

son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males. {8:13} And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names [are] these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. {8:14} Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

{8:15} And I gathered them together to the river than 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. {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. {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. {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; {8:19} And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; {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.

{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. {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. {8:23} So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

{8:24} Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, {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: {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; {8:27} Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. {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. {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. {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.

{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. {8:32} And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

{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; {8:34} By number [and] by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time. {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.

{8:36} And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

{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. {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. {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. {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 until the evening sacrifice.

{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. {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. {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. {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. {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. {9:10} And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, {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. {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. {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; {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? {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.

{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. {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. {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. {10:4} Arise; for [this] matter [belongeth] unto thee: we also [will be] with thee: be of good courage, and do [it. ] {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 sware.

{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, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. {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; {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.

{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. {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. {10:11} Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. {10:12} Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. {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. {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.

{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. {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. {10:17} And they made an end with all the men

that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

{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. {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. {10:20} And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. {10:21} And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziiah. {10:22} And of the sons of Pashur; Elieoenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah. {10:23} Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same [is] Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. {10:24} Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. {10:25} Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. {10:26} And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. {10:27} And of the sons of Zattu; Elieoenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. {10:28} Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, [and] Athlai. {10:29} And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. {10:30} And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. {10:31} And [of] the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, {10:32} Benjamin, Malluch, [and] Shemariah. {10:33} Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, [and] Shimei. {10:34} Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, {10:35} Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, {10:36} Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, {10:37} Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, {10:38} And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, {10:39} And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, {10:40} Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, {10:41} Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, {10:42} Shallum, Amariah, [and] Joseph. {10:43} Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. {10:44} All these had taken strange wives: and [some] of them had wives

## The Book of Nehemiah

{1:1} The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, {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. {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.

{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, {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: {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. {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. {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: {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. {1:10} Now these [are] thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. {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. For I was the king's cupbearer.

{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. {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, {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? {2:4} Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. {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. {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. {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; {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.

{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. {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. {2:11} So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

{2:12} And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I [any] man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither [was there any] beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. {2:13} And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. {2:14} Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but [there was] no place for the beast [that was] under me to pass. {2:15} Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and [so] returned. {2:16} And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told [it] to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

{2:17} Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we [are] in, how Jerusalem [lieth] waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. {2:18} Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for [this] good [work. ] {2:19} But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard [it,] they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What [is] this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? {2:20} Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

{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. {3:2} And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri. {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. {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. {3:5} And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. {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. {3:7} And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river. {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. {3:9} And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem. {3:10} And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. {3:11} Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces. {3:12} And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. {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. {3:14} But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem; he build it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. {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. {3:16} After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto [the place] over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. {3:17} After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part. {3:18} After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah. {3:19} And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning [of the wall. ] {3:20} After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning [of the wall] unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. {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. {3:22} And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. {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. {3:24} After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning [of the wall,] even unto the corner. {3:25} Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning [of the wall,] and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that [was] by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. {3:26} Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto [the place] over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out. {3:27} After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel. {3:28} From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house. {3:29} After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. {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. {3:31} After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner. {3:32} And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

{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. {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? {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. {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: {4:5} And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked [thee] to anger before the builders. {4:6} So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

{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, {4:8} And conspired all of them together to come [and] to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. {4:9} Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. {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. {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. {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.

] {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. {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. {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. {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. {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. {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.

{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. {4:20} In what place [therefore] ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. {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. {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. {4:23} So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off

our clothes, [saving that] every one put them off for washing.

{5:1} And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. {5:2} For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, [are] many: therefore we take up corn [for them,] that we may eat, and live. {5:3} [Some] also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. {5:4} There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, [and that upon] our lands and vineyards. {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.

{5:6} And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. {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. {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. ] {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? {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. {5:11} Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the the hundredth [part] of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. {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. {5:13} Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

{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. {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. {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. {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. {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. {5:19} Think upon me, my God, for good, [according] to all that I have done for this people.

{6:1} Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard

that I had builded the wall, and [that] there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) {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. {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? {6:4} Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. {6:5} Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; {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. {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. {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. {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. {6:10} Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who [was] shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. {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. {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. {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. {6:14} My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

{6:15} So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth [day] of [the month] Elul, in fifty and two days. {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.

{6:17} Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and [the letters] of Tobiah came unto them. {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. {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.

{7:1} Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, {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. {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. {7:4} Now the city [was] large and great: but the people

[were] few therein, and the houses [were] not builded.

{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, {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; {7:7} Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, [I say,] of the men of the people of Israel [was this; ] {7:8} The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. {7:9} The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. {7:10} The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. {7:11} The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred [and] eighteen. {7:12} The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. {7:13} The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. {7:14} The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. {7:15} The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. {7:16} The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. {7:17} The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. {7:18} The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven. {7:19} The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. {7:20} The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five. {7:21} The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. {7:22} The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight. {7:23} The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. {7:24} The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve. {7:25} The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. {7:26} The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight. {7:27} The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. {7:28} The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two. {7:29} The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. {7:30} The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. {7:31} The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. {7:32} The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three. {7:33} The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. {7:34} The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. {7:35} The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. {7:36} The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. {7:37} The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. {7:38} The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

{7:39} The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. {7:40} The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. {7:41} The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. {7:42} The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

{7:43} The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, [and] of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.

{7:44} The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

{7:45} The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

{7:46} The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, {7:47} The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, {7:48} The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmi, {7:49} The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, {7:50} The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, {7:51} The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, {7:52} The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, {7:53} The children of Bakkuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, {7:54} The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, {7:55} The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, {7:56} The children of Nezhiah, the children of Hatipha.

{7:57} The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, {7:58} The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, {7:59} The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon. {7:60} All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, [were] three hundred ninety and two. {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. {7:62} The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

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

{7:66} The whole congregation together [was] forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, {7:67} Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom [there were] seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. {7:68} Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: {7:69} [Their] camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

{7:70} And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. {7:71} And [some] of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pounds of silver. {7:72} And [that] which the rest of the people gave [was] twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments. {7:73} So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and [some] of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel [were] in their cities.

{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. {8:2}