal  
 not knowe, neither se, til we come into the  
 middes of them and slaye them, and cause

the worke to cease.

12 But when the Iewes (which dwelt beside  
 them) came, they tolde vs ten times, & Fró  
 all places whence ye shal returne, they wil  
 be vpon vs.

13 Therefore set I in the lower places be-  
 hind the wall vpon y toppes of the stones,  
 & placed y people by their families, with  
 their swordes, their speares & their bowes,

14 Then I beheld, and rose vp, & said vnto  
 the princes, & to the rulers, & to the rest of  
 the people, Be not afraid of them: h re-  
 member the great Loid, & feareful, & fight  
 for your brethren, your sonnes, and your  
 daughters, your wiues, and your houses.

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

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

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

18 For euerie one of the buylders had his  
 sworde girde on his loynes, & so buylded:  
 & he that blewe the tūpet, was beside me.

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

20 In what place therefore ye heare the sōud  
 of the trumpet, k resorte ye thither vnto  
 vs: our God shal fight for vs.

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

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

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

1 The people are oppressed and in necessitie 6 Nehemiáh  
 remedieth it 14 He take not the portion of others that  
 had ruled before, lest he shoulde grieue the people.

1 **N**OW there was a great crye of the  
 people, and of their wiues against  
 their brethren the Iewes.

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

3 And there were that said, We must gage

f That is, of  
 ten times  
 g They, which  
 brought the tid-  
 dings, said thus,  
 Whē you lea-  
 ue your wor-  
 ke, & go ether  
 to eat, or to  
 rest, your ene-  
 mies wil assaile  
 you.

h Who is euer  
 at hand to de-  
 liuer his out-  
 of danger, and  
 therefore seig  
 they shulde  
 fight for the  
 maintenēce of  
 Gods glorie &  
 for the preser-  
 uation of their  
 owne liues &  
 of theirs, he  
 encourageth  
 them to play  
 the valūt mē.

i To ouersee  
 them & to in-  
 courage them  
 to their wor-  
 ke.

k Meaning, to  
 resist their e-  
 nemies, if neede  
 required.

l That is, whē  
 they purified  
 them selues, or  
 els when they  
 washed their  
 clothes.

a Against the  
 rich, which  
 oppressed thē.  
 b This is the  
 complaine of y  
 people, shewing  
 to what extre-  
 mitie they were  
 brought vnto

g Meaning, the  
 sixt of his son-  
 nos.

h Which was  
 the place of  
 iudgement, or  
 execution.

a Of his com-  
 panions that  
 dwelt in Sa-  
 maria  
 b Thus the  
 wicked, that  
 consider not y  
 Gods power  
 as euer in a rea-  
 dines for the  
 defence of his,  
 mocke thē as  
 thogh they we-  
 re weake and  
 feble  
 c This is the  
 remedie that  
 the childre of  
 God haue a-  
 gainst the de-  
 rision & threa-  
 tnings of their  
 enemies, to  
 see to God by  
 prayer.

d Let them be  
 spoyled & led  
 away captiue.  
 e Let thy pla-  
 gues declare  
 to the worlde  
 y they see them  
 selues against  
 thee, & against  
 thy Church  
 thus he pray-  
 eth, onely h-  
 ting respect to  
 Gods glorie, &  
 not for any pri-  
 uate affliction,  
 or grudge.

Or, halfe  
 height  
 Ebr make so  
 say, meaning  
 vsi pccy te.

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

c To pay our tribute to the King of the Perſiás, which was exacted yerely of vs d By nature ſo riche is no better thē the poore

e We are not able to redeme the, but for povertie are cōſtraynd to huer thē to oſhers.

f You preſſe thē with furie and ſeek how to bring all things into your hands.

g Boche becauſe they ſhuld be moued with pittie, ſeing how manie were by cruell oppreſſion, and alſo hure the iudgement of others, & ſhuld be as it were witneſſes of their dealing toward their brethre

h Scing God hathe once deliuerd thē frō the bōdage of the heathen, ſhal we make them our ſlaues

i Meaning, Nche miáh k Who by this occaſion wil blaſpheme the Name of God ſeing that our adūs are no better then thurs

l Which ye ſake of them for the lone.

m I receiued not that porcion, and diet, which the gouernours, that were before me, exacted. wherein he declareth that he rather ſought ſwealt of the people, then his owne commoditie.

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

5 And now our fleſh is as d the fleſh of our brethre, & our ſonnes as their ſonnes: and lo, we bring into ſubiectiō our ſonnes, and our daughters, as ſeruāts, and there be of our daughters now in ſubiectiō, and there is no power e in our hands, for other mē hane our lāds & our vineyardes.

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

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

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

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

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

11 Reſtore, I pray you, vnto them this day their lands, their vineyardes, their oliues, and their houſes, and remt the hundredth parte of the ſiluer and of the corne, of the wine, & of the oyle l that ye exact of thē.

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

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

14 And frō the time that the King gaue me charge to be gouernour in the land of Iudáh from the twentieth yere, euē vnto the two and thirtieth yere of King Artabſhāſſite, that is, twelue yere, I, and my brethre haue not eatē the m bread of y gouernour.

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

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

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

18 And there was prepared dailey an ox, & ſix choſen ſhepe, & birdes were prepared for me, and with nien dayes wine for all n in abundance. Yet for all this I required not the bread of the gouernour: for the bondage was gentle vnto this people.

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

o r, once in ten dayes n Where as at other times they had by meaſure, at this time they had more liberally.

CHAP. VI.

1 Nehemiáh anſwereth with great wiſdome, and zeale to his aduerſarie. 11 He is not diſcouraged by the falſe Prophetes.

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

a That is, that they were ioined together, as Chap 4. 6.

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

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

b Meaning, y if he ſhuld obey their request the worke, which God had appointed, ſhulde ceaſe. ſhewing hereby that we ſhulde not comit our felues to the hāds of the wicked

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

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

o r, Géſhem

6 Wherein was writē, It is reported among the heathen, and c Gaſhmú hathe ſaid it, that thou and the Iewes thinke to rebell, for the which cauſe thou buyldſt the wall and thou wilt be their King according to theſe e wordes.

c At the ſame ſeaſon

7 Thou haſt alſo ordeined d the Prophetes to preache of thee at Ieruſalém, ſaying, There is a King in Iudáh: and now according to theſe wordes it ſhal come to the Kings eares: come now therefore, and let vs take counſel together.

8 Thē I ſent vnto him, ſaying, It is not done according to theſe wordes y thou ſayeſt. for thou ſaincſt them of thine owne heat.

o r, Géſhem

9 For all theſe afraid vs, ſaying, Their hāds ſhal be weakened frō y worke, & it ſhal not be done now therefore f incourage y me.

c As thogh he wolde be ſerect to the intent that he might pray vnto God vnto greater libertie, and receiue ſome reuelation, which in him vs, but by povertie.

10 ¶ And I came to the houſe of Shemaiáh y ſonne of Delaiáh the ſonne of Mehetabeél, & he was g ſhut vp, & he ſaid, Let vs ceaſe

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

f He doubted not but God was able to preserue him, & knewe that, if he had obeyed this counsell, he shuld haue discouraged all the people: thus God giueth power to his, to resist false prophesies though they seme to haue neuer so great probabilitye.

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

12 And lo, I perceiued, that God had not sent him, but that he pronouced this prophesie against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hyred him.

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

14 My God, remember thou Tobiah, and Sanballat according vnto these their workes, and Noadiah the s<sup>r</sup> Prophetesse also, and the rest of the Prophetes that wolde haue put me in feare.

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

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

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

18 For there were manie in Iudáh, that were sworne vnto him. for he was the sonne in law of Shechaniah, the sonne of Aráh: & his sonne Iehonathan had the daughter of Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah.

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

CHAP. VII.

1 After the wall once buylded, u the watche appointed.

2 They that returned from the captiuitie are nombred. NOW\* when the wall was buylded, & I had set vp the doores, and the portes, and the singeis and the Leuites were appointed,

3 Then I commanded my brother Hanani and Hananiah the prince of the palace in Ierusalēm (for he was doubtles a faithful man, and feared God aboue manie)

4 And I said vnto them, Let not the gates of Ierusalēm be opened, vntil the heat of the sunne: and while a they stand by, let them shut the doores, and make them fast. and I appointed wardes of the inhabitants of Ierusalēm, euerie one in his ward, and euerie one ouer against his house.

5 Now the citie was large and great, but the people were fewe therein, and the houses were not buylded.

6 And my God put into mine heart, and I

gathered the princes, and the rulers, & the people, to counte their genealogies: and I founde a booke of the genealogie of them, \*which came vp at the first, and founde written therein,

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

7 They which came with Zerubbabél, Ieshúa, Nehemiáh, c Azariáh, Raamiáh, Nahamáni, Mordecái, Bilshán, Misperech, Biguái, Nehúm, Baaná. This is the number of the men of the people of Israél.

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

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

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

11 The sonnes of Pahath Moab of the sonnes of Ieshúa, & Ioab, two thousand, eight hundredth and eightene.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 The sonnes of Hariph, an hundredth and twelue.

25 The d<sup>e</sup> sonnes of Gibeon, ninetie and fyue.

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

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

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

29 The men of Kiriath-iarim, Chephiráh and Beeróth, seuen hundredth, and thre and fourtie.

30 The men of Ramáh and Gaba, six hundredth

b That is, the inhabitants of Iudáh.

c Azariáh in Ezra is called Seraiáh, and Raamiáh. Reeliah, chap 2.

d Or, si e captiue of Iuda

d That is, the inhabitants of Gibeon.

g Very grief caused him to pray against suche, which vnder the pretence of being the ministers of God, were aduersaries to his glorie, and went about to ouerthrow his Church, declaring also hereby that where there is one true minister of God, y<sup>e</sup> deuil hathe a great sorte of hirlings h Which was the sixt moneth an i conuened parte of August, and parte of Sept. i After that I had sent Sanballat his answer. k Thus the Church of God hathe euen more enemies within it selfe, which are more dangerous than the outward and professed enemy Eccles. 49. 15.

a To wit, they that are mentioned, ver 2. \*Ely holds shé, meaning til the warres were past.

- dreth and one and twentie.
- 31 The men of Michmás, an hundreth and two an twentie.
- 32 The men of Beth-él and Ai, an hundreth and thre and twentie.
- 33 The men <sup>e</sup> of the other Nebó, two and fiftie.
- 34 The sonnes of the other Elám, a thousand, two hundreth and foure and fiftie.
- 35 The sonnes of Harím, thre hundreth & twentie.
- 36 The sonnes of Ierichó, thre hundreth and fyue and fourtie.
- 37 The sonnes of Lod-hadíd and Onó, seuen hundreth, and one and twentie.
- 38 The sonnes of Senaáh, thre thousand; nine hundreth and thirtie.
- 39 The Priests: the sonnes of Iedaiah of the house of Ieshúa, nine hundreth seuentie & thre.
- 40 The sonnes of Immér, a thousand and two and fiftie.
- 41 The sonnes of Pashúr, a thousand, two hundreth and seuen and fourtie.
- 42 The sonnes of Harím, a thousand and seuentene.
- 43 ¶ The Levites: the sonnes of Ieshúa of Kadmiél, and of the sonnes of Hodiuáh, seuentie and foure.
- 44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asáph, an hundreth, and eight and fourtie.
- 45 The porters: the sonnes of Shallúm, the sonnes of Atér, the sonnes of Talmón, fyve sonnes of Akkúb, the sonnes of Hatitá, the sonnes of Shobái, an hundreth and eight and thirtie.
- 46 ¶ The <sup>f</sup> Nethinims: the sonnes of Zihá, the sonnes of Hashuphá, the sonnes of Tabaóth,
- 47 The sonnes of Keiós, the sonnes of Síá, the sonnes of Padón,
- 48 The sonnes of Lebaná, the sonnes of Hagabá, the sonnes of Shalmái,
- 49 The sonnes of Hanán, the sonnes of Giddél, the sonnes of Gahar,
- 50 The sonnes of Reaiáh, the sonnes of Rezin, the sonnes of Nekodá,
- 51 The sonnes of Gazzám, the sonnes of Vzzá, the sonnes of Paséah,
- 52 The sonnes of Besái, the sonnes of Meuním, the sonnes of Nephishefím,
- 53 The sonnes of Bakhúb, the sonnes of Hakuphá, the sonnes of Harhúr,
- 54 The sonnes of Bazlíth, the sonnes of Mehídá, the sonnes of Harshá,
- 55 The sonnes of Barkós, the sonnes of Sifera, the sonnes of Támah,
- 56 The sonnes of Neziáh, the sonnes of Hatiphá,
- 57 The sonnes of Salomons seruants, the sonnes of Sotai, the sonnes of Sophéreth, the sonnes of Peridá,
- 58 The sonnes of Íaalá, the sonnes of Dar-

<sup>e</sup> For there were two cities of this name.

<sup>e</sup> Or, Hoduáb.

<sup>f</sup> Read Ezra 2:48.

- kón, the sonnes of Giddél,
- 59 The sonnes of Shephatiáh, the sonnes of Hattíl, the sonnes of Pochéreth of Zebaím, the sonnes of Amón.
- 60 All the Nethinims, and the sonnes of Salomons seruants were thre hundreth, ninetie and two.
- 61 ¶ And these came vp from Tel-meláh, Tel-hareshá, Cherúb, Addón, and Immér: but they colde not shew their fathers house, nor their sede, or if they were of Israél.
- 62 The sonnes of Delaiáh: the sonnes of Tobiah, the sonnes of Nekodá, six hundreth and two and fourtie.
- 63 And of the Priests: the sonnes of Habaiáh, the sonnes of Hakkóz, the sonnes of Barzillái, which toke one of the daughters of Barzillái the Giliadite to wife, & was named after their name.
- 64 These soght their writing of the genealogies, but it was not founde: therefore they were put from the Priesthode.
- 65 And s the Tirshátha said vnto the, that they shulde not eat of the most holy, till there rose vp a Priest with \*Vím and Thammím.
- 66 All the Congregation together was two and fourtie thousand, thre hundreth and threscore,
- 67 Besides their seruants and their maids, which were seuen thousand, thre hundreth and seuen and thirtie: and they had two hundreth and fyue and fourtie singing men and singing women.
- 68 Their houses were seuen hundreth & six and thirtie, & their mules two hundreth and fyue and fourtie.
- 69 The camels foure hundreth and fyue & thirtie, & six thousand, seuen hundreth & twentie asses.
- 70 And certeine of the chief fathers gaue vnto the worke. The Tirshátha gaue to the treasure, a thousand <sup>b</sup> drammes of golde, fiftie basins, fyue hundreth and thirtie Priests garments.
- 71 And <sup>some</sup> of the chief fathers gaue vnto the treasure of the worke, twentie thousand drammes of goide and two thousand and two hundreth <sup>c</sup> pieces of siluer.
- 72 And the rest of the people gaue twentie thousand drammes of golde, & two thousand pieces of siluer, & thre score and seuen Priests garments.
- 73 And the Priests and Levites, & the porters and the singers and the rest of the people and the Nethinims, and all Israél dwelt in their cities: and when the seuent moneth came, the children of Israél were in their cities.

<sup>g</sup> Meaning Nehemiáh tot Tirshatha in Chalac to gue signeth a but let Ezra 2:38.

<sup>h</sup> Read Ezra 2:69

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

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

C H A P. VIII.

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

the Law. 12 They reioyce in' Iſraél for the knowled-  
ge of the worde of God. 13 They kepe the feaft of Ta-  
bernacles or boothes.

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

<sup>a</sup> Ebr as one  
man.

<sup>2</sup> Read Ezrá  
7.3.

<sup>b</sup> Which had  
age and diſcre-  
tion to vnder-  
ſtand.

<sup>c</sup> This decla-  
reth the great  
zeale, that the  
people had to  
heare ſ̄ worde  
of God.

<sup>d</sup> To the in-  
tent that his  
voyce might  
be the better  
heard.

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

2 And Ezrá the Prieſt brought the Law be-  
fore the Congregation bothe of men and  
women, and of all that <sup>b</sup> colde heare and  
vnderſtand it, in the firſt day of the ſe-  
uent moneth,

3 And he red therein in the ſtreat that was  
before the watergate (from the morn-  
g vntil <sup>c</sup> the midday) before men and wo-  
men, and of them that vnderſtode it, and  
the eares of all the people *hearkenēd* vnto  
the boke of the Law.

4 And Ezrá the ſcribe ſtoode vpon a pul-  
pit of wood, which he had made for the  
preaching, & beſide him ſtoode Mattithiáh,  
and Shéma, and Ananiáh, and Vriiáh, &  
Hilkiáh, and Maafeiáh on his right hād,  
and on his left hand Pedariáh, & Miſhaél,  
and Malchiáh, and Haſhúm, and Haſhba-  
dána, Zechariáh, and Meſhullám.

5 And Ezrá opened the boke before all the  
people: for he was <sup>d</sup> aboue all the people:  
and when he opened it, all the people ſto-  
de vp.

6 And Ezrá praſed ſ̄ Lord the great God,  
and all the people answered, Amen, Amē,  
with liſting vp their hāds: & they bowed  
them ſelues, and worſhiped the Lord  
with their faces toward the grounde.

7 Alſo Ieſhúa, and Baní, and Sherebiáh, Ia-  
mín, Akkáb, Shabbethái, Hoduiáh, Maafe-  
iáh, Kelitá, Azariáh, Lozabíd, Hanán, Pe-  
lariáh, & the Leuites cauſed the people to  
vnderſtand the Law, and the people ſtoode  
in their place.

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

9 Then Nehemiáh (which is Tirſhátá)  
and Ezrá the Prieſt & ſcribe, and the Le-  
uites that inſtructed the people, ſaid vnto  
all the people, This daye is holy vnto the  
Lord your God: mourne not, nether wepe:  
for all the people <sup>e</sup> wept, whē they heard  
the wordes of the Law.

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

11 And the Leuites made ſilence through-  
out all the people, ſaying, Holde your pea-  
ce: for ſ̄ daye is holy, be not ſad therefore.

12 Then all the people went to eat and to

13 And on the ſecōde day the chief fathers  
of all the people, the Prieſts and the Leui-  
tes were gathered vnto Ezrá the ſcribe,  
that he alſo might inſtruēt them in the  
wordes of the Law.

14 And they founde writē in the Law, (that  
the Lord had commanded by Moſes) that  
the childrē of Iſraél ſhulde dwell in <sup>h</sup> boothes  
in the feaft of the ſeuēt moneth,

15 And that they ſhulde cauſe it to be decla-  
red and proclaimed in all their cities, and  
in Ieruſalém, ſaying, Go forthe vnto the  
mount, and bring oliuebranches, and pi-  
nebranches, and branches of myrtus, and  
palmebranches, and branches of thicke  
trees, to make boothes, as it is writen.

16 So the people went forthe and brought *the*  
& made them boothes, euerie one vpon  
the <sup>i</sup> roſe of his houſe, and in their courts,  
and in the courts of the houſe of God, &  
in the ſtrete by the watergate, and in the  
ſtrete of the gate of Ephráim.

17 And all the Cōgregation of them ſ̄ we-  
re come againe out of the captiuitie, made  
boothes, & ſate vnder the boothes: for ſin-  
ce the <sup>j</sup> time of Ieſhúa the ſonne of Nun  
vnto this daye, had not the children of Iſ-  
rael done ſo, & there was very great ioye.

18 And he red in the boke of the Law of  
God euerie daye, ſi om the firſt daye vnto  
the laſt daye. And they kept the feaſt ſeuē  
dayes, & on the eight daye a ſolēne aſſem-  
blye, according vnto the maner.

CHAP. IX.

<sup>1</sup> The people repent, & forſake their ſtrange wines, <sup>5</sup> Tho  
Leuites exhorſe them to praſe God, <sup>6</sup> Declaring his  
wonders, <sup>26</sup> And their ingratitude, <sup>30</sup> And Gods great  
merces toward them.

1 IN the foure & twentieth day of this  
I<sup>a</sup> moneth the children of Iſraél were aſ-  
ſembled with <sup>k</sup> faſting, & with ſackecloth,  
and earth vpon them.

2 (And they that were of the ſede of Iſ-  
rael were ſeparated from all the <sup>l</sup> ilrāgers)  
& they ſtoode and confeſſed their ſinnes and  
the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they ſtoode vp in their place and red  
in the boke of the Law of the Lord their  
God foure times on the day, and they <sup>m</sup> con-  
feſſed and worſhiped ſ̄ Lord their God  
foure times.

4 Then ſtoode vp vpon the ſtaires of the  
Leuites Ieſhúa, and Baní, Kadmiél, Sheba-  
niáh, Bunní, Sherebiáh, Baní & Chenáni,  
& cryed with a loude voice vnto the Lord  
their God.

5 And ſ̄ Leuites ſaid, *enē* Ieſhúa & Kadmi-  
él, Baní, Haſhabniáh, Sherebiáh, Hoduiáh,  
Shebaniáh & Pethahiáh, Stād vp, & prai-  
ſe ſ̄ Lord your God for euer, & euer, & let  
them

<sup>1</sup> Eui. 23, 34

<sup>10</sup> Or, ſeadly in  
cher, as Lu. 23  
40.

<sup>h</sup> For their  
houſes were  
made flat a-  
boue, read  
Deu 22, 8.

<sup>j</sup> Which was  
almoſt a thou-  
ſand yeres.

<sup>a</sup> Meaning, the  
ſeuēt.

<sup>3</sup> Eſdr. 9, 4

<sup>l</sup> Ebr. ſtrange  
children.

<sup>m</sup> They made cō-  
feſſiō of their  
ſinnes & vied  
praiſe.

<sup>n</sup> In conſide-  
ring their of-  
fenſes againſt  
the Law, there-  
fore the Le-  
uites do not  
reproue them  
for mourning,  
but aſſure the  
of Gods mer-  
cies to almu-  
che as they are  
repentant.

<sup>f</sup> That is, re-  
member, the  
poore

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

- them praise thy glorious Name, ó God, w̄  
 excelleth about all thákfgiuing & praise.
- 6 Thou art Lord alone: thou hast made hea-  
 uen, and the heauen of all heauens, with  
 all their hoste, the earth, and all thigs that  
 are therein, the seas, & all that are in thē,  
 and thou preferuest them all, and the hoste  
 of the heauen worshipeth thee.
- 7 Thou art, ó Lord, the God, that hast cho-  
 sen Abrám, & broghest him out of \* Vr in  
 Caldea \* and madest his name Abrahám,
- 8 And foundest his heart faithful before  
 thee, \* and madest a couenant with him, to  
 giue vnto his sede the land of the Canaa-  
 nites, Hittites, Amorites, & Perizzites, &  
 Iebusites, and Gírgashites, and hast per-  
 formed thy wordes, because thou art iust.
- 9 \* Thou hast also considered the affli-  
 ction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard  
 their crye by the red Sea,
- 10 And shewed tokens and wonders vpon  
 Pharaóh, and on all his seruants, & on all  
 the people of his land: for thou knewest  
 that thei dealt proudly agáist thē: there-  
 fore thou madest thee a Name, as *appea-  
 reth* this day.
- 11 \* For thou didest breake vp the Sea befo-  
 re them, and they went through the mid-  
 des of the Sea on drye lād: and those that  
 pursued them, hast thou cast into the bot-  
 toms as a stone, in the mightie waters:
- 12 And \* leddest thē in the daye with a pil-  
 ler of a cloude, & in the night with a pil-  
 ler of fyre to giue them light in the way  
 that they went.
- 13 \* Thou camest downe also vpon mount  
 Sináí, and spakest vnto them from heauen,  
 & gauest them right iudgements, & true  
 lawes, ordināces & good commandemētis,
- 14 And declaredst vnto thē thine holy Sab-  
 bath, and commandedst them precepts, &  
 ordinances, and laws, by the hand of Mo-  
 sēs thy seruant:
- 15 \* And gauest them bread from heauen  
 for their hungre, \* & broghest forth the wa-  
 ter for them out of the rocke for their  
 thirst: & \* promisedst them that thei shulde  
 go in, & take possession of the land: for the  
 which thou haddest lift vp thine hand for  
 to giue them.
- 16 But thei and our fathers behaued them  
 selues proudly and haí dēned their necke,  
 so that they hearkened not vnto thy com-  
 mandemens,
- 17 But refused to obey, and wolde not re-  
 member thy maruelous workes that thou  
 hadest done for them, but hardened their  
 neckes and had in their heades to retur-  
 ne to their bondage by their rebellion:  
 but thou, ó God of mercies, gracious and  
 ful of compassiō, of long suffring and  
 of great mercie, yet forsokest them not.
- 18 Morcouer when they made them a mol-  
 tē calfe (and said, This is thy god ý broght  
 thee vp out of the land of Egypt) & com-  
 mitted great blasphemies,
- 19 Yet thou for thy great mercies forsokest  
 them not in the wildernes: \* the pillar of  
 the cloude departed not from them by  
 day to lead them the way, nether the pil-  
 ler of fyre by night, to shewe them light, &  
 the way whereby they shulde go.
- 20 Thou gauest also thy good Spirit to in-  
 struct them, & withheldest not thy M A N  
 from their mouth, and gauest them water  
 for their thirst.
- 21 Thou didest also fede thē fourtie yeres  
 in ý wildernes: thei lacked nothig: \* their  
 clothes waxed not olde, and their fete  
 c swelled not.
- 22 And thou gauest them kingdomes and  
 people, and d scatteredst them into cor-  
 ners: so they possessed \* the land of Sihón  
 and the land of the King of Heshbón, &  
 the land of Og King of Bashán.
- 23 And thou didest multiplie their childre,  
 like the starres of the heauen, & brogh-  
 test them into the lād, whereof thou ha-  
 dest spoken vnto their fathers, that they  
 shulde go, and possesse it.
- 24 So the children went in, and possessed  
 the land, and thou subduedst before them  
 the inhabitants of the land, *euē* the Ca-  
 naanites, and gauest them into their hāds,  
 with their Kings and the people of the  
 land, that they might do with them what  
 they wolde.
- 25 And they toke their strōg cities and the  
 fat land, and possessed houses, full of all  
 goods, cisternes digged out, vineyardes,  
 & oliues, and trees for fode in abundance,  
 and they did eat, and were filled, and be-  
 came fat, & lued in pleasure through thy  
 great goodnes.
- 26 Yet they were disobedient, and rebelled  
 agáinst thee, & cast thy Law behinde their  
 backes & slewe thy Prophetes (which e pro-  
 tested among them to turne them vnto  
 thee) and committed great blasphemies.
- 27 Therefore thou deliueredst them into  
 the hand of their enemies that vexed thē:  
 yet in the time of their affliction, when  
 they cryed vnto thee, thou heardest them  
 from the heauen, and through thy great  
 mercies thou gauest them sauours, who  
 saued them out of the hand of their ad-  
 uersaries.
- 28 But when they had f rest, they returned  
 to do euil before thee: therefore letest  
 thou them in the hand of their enemies,  
 so that thei had the dominion ouer them,  
 yet when they conuerted and cryed vnto  
 thee, thou heardest them from heauen, and  
 deliueredst them according to thy great  
 mercies many times,
- 29 And protestedst among them that thou

Gen. 11, 31.  
 Gen. 17, 5.

Gen. 15, 18.

Exod. 1, 7.

Exod. 14, 22.

Exod. 13, 21.

Exod. 20, 1.

Exod. 16, 15.  
 Exod. 17, 6.

Deut. 1, 8.

Exod. 13, 22.  
 Num. 14, 14.  
 1 Cor. 10, 22.

Deut. 1, 4.

c Though the way was tedious & long.  
 d Meaning the heath-n whom he drove out  
 Num. 21, 26.

e Taking heauen and earth to witness that God wolde de-  
 stroye thē, except they returned, as 2  
 Chro 24, 19.

f He declareth how Gods mercies euer con-  
 tended with the wickednes of the people,  
 who euer in their prosperitie forgate  
 God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 Now because of all this we make a sure counā: and write it, and our princes, our Leuites and our Priestes seale vnto it.

CHAP. X.

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

1 Now these that sealed were Nehemiah the Tirshatha the sonne of Hachabiah, and Zidkiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchiah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Mailuch,

5 Harim, Merimoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abiah, Miamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these are the Priests.

9 ¶ And the Leuites: Ieshua the sonne of Azariah, Binnui, of the sonnes of Henadad Kadmiel.

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Michah, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiath, Bani, Beninu.

14 ¶ The chief of the people were Parosh, Pahath Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Buni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adoniah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiath, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezai,

21 Meshazabeel, Zadok, Iaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Ananiah,

23 Hoshéa, Hananiah, Hashub,

24 Halloheh, Pilehah, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 And Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

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

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

30 And that we wolde not giue our daughters to the people of the land, nether take their daughters for our sonnes.

31 And if the people of the land broght ware on the Sabbath or anye vitails to sell, that we wolde not take it of them on the Sabbath and on the holy dayes: \* and that we wolde let the seuent yere be free, and the debtes of euerie person.

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

33 For the shewbread, and for the daiely offering, and for the daiely burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the newe moones, for the solemne feastes, and for the things that were sanctified, and for the sinne offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the worke of the house of our God.

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

a Which subscribed to keep promise.

Or, captain of Men.

b Read Ezra 2.

c Which being idolaters forsake their wickednes & gaue the selues to serue God. d They made the othe in the name of the whole multitude.

e Whereunto they gaue themselves, if they brake the Law, as Deut 28, 16.

f Which notwithstanding they brake for one after, as Nehem 13, 22. Lev. 25, 4. dent 15, 1. Ebrband.

g This declareth wherfore they gaue this third part of the shekel, which was besides the halfe shekel, that they were bound to pay. Exod 30, 13.

Leui. 18, 5. ezek. 20, 17. roma 10, 5. gal 3, 12. g Which is a similitude taken of oxen, y shrinke at the yoke orburde, as Zach. 7, 11. h When thou didest admonish them by thy Prophetes. i Ebr sh. a didst prolong vpon the many yeeres.

Exod. 24, 6.

Psal. 43, 2.

i By whome we were led away into captiuitie, & haue bene appointed to be slaine, as Ester 3, 13. k He confesseth that all these things came to them in rely for their sinnes, but he appealeth frō Gods iustice to his mercies. l That thou woldest destroy them, except they wolde returne to thee.

m That is, to be the lords thereof.

n Thus by affliction they promise to keepe Gods commandements, wherunto they coulde not be brogh by Gods great necessities.

Or, rulers.

<sup>10r.</sup> *is the house of.*

<sup>h</sup> By this re-  
hearful is met  
that there was  
no parte nor  
ceremonie in  
the Law, whe-  
reunto they did  
not binde the  
felues by co-  
venant.

<sup>i</sup> Wherefor-  
mer we labou-  
red, or trauel-  
led, there the  
times were  
due vnto the  
Lord both by  
the Law and  
according to  
othe & com-  
ment that we  
made  
*Ne 10 37*

<sup>k</sup> We wil not  
leau: it desti-  
tute of that, y  
shalbe neces-  
sarie for it.

<sup>a</sup> Because their  
enemies dwelt  
rounde about  
them, they pro-  
uided that it  
might be re-  
plenished with  
m., and vied  
this policie,  
because there  
were fewe y  
offred them  
felues wil-  
lingly.

<sup>b</sup> Which came  
of Pérez the  
sonne of Iu-  
dah.

<sup>10r.</sup> *of a Shilo-  
n.*

wood, *euem* y Priests, the Leuites & y peo-  
ple to bring it into y house of our God, by  
the house of our fathers, ycrely at y times  
appointed, to burne it vpó the altar of the  
Lord our God, as it is written in the Law,

35 And to bring the first frutes of our land,  
and the first of all the frutes of all trees,  
yere by yere, into the house of the Lord,

36 And the firstborne of our sonnes, and of  
our cattel, as it is <sup>h</sup> written in the Law, and  
the firstborne of our bullockes and of our  
shepe, to bring it into the house of our  
God, vnto the Priests that minister in the  
house of our God,

37 And that we shulde bring the first frute  
of our dough, and our offriings, & the frute  
of euerie tree, of wine and of oyle, vnto the  
Priests, to the chábers of the house of our  
God. and the tithes of our land vnto the  
Leuites, that the Leuites might haue the  
tithes in all the citie of our <sup>i</sup> trauail.

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

39 For the child<sup>ren</sup> of Israél, and the child-  
ren of Leui shal bring vp the offriings of  
the corne, of the wine, & of the oyle, vnto  
the chambers: and there *shall* the vessels  
of the Sanctuarie, and the Priests that mi-  
nister, and the porters, and the singers, and  
<sup>k</sup> we wil not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

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

<sup>1</sup> **A**nd the rulers of the people dwelt  
in Ierusalém. the other people also  
cast lottes, <sup>a</sup> to bring one out of ten to  
dwel in Ierusalém the holy citie, and nine  
partes to be in the citie.

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

<sup>3</sup> These now are the chief of the prouince,  
that dwelt in Ierusalém, but in y citie of  
Iudáh, euerie one dwelt in his owne pos-  
selsion in their citie of Israél, the Priests  
and the Leuites, and the Nethinims, & the  
sonnes of Salomons seruaunts.

<sup>4</sup> And in Ierusalém dwelt *certeine* of the  
childre of Iudáh, & of the childre of Ben-  
iamin. Of the sonnes of Iudáh, Athariáh,  
the sonne of Vziáh, the sonne of Zecha-  
riáh, the sonne of Amariáh, the sonne of  
Shephatiáh, the sonne of Mahaleél, of the  
sonnes of <sup>b</sup> Pérez,

<sup>5</sup> And Maaseiáh the sonne of Barúch, the  
sonne of Col Hozéh, the sone of Hazariáh,  
the sonne of Adariáh, the sonne of Ioiarib,  
y sonne of Zechariáh, the sone of Shiloni.

<sup>6</sup> All the sonnes of Pérez that dwelt at Ie-  
rusalém, were foure hundieth, thie score

and eight valiant men.

<sup>7</sup> These also are the sonnes of Beniamin,  
Sallú, the sone of Meshullám, the sonne of  
Ioéd, the sonne of Pedaiáh, the sonne of  
Kolariáh, the sonne of Maaseiáh, the sonne  
of Ithiél, the sonne of Ieshariáh.

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

<sup>9</sup> And Ioél the sonne of Zichi <sup>i</sup> was gouer-  
nour ouer them: and Iudáh, the sonne of  
Senuáli <sup>i</sup> was the seconde ouer the citie:

<sup>10</sup> Of the Priests, Iedariáh, the sonne of Io-  
aiab, Iachin.

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

<sup>12</sup> And their brethien <sup>d</sup> that did the worke  
in the Temple, were eight hundredth, twen-  
tie and two: and Adariáh, the sonne of Ie-  
iohám, the sonne of Pelaiáh, the sonne of  
Amzi, the sonne of Zechariáh, the sonne  
of Pashú, the sonne of Malchiáh:

<sup>13</sup> And his brethien, chief of the fathers,  
two hundredth and two and fourtie: and  
Amassái the sonne of Azaiél, the sonne  
of Ahazái, the sonne of Meshulemoth, the  
sonne of Immér:

<sup>14</sup> And then biethien valiant men, an hun-  
dredth & eight & twentie: and their ouer-  
seer was Zabdiél the sone of Hagedolim.

<sup>15</sup> And of the Leuites Shemariáh, the sonne  
of Hashúb, the sonne of Azikám, the son-  
ne of Halhabriáh, the sonne of Bunni.

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

<sup>17</sup> And Mattaniáh, the sonne of Michá, the  
sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Asáph was  
the chief to <sup>e</sup> begin the thanksgiving &  
prayer: and Bakkukiáh the seconde of his  
biethren, and Abdá, the sonne of Sham-  
múa, the sonne of Galál, the sonne of Ie-  
duthin.

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

<sup>19</sup> And y porters Akkúb, Talmón & their  
brethien that kept the <sup>f</sup> gates were an hun-  
dredth twentie & two.

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

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

<sup>22</sup> And the ouer seer of the Leuites in Ieru-  
salém was Vzzi the sonne of Bani, the son-  
ne of Ashabáh, the sonne of Mattaniáh,  
the sonne of Michá: of the sonnes of A-  
sáph fingers were ouer the worke of the  
house of God.

<sup>23</sup> For it was the Kings commandement  
concerning the, that faithful *prossion* shulde  
be for the fingers euerie day.

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

<sup>10r.</sup> *of one of E.  
scari men.*

<sup>e</sup> That is, he  
begā the psal-  
me, & was the  
chanter.

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

<sup>g</sup> Of them, w  
dwelt not in  
Ierusalém.

<sup>10r.</sup> *Ophel.*

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

- 24 And Pethahiáh <sup>h</sup> sonne of Meshezabéél, of the sonnes of Zérah, the sonne of Iudáh <sup>h</sup> was at the Kings hand in all matters concerning the people.
- 25 And in the villages in their lands, some of the children of Iudáh dwelt in Kiriáth-arbá, and in the villages thereof, and in Dibón, and in the villages thereof, and in Iekabzeél, and in the villages thereof,
- 26 And in Ieshúa, and in Moladáh, and in Beth-pálet,
- 27 And in Hazér shuál, and in Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof,
- 28 And in Ziklág, and in Mechonáh, and in the villages thereof,
- 29 And in En-rimmón, & in Zareáh, and in Iarmúth,
- 30 Zanóah, Adullám, and in their villages, in Lachísh, and in the fields thereof, at Azekáh, & in the villages thereof: and they dwelt from Beer-sheba vnto the valley of Hinnóm.
- 31 And the sonnes of Bēiamín from Géba, in Michmásh, & Aiá, & Beth-él, & in the villages thereof,
- 32 Anathóth, Nob, Ananiáh,
- 33 Hazór, Ramáh, Gittáim,
- 34 Hadíd, Zeboím, Nebalát,
- 35 Lod & Onó, in the carpenters valley.
- 36 And of the Levites were divisions in Iudáh and in Beniamín.

CHAP. XII.

<sup>i</sup> The Priests and Levites, which came with Zerubbabél vnto Ierusalém, are nombred. 27 And the wall is dedicated.

- 1 **T**Hese also are the Priests & the Levites that <sup>a</sup> went vp with Zerubbabél, the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshúa: to wit, Seraiáh, Ieremiáh, Ezrá,
- 2 Amariáh, Mallúch, Hattúsh,
- 3 Shecaniáh, Rechúm, Merimóth,
- 4 Iddó, Ginethó Abiáh,
- 5 Miamín, Maadiáh, Bilgáh,
- 6 Shemaiáh, & Ioiarib, Iedaiáh,
- 7 Sallú, Amók, Hilkíah, Iedaiáh: these were the <sup>b</sup> chief of the Priests, & of their brethren in the daies of Ieshúa.
- 8 And the Levites, Ieshúa, Binnúí, Kadmi-él, Sheicbiáh, Iudáh, Mattaniáh <sup>c</sup> were ouer the thanksgivings, he, & his brethren.
- 9 And Bakkukiáh and Vnní, & their brethren were about them in the <sup>d</sup> watches.
- 10 And Ieshúa begate Ioiakím: Ioiakím also begate Eliashib, & Eliashib begate Ioiadá.
- 11 And Ioiadá begate Ionathan, & Ionathan begate Iaddúa.
- 12 And in the daies of Ioiakím were these, the chief fathers of the Priests: vnder <sup>e</sup> Seraiáh was Meraiáh, vnder Ieremiáh, Hannaniáh,
- 13 Vnder Ezrá, Meshullám, vnder Amariáh, Iehohanán,
- 14 Vnder Melicú, Ionathan, vnder Sheba-

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

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

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

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

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

- 15 Vnder Harím, Adná, vnder Meraióth, Helkái,
- 16 Vnder Iddó, Zechariáh, vnder Ginnithón, Meshullám,
- 17 Vnder <sup>f</sup> Abiáh, Zichrí, vnder Miniamín, & vnder Moadiáh, Piltái,
- 18 Vnder Bilgáh, Shámúá, vnder Shemaiáh, Ichonathán,
- 19 Vnder Ioiarib, Mattenáí, vnder Iedaiáh, Vzzí,
- 20 Vnder Sallái, Kallái, vnder Amók, Eber,
- 21 Vnder Hilkíah, Hahabiáh, vnder Iedaiáh, Nethaneél.
- 22 In <sup>g</sup> daies of Eliashib, Ioiadá, & Iohanán and Iaddúa were the chief fathers of the Levites written, and the Priests in the reigne of Darius the Persian.
- 23 The sonnes of Leui, the chief fathers were written in the booke of the Chronicle enen vnto the daies of Iohanán the sonne of Eliashib.
- 24 And the chief of the Levites were Hahabiáh, Sheicbiáh, and Ieshúa the sonne of Kadmiél, & their brethren about them to giue praise and thanks, according to the ordinance of Dauid the man of God, warde ouer & against warde.
- 25 Mattaniáh and Bakkukiáh, Obadiáh, Meshullám, Tamón and Akkúb were porters keeping the warde at the thresholdes of the gates.
- 26 These were in the daies of Ioiakím the sonne of Ieshúa, the sonne of Iozadak, & in the daies of Nehemiáh the captaine, & of Ezrá the Priest and scribe.
- 27 And in the dedicacion of the wall at Ierusalém they sought the Levites out of all the places to bring them to Ierusalém to keepe the dedicacion and gladnes, bothe with thanksgivings and with songs, cymbales, viols and with harpes.
- 28 Then the <sup>h</sup> singers gatied them selues together bothe from the plaine countrey about Ierusalem, and from the villages of <sup>h</sup> Netophathí,
- 29 And from the house of Gilgál, and out of the countreis of Géba, and Azmauei: for the singers had buyt the villages rounde about Ierusalém.
- 30 And the Priests & Levites were purified, and censed the people, and the gates, and the wall.
- 31 And <sup>i</sup> I brought vp the princes of Iudáh vpon the wall, & appointed two great companies to giue thanks, and the <sup>i</sup> one went on the right hand of the wall towarde the dung gate.
- 32 And after them went Hoshaiáh, & halfe of the princes of Iudáh,
- 33 And Azariáh, Ezrá and Meshullám,
- 34 Iudáh, Beniamín, and Shemaiáh, and Ieremiáh,
- 35 And of the Priests sonnes with trumpets, Zechariáh

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

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

<sup>h</sup> These sonnes of the singers

<sup>h</sup> Whiche were a certaine familie & had their possessions in the fields, Chro 254.

<sup>i</sup> Meaning, Netaniáh

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

¶ That is, the brethren of Zaccúr.

36 And \* his brethren, Shemaiáh, and Azareél, Milalái, Gilalái, Maái, Nethaneél, & Iudáh, Hanáni, with y musical instruments of Dauid the man of God: and Eziá the scribe went before them.

¶ Which was the going vp to the mount Zion, which is called the citie of Dauid

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

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

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

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

41 The Priests also, Eliakím, Maaferáh, Miniamin, Michaiáh, Elieoenái, Zecnariáh, Hananiáh, with trumpets,

42 And Maaferiáh, and Shemaiáh, & Eleazar, and Vzzi, and Iehohanán, and Malchuiáh, and Elám, & Ezer: and the fingers <sup>¶</sup> sang loude, hauing Izrahiah which was the ouer seer.

¶ Abr. sanctio bene.

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

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

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

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

2. Chro. 35, 16.

46 \* For in the dayes of Dauid and Afaph, of olde were chur fingers, and songs of praise and thanksgiuing vnto God.

47 And in the dayes of Zerubbabél, and in the dayes of Nehemiáh did all Israél giue porcions vnto the fingers and porters, euerie day his porcion, and they gaue the holy things vnto the Leuites, and the Leuites gaue the holy things vnto the sonnes of Aaron:

¶ That is, the tenth parte of the tithes.

1 The Law is read 2 They separate from them all strangers 15 Nehemiáh reproveth them that breake the Sabbath. 30 An ordinance to serue God.

AND on that day did they read in the booke of Moses, in the audiee of the people, & it was founde writē therein, that the Ammonite, and the Moabite \* shulde not enter into the Congregation of God,

Deu. 23, 2.

2 Because they met not the children of Israél w bread & with water, \* but hired Baalaám against the, that he shulde curse the. & our God turned the curse into a blessing.

Nomb. 22, 5.

3 Now when they had heard the Law, they separated from Israél \* all those that were mixed.

¶ That is, all such, which had toyued in vnlawful marriage, and also those, with whome God had forbidden them to haue societie

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

¶ That the separation was made c He was toyued in abinitie with Tobiah the Ammonite, and enemye of the Iewes.

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

6 But in all this time was not I in Ierusalém: for in the two and thirtieth yere of <sup>d</sup> Artahhashte King of Babél, came I vnto the King, and <sup>e</sup> after certeine dayes I obtained of the King.

¶ Called also Darius, Ezra 7, 11 Or, at the yeres end.

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

¶ Thus we see to what inconuenienc. the people fall into, when they are destitute of one that hathe the feare of God, seeing that their chief gouernour was but a while absent, and yet they fell into suche great absurdities as appeareth alio, Lao. 3, 2.

8 And it grieued me fore: therefore I cast forth all y vessels of the house of Tobiah out of the chamber.

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

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

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

12 Then brought all Iudáh the tithes of corne & of wine, & of oyle vnto y treasures.

13 And I made treasureers ouer y treasures, Shelemiáh the Priest, & Zadók the scribe, & of the Leuites, Pedaiáh, & vnder their hand Hanán the sonne of Zaccúr the sonne of Mattaniáh: for they were counted faithfull, and their office was to distribute vnto their brethren.

¶ He proreeth that he did his duetie with a good conscience, yet he doeth not iustifie him selfe herein, but desireth God to iustifie him, and to be mercifull vnto him for his owne goodnes sake, ab versu 22

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

15 In those daies saw I in Iudáh the, y tude

**I** declared vnto the, that God wolde not suffer such transgressours of his Law to be punished.

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

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

**Meaning of** the Tépice that none, that was vncleane, shulde eate.

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

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

**17** Then reprov'd I the rulers of Iudáh, & said vnto them, What euil thing is this that ye do, and breake the Sabbath day?

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

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

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

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

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

**23** In those dayes also I sawe Iewes that married wiuues of Ashdód, of Ammón, and of Moab.

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

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

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

**27** \*Shal we then obey vnto you, to do all this great euil, and to transgresse against our God, euen to marry strange wiuues?

**28** And one of the sonnes of Ioiadá the sonne of Eliahib the hye Priest was the sonne in law of Samballát the Hoiionite: but I chased him from me.

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

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

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

**1** Which was a cite of the Philistins, & they had married wiuues thereof, and so had corrupted their spache, and religion.

**m** That is, I did excommunicate them, & drue the out of the Congregation.

**2** King. 3. 7.

**1** King 11. 1.

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

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

# ESTER.

## THE ARGUMENT.

**B**ecause of the diuersitie of names, wherely they vsed to name their Kings, and the supputation of yeres, wherem the Ebrewes, and the Grecians do varie, diuers authors write diuersly as touching this Ahsuerush, but it smeth Daniél 6. 1. and 9. 1. that he was Darius King of the Medes, and sonne of Astyages, called also Ahsuerush, which was a name of his own, and signified great and chief, as he sheweth herein vnder mercies of God toward his Church, who neuer faileth them in their greatest dangers, but when all hope of worldly helpe faileth, he euer sturreth vp some, by whome he sendeth comfort, and deliuerance. Herin also is described the ambitious, pride and crueltie of the wicked, when they come to honour, and their soltye fall when they are at highest, and how God preferreth, and preferreth them which are zealous of his glorie, and haue a care and loue towards their brethren.