

# THE BOOKE OF NEHEMIAS. which is also called THE SECOND OF ESDRAS.

## THE ARGVMENT OF THE BOOKE OF NE- HEMIAS.

*This booke beareth Title both of the author Nehemias, who writ it, and of the fecond booke of Efdras, who in the former writ the hiftorie of the Ifraelites after theyr relaxation from captiuitie, to the building againe of the Temple, with other thinges done the fame time. VVhereunto Nehemias ioyneth thinges fucceding, efpecially the new erection of walles and towers about the citie of Ierufalem.* And it may be diuided into three partes. In the two firft chapters, he sheweth his compafsion of his countries miſſerie: and his cōming to affift them. In the tenne folowing, he reciteth the good effectes in repaying, and ſtrengthning the citie with walles and people. In the laſt chapter, the correction of errors & euil maners, which he found amongſt them.

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this booke.

The cōtentes.

Diuided into  
three partes.

S. Ierom. Epift.  
ad Paulin.

## Chapter 1

*Nehemias hearing the miſerable ſtate of his countrie men in Iurie, 4. lamenteth, faſteth, and prayeth God for their relief.*

The firſt part.  
Nehemias his  
cōmiſeration of  
his countrie.

**T**he wordes of <sup>a</sup>Nehemias the ſonne of Helchias.  
And it came to paſſe in the moneth of Caſſeu,

<sup>a</sup> Nehemias by *his legacie*, being ſent from a king; by *his name*, which ſignifieth comforter from our Lord; and by *his building* againe the walles of Ierufalem; prefigured our Sauour, who was ſent from God the Father, himſelfe being the comforter of mankind, and the ſender of an other comforter the Holie Ghoſt, to remaine with his Church. *S. Beda. prolog. in Nehemiam.*

the twentieth yeare, and I was in Sufis the caſtel. <sup>2</sup> And Hanani one of my brethren came, him ſelfe and men of Iuda, and I aſked them of the Iewes, that remayned, and were left aliue of the captiuitie, and of Ieruſalem. <sup>3</sup> And they ſayd to me: They that remayned, and are left of the captiuitie there in the prouince, are in great affliction, and in reproche: and the wal of Ieruſalem is broken downe, and the gates therof are burnt with fire. <sup>4</sup> And when I had heard theſe maner of wordes, I fate, and wept, and mourned many dayes: and faſted, and prayed before the face of the God of heauen. <sup>5</sup> And I ſayd: I beſech thee Lord God of heauen, ſtrong, great, and terrible, which keepeſt couenant & mercie with them that loue thee, and keepe thy cōmandmentes: <sup>6</sup> let thine eares be harkning, and thine eyes open, to heare the prayer of thy ſeruant, which I pray before thee this day, night & day for the children of Iſrael thy ſeruantes: and I confeſſe for the finnes of the children of Iſrael, in which they haue finned to thee: I & my fathers houſe haue finned, <sup>7</sup> we haue bene feduced with vanitie, and haue not kept thy commandments, and cerimonies and iudgement, which thou haſt commanded to Moyſes thy ſeruant. <sup>8</sup> Remember the word, that thou didſt command vnto Moyſes thy ſeruant, ſaying: When you ſhal tranſgreſſe, I will depreſſe you into peoples: <sup>9</sup> and if you returne to me, and keepe my precepts, and doe them, although you ſhal be led away to the vttermoſt partes of heauen, thence wil I gather you, and bring you backe into the place, which I haue choſen that my name ſhould dwel there. <sup>10</sup> And they are thy ſeruantes, and thy people: whom thou haſt redemed in thy great ſtrength, and in thy mighty hand. <sup>11</sup> I beſech thee Lord, let thine eare be attent to the prayer of thy ſeruant, and to the prayer of thy ſeruants, which will feare thy name: and direct thy ſeruant this day, and giue him mercy before this man, for I was the kings cupbearer.

## Chapter 2

*Nehemias obtaining comifsion from king Artaxerxes cometh to Ierufalem: 11. secretly vieweth the broken walles, and ruines of the citie, 17. and exhorteth al the Iewes to the reedifying therof.*

**A**nd it came to paffe in the moneth of Nifan, the twentieth yeare of Artaxerxes the king: and there was wine before him, and I lifted vp the wine, and gaue to the king: and I was as it were languifhing before his face. <sup>2</sup> And the king fayd to me: Why is thy countenance fad, whereas I doe not fee thee ficke? this is not without caufe, but fome euil I know not what is in thy hart. And I was very much exceedingly afrayd: <sup>3</sup> and I fayd to the king: O king for euer mayft thou liue: why fhould not my countenance be heauie, becaufe the citie of the houle of the fepulchres of my fathers is defolate, and the gates therof are burnt with fire? <sup>4</sup> And the king fayd to me: For what thing makeft thou request? And I prayed the God of heauen, <sup>5</sup> and I fayd to the king: If it feme good to the king, and if thy feruant do pleafe before thy face, thou fend me into Iewrie to the citie of the fepulchre of my father, and I wil build it. <sup>6</sup> And the king fayd to me, and the Queene that fate by him: Vnto what time wil thy iourney be, and when wilt thou returne? And it pleased before the king, and he fent me: and I appoynted him a time. <sup>7</sup> And I fayd to the king: If it feme good to the king, let him geue me letters to the gouernours of the country beyond the Riuer, that they conduct me, til I come into Iewrie: <sup>8</sup> and a letter to Afaph the keeper of the kings foreft, to geue me timber that I may couer the gates of the towre of the houle, and the walles of the citie, and the houle that I fhall enter into. And the king gaue according to the good hand of my God with me. <sup>9</sup> And I came to the dukes of the countrie beyond the Riuer, and gaue them the kings letters. And the king had fent with me captaynes of foldiers, and horfemen. <sup>10</sup> And Sanaballat an Horonite, and Tobias a feruant an Ammonite heard

it, and <sup>a)</sup>were greiued with great affliction, that a man was come, which fought the prosperitie of the children of Ifrael. <sup>11</sup> And I came to Ierufalem and was there three dayes. <sup>12</sup> And I arofe in the night, I and a few men with me, and I told not anie man what God had put in my hart to doe in Ierufalem, and there was no beaft with me, but the beaft wheron I fate. <sup>13</sup> And I went out by the gate of the valley by night, and before the fountayne of the dragon, and to the gate of the dung, and I viewed the wal of Ierufalem broken downe, and the gates therof confumed with fire. <sup>14</sup> And I paffed to the gate of the fountayne, and to the kinges conduite, and there was no place for the beaft whereon I fat, to paffe. <sup>15</sup> And I went vp by the torrent in the night, and viewed the wal, and going backe I came to the gate of the valley, and returned. <sup>16</sup> But the magiftrates knew not whither I went, or what I did: yea and to the Iewes, and the Prieftes, and the nobles, and the magiftrates, and the reft that did the worke vntil then I had fhewed nothing. <sup>17</sup> And I fayd to them: You know the affliction wherin we are, becaufe Ierufalem is made defolate, and the gates thereof are confumed with fire: Come, and let vs build the walles of Ierufalem, and let vs be no longer a reproch. <sup>18</sup> And I fhewed them <sup>b)</sup>the hand of my God, that it was good with me, and the kings wordes, which he had fpoken to me, and I fayd: Let vs rife, and let vs build. And their handes were encouraged in good. <sup>19</sup> But Sanaballat the Horonite, and Tobias the feruant an Ammanite, and Gofem an Arabian heard of it, and they fcornd vs, and defpyfed vs, and fayd: What is this thing, that you doe? Why do you rebel againft the king? <sup>20</sup> And I answered them, and fayd to them: The God of heauen he helpeth vs, and we are his feruants: let vs rife and build: but you haue no part, nor iuftice, nor memorie in Ierufalem.

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<sup>a</sup> Infideles & Heretikes are greued, that others endeuoure to repayre the ruines of the Church in any countrie.

<sup>b</sup> Gods hand was clearly fhewed in the effect of obtaining the kings fauourable letters.

## Chapter 3

*The High Priet and others beginne to repaire Ierufalem ftreingthning it with an vttermoft, 19. middle, 28. and innermoft wall with towres and gates.*

The fecond  
part.  
How the citie  
was repayred  
with walles &  
people.

**A**nd Eliafib the high Priet arofe, and his bretheren the Prietes: and they built the gate of the flocke: they fanctified it, and fet the doores therof, and vnto the towre of an hundred cubites they <sup>a</sup>fanctified it, vnto the towre of Hananeel. <sup>2</sup> And befides him did the men of Iericho build, and befides him built Zachur the fonne of Amri. <sup>3</sup> But the fishgate the children of Afnaa did builde: they couered it, and fet vp the doores therof, and the lockes, and barres. And befides them built Marimuth the fonne of Vrias the fonne of Accas. <sup>4</sup> And befides him built Mofollam the fonne of Bazachias, the fonne of Merezebel. And befides them built Sadoc the fonne of Baana. <sup>5</sup> And befide them builded the Thecuenes: but their great men did not put vnder their neckes in the worke of their Lord. <sup>6</sup> And Ioiada the fonne of Phafea, and Mofollam the fonne of Befodia built the oldgate, couered it, and fet vp the doores therof, and the lockes, and barres. <sup>7</sup> And befide them built Meltias a Gabaonite, and Iadon a Meronathite, men of Gabaon and Mafpha, for the duke that was in the country beyond the Riuer. <sup>8</sup> And befide him built Eziel the fonne of Araia a goldfmith. And befide him built Ananias the fonne of a Pigmentarie: and they left Ierufalem vnto the wal of the broder ftreate. <sup>9</sup> And befide him built Raphaia the fonne of Hur, prince of the ftreate of Ierufalem. <sup>10</sup> And befide them Iedaia the fonne of Haromaph againft his houfe. And befide him built Hattus the fonne of Hafebomia. <sup>11</sup> The halfe part of the ftreate built Melchias the fonne of Herem, and Hafub the fonne of Phahath Moab, and the towre of the fornaces. <sup>12</sup> And befide him built Sellum the fonne of

<sup>a</sup> Finifhing the gate they dedicated it to Gods feruice, being for defence of his holie citie: and fo fanctified it.

Alohes prince of the halfe part of the ftreate of Ierufalem, he and his daughters. <sup>13</sup> And the gate of the valley built Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoë: they built it, and fette vp the dores therof, and the lockes, and barres, and a thoufand cubites in the wal vnto the gate of the dunghil. <sup>14</sup> And the gate of the dunghil built Melchias the fonne of Rechab, the prince of the ftreate of Bethacaram: he built it, and fette vp the dores therof, and the lockes, and barres. <sup>15</sup> And the gate of the fountayne Sellum builded the fonne of Colhoza, prince of the village of Mafpha: he built it, and couered it, and fet vp the doores therof, & the lockes, & barres, and the walles of the poole of Siloe vnto the kings gardē, and vnto the fteppes that goe downe from the citie of Dauid. <sup>16</sup> After him built Nehemias the fonne of Azboc prince of the halfe part of the ftreate of Bethfur, as far as ouer againft the fepulchre of Dauid, and vnto the poole, that is built with great worke, and vnto the houfe of the valiants. <sup>17</sup> After him the Leuites builded, Rehum the fonnes of Benni. After him built Hafebias prince of the halfe part of the ftreate of Ceila in his ftreate. <sup>18</sup> After him built their bretheren Bauai the fonne of Enadad, prince of the halfe part of Ceila. <sup>19</sup> And befide him built Azer the fonne of Iofue, the prince of Mafpha the fecond meafure, againft the vifiting of the moft fure corner. <sup>20</sup> After him in the mount built Baruch the fonne of Zachai the fecond meafure, from the corner vnto the gate of the houfe of Eliafib the high Prieft. <sup>21</sup> After him built Merimuth the fonne of Vrias the fonne of Haccus, the fecōd meafure, from the gate of the houfe of Eliafib, as far as the houfe of Eliafib extended. <sup>22</sup> And after him built the Priefts, men of the champayne of Iordan. <sup>23</sup> After him built Benjamin & Hafub againft their houfe. And after him built Azarias the fonne of Mafias the fonne of Ananias againft his houfe. <sup>24</sup> After him built Bennui the fonne of Hanadad the fecond meafure, from the houfe of Azarias vnto the bending, and vnto the corner. <sup>25</sup> Phalel the fonne of Ozi againft the bending and the towre, which appeareth from out of the kings high houfe, that is, in the court of the prifon. After him Phadaia the fonne

of Pharos. <sup>26</sup> And the Nathineites dwelt in Ophel, as far ouer againft the gate of waters toward the Eaft, and the towre that ftoode out. <sup>27</sup> After him the Thecuenes builded the fecond meafure ouer againft, from the great and eminent towre vnto the wall of the temple. <sup>28</sup> And vpward to the gate of horfes the Prieftes built, euery man againft his houfe. <sup>29</sup> After them built Sadoc the fonne of Emmer againft his houfe. And after him built Semaia the fonne of Sechenias, keeper of the Eaft gate. <sup>30</sup> After him built Hanania the fonne of Selemia, and Hanun the fonne of Seleph the fixth, the fecond meafure. After him built Mofollam the fonne of Barachias, againft this treafurie. After him Melchias a goldfmith fonne vnto the houfe of the Natheneites, and of them that fold old ftuffe againft the iudgement gate, and vnto the vpper chamber of the corner. <sup>31</sup> And within the vpper chamber of the corner in the gate of the flocke, the goldfmithes and marchants builded.

## Chapter 4

*Notwithftanding the enimies rage and oppofe againft the building of walles, 4. the Iewes build with one hand, and hold their fwordes in the other. Nehemias encorageth them, and the worke proceedeth.*

**A**nd it came to paffe, when Sanaballat had heard that we builded the wal, he was very angrie: and being moued exceedingly he fcorned the Iewes, <sup>2</sup> and fayd before his bretheren, and the multitude of the Samaritanes: What doe <sup>a</sup>)the fillie Iewes? Wil the gentiles let them alone? Shal they facrifice and accomplifh in one day? Why, are they able to build vp the ftones out of the heapes of duft, that are burnt?

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<sup>a</sup> It was Gods prouidence that the enemies mocking at the reparation of Ierufalem did not fo furiously refift, til the worke was performed: fo fometimes heretikes fcoffe at the endeouours of poore prieftes laboring to reftore Catholique religion: but whether they fcoffe or rage, Gods holie worke procedeth and prospereth.

<sup>3</sup> Yea Tobias also the Ammanite his neighbour sayd: Let them build: if a fox come vp, he shal leape ouer their ftone wal. <sup>4</sup> Heare our God, because we are had in dispise: turne the reproch vpon their head, and giue them into dispise in a Land of captiuitie. <sup>5</sup> Couer not their iniquitie, and let not their sinne be put out before thy face, because they haue mocked thy builders. <sup>6</sup> Therefore we built the wal, and ioyned together the whole vnto the halfe part: and the hart of the people was prouoked to worke. <sup>7</sup> And it came to passe, when Sanaballat had heard, and Tobias, and the Arabians, and the Ammanites, and the Azotians, that the breach of the wal of Ierusalem was closed vp, and the gates began to be stopped, they were wrath exceedingly. <sup>8</sup> And they were all assembled together, to come, and to fight against Ierusalem, and to prepare embushments. <sup>9</sup> And we prayed our God, and set watchmen vpon the wal day and night against them. <sup>10</sup> And Iudas sayd: The strength of him that carrieth is weakened, & the mortar is very much, and we shal not be able to build the wal. <sup>11</sup> And our enemies sayd: Let them not know, and let them be ignorant, til we come into the midst of them, and kill them, and make their worke to cease. <sup>12</sup> And it came to passe, the Iewes that dwelt beside them, coming and telling vs ten times, out of all places from whence they came to vs. <sup>13</sup> I sette the people in a place behind the wal round about in order, with their swordes, and speares, and bowes. <sup>14</sup> And I looked and rose vp: & I sayd to the princes and magistrates, and to the rest of the common people: Be not afraid at their face. Remember our Lord is great and terrible, and fight for your bretheren, your wives, and your daughters, and your wives, and your houses. <sup>15</sup> And it came to passe, when our enemies had heard that it was told vs, God defeated their counsel. And we returned all to the walles, euery man to his worke. <sup>16</sup> And it came to passe from that day, the halfe part of their yongmen did the worke, and halfe was ready to battell, and speares, & shields, and bowes, and coats of mayle, and the princes behind them in all the house of Iuda, <sup>17</sup> of them that built in the wal, and



that carried burdens, and that laded them: with one of his hands he did the worke, & with the other he held a fword: <sup>18</sup> for euery one of the builders was girded with a fword about his reynes. And they builded, and founded with the trumpet nere me. <sup>19</sup> And I fayd to the princes, and to the magiftrates, & to the reft of the common people: The worke is great and broad, and we are feperated in the wal one far from an other: <sup>20</sup> in what place foeuer you fhall heare the found of the trumpet, thither runne together vnto vs: our God wil fight for vs. <sup>21</sup> And let our felues doe the worke: and let the halfe part of vs hold fpeares from the ryfing of the morning, til the ftarres appeare. <sup>22</sup> At that time alfo I fayd to the people: Let euery man with his feruant tarry in the middes of Ierufalem, and let there be courfes among vs by day and night to worke. <sup>23</sup> And I and my bretheren, and my feruants, and the watchmen, that were behinde me, did not put of our clothes: euery man was made bare only to wafhing.

## Chapter 5

*Nehemias blameth couetous richmen, for oppreffing the poore: 14. himfelfe geueth largely of his owne to the needie.*

**A**nd there was <sup>a</sup>a great crie of the people, and of their wiues againft their brethren the Iewes. <sup>2</sup> And there were that faid: Our fonnes and our daughters are verie manie: let vs take corne for the price of them, and let vs eate, and liue. <sup>3</sup> And there were that fayd: Let vs pledge our fieldes, and vineyardes, and our houfes, and let vs take corne in famine.

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<sup>a</sup> S. Beda in his time lamented that fome fpiritual Superiors neglected to feede their flock, either fpiritually or temporally, and yet exacted temporal reuenues, and oppreffed the poore people. *li. 3. c. 21. in Efd.* How much more may we with him, with an other Nehemias, that is a *comforter from our Lord* to correct this fault, & to releue poore Catholiques diftreffed?

<sup>4</sup> And others sayd: Let vs borrow money for the kings tributes, and let vs giue our fields and vineyardes, <sup>5</sup> and now as the flesh of our bretheren, so is our flesh: and as their children so also our children. Behold we subdew our sonnes, and our daughters into bondage, and our daughters there are bondwomen, neither haue we wherewith they may be redemed, and our fieldes and our vineyardes other men doe possesse. <sup>6</sup> And I was exceeding angrie, when I had heard their crie according to these wordes. <sup>7</sup> And my hart thought with my selfe: and I rebuked the princes and magistrates, and sayd to them: Do you euery one exact vfuries of your brethren? and I gathered against them a great assemblie, <sup>8</sup> and I sayd to them: We as you know, haue redemed our bretheren the Iewes, that were sold to the gentiles, according to our abilitie: and wil you therefore sell your bretheren, and shal we redeme them? And they held their peace, neither did they find what to answer. <sup>9</sup> And I sayd to them: The thing is not good, which you doe: why walke <sup>a</sup>you not in the feare of our God, lest we be vpbayded with all the gentiles our enimies? <sup>10</sup> I also and my bretheren, and my seruantes, haue lent money and corne to very manie: let vs not aske this againe in common, let vs remitte them the debt, that is due to vs. <sup>11</sup> Restore ye to them their fieldes this day, and their vineyards, and their oliuets, and their houses: yea the hundredth part also of money, corne, wine, and oyle, which you were wont to exact of them, giue it rather for them. <sup>12</sup> And they sayd: We wil restore, and we wil seeke nothing of them: and we wil do so as thou speakest. And I called the Priestes, and adiured them, to do according to that which I had sayd. <sup>13</sup> Moreover I tooke my bofome, and sayd: God so shake euery man, that shal not accomplish this word, out of his house, and out of his labours, so be he shaken out, and made empty. And all the multitude sayd: Amen. And they prayed God. And the people did as it was sayd. <sup>14</sup> And from that day, wherein the king

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<sup>a</sup> A right propertie of a true pastor, to do that good which he preacheth to others. *S. Beda ibidem.*

commended me to the duke in the land of Iuda, from the twentieth yeare til the two & thirteth yeare of Artaxerxes the king for twelue yeares, I and my bretheren did not eate the yearly allowance, that was dewe to the dukes. <sup>15</sup> But the former dukes, that had bene before me, burdened the people, and tooke of them in bread, and wine, and money euery day fourtie ficles: yea and their officers oppreffed the people. But I did not so for the feare of God. <sup>16</sup> Yea I builded rather in the worke of the wal, and field I bought not, and al my seruantes were gathered together to the worke. <sup>17</sup> The Iewes also and the magistrates an hundred fiftie men, and they that came to vs out of the nations, that were round about vs were at the table. <sup>18</sup> And there was prepared for me day by day one oxe, fix chofen rammes, beside foules, and within ten dayes diuers wines, & many other things did I giue. Moreouer also the yearly allowance of my dukedome I fought not, for the people was very much empouerished. <sup>19</sup> <sup>a)</sup>Remember me my God to good, according to al things, which I haue done to this people.

## Chapter 6

*The enemies guilfully offer to make league with the Iewes, 3. but Nehemias procedeth in building the walles: 16. and al bordering nations feare them.*

**A**nd it came to passe, when Sanaballat had heard, and Tobias, and Goffem the Arabian, and the rest of our enimies, that I did build the wal, and there was no breach remayning in it (howbeit at that time I had not put the doores in the gates) <sup>2</sup> Sanaballat and Goffem fent to me, faying: Come, and

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<sup>a</sup> A good conscience hath great confidence in God and iustly hopeth for reward.

<sup>a</sup>)let vs make a league together in the villages, in the field of Ono. But they thought to doe me euil. <sup>3</sup> I fent therfore meffengers to them, faying: I am doing a great worke, and I can not goe downe, left perhaps it be neglected when I fhall come, and defcend to you. <sup>4</sup> But they fent to me according to this word, foure times: and I anfwered them according to the former word. <sup>5</sup> And Sanaballat fent his feruant to me the fifth time according to the former word, and he had a letter in his hand written in this maner: Among the Gentiles it is heard, and Goffem hath fayd, that thou and the Iewes meane to rebel, and therfore thou buildeft the wal, and wil aduance thy felfe king ouer them: for which caufe <sup>6</sup> thou haft fette vp prophettes alfo, which should preach of thee in Ierufalem, faying: There is a king in Iurie. The king wil heare of thefe things: therfore come now, that we may take counfel together. <sup>7</sup> And I fent to them, faying: It is not done according to thefe words, which thou fpeakeft: for thou frameft thefe things of thine owne hart. <sup>8</sup> For al thefe terrified vs, thinking that our hands would ceafe from the worke, and we would leaue of. For which caufe I did the more ftrenghen my hands: <sup>9</sup> and I entred into the houle of Samaia the fonne of Dalaia the fonne of Metabeel fecretly, who fayd: Let vs confult with our felues in the houle of God in the middes of the temple: and let vs fhutte the doores of the temple becaufe they wil come to kil thee, and in the night they wil come to flea thee. <sup>10</sup> And I fayd: Doth any man that is like vnto me flee? and who being as I am, wil goe into the temple, and liue? I wil not goe in. <sup>11</sup> And I vnderftood that God had not fent him, but as it were prophicying he had fpoken to me, and Tobias, and Sanaballat had

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<sup>a</sup> VWhen heretikes & other aduerfaries of the Church finde them felues not able to fuppreffe Catholiques, they offer conditions of peace, and libertie to al, fo when proteftātes beganne & where they are weake, they would haue none perfecuted for anie opinions in religion; but where they are ftrōg they hardly grant toleration to Catholiques.

hyred him. <sup>12</sup> For he had taken a price, that I being terrified should do it, and finne, and they might haue some euil to vpbraid me withal. <sup>13</sup> Remember me Lord for Tobias and Sanaballat, according to such their workes. Yea and Nodias the prophete, and the rest of the prophetes that terrified me. <sup>14</sup> But the wal was finished the five and twentieth day of the moneth of Elul, in two and fiftie dayes. <sup>15</sup> It came to passe therefore when all our enemies had heard it, that all nations which were round about vs, feared, & were dismayed within themselves, and knew that this worke was done of God. <sup>16</sup> But in those dayes also many letters of the principal Iewes were sent to Tobias, and from Tobias there came to them. <sup>17</sup> For there were many in Iurie sworn vnto him, because he was the sonne in law of Sechenias the sonne of Area, and Iohanan his sonne had taken the daughter of Mofollam the sonne of Barachias. <sup>18</sup> Yea and they prayed him before me, and they reported my words vnto him: and Tobias sent letters to terrifie me.

## Chapter 7

*Nehemias appointeth watchmen in Ierusalem, 5. and calling the people together reciteth the number of those, which came first from Babylon. 68. Likewife of their cattel, 70. and the giftes of certaine chiefe men towards the reparations.*

**A**nd after the wal was built, & I had put on the doores, and numbred the porters, and singing men, and Leuites: <sup>2</sup> I commanded Hanani my brother, and Hananias prince of the house of Ierusalem (for he seemed as it were a true man, and one that feared God about the rest) <sup>3</sup> and I sayd to them: Let not the gates of Ierusalem be opened vntill the heate of the sunne. And when they yet stood by, the gates were shut, and

barred: and I sette <sup>a</sup>)watchmen of the inhabitants of Ierufalem, euery one by their courfes, and euery man againft his houfe. <sup>4</sup> And the citie was exceeding large and great, and the people few in the middes therof, & there were no houfes built. <sup>5</sup> But God gaue me in my hart, and I affembled the princes and magiftrates, and common people, that I might number them: and I found a booke of the number of them, that came vp firft, and there was found written in it: <sup>6</sup> Thefe are the children of the prouince, which came vp from the captiuitie of them that were tranfported, whom Nabuchodonofor the king of Babylon had tranfported, and returned into Iurie, euery one into his owne citie. <sup>7</sup> They that came with Zorobabel, Iofue, Nehemias, Azarias, Rahamias, Nahamani, Mardochæus, Belfam, Mefpharath, Begoai, Nahum, Baana. The number of the men of the people of Ifrael. <sup>8</sup> The children of Pharos, two thoufand an hundred feuentie two. <sup>9</sup> The children of Saphatia, three hundred feuentie two. <sup>10</sup> The children of Area, fix hundred fiftie two. <sup>11</sup> The children of Phahathmoab of the children of Iofue and Ioab, two thoufand eight hundred eightene. <sup>12</sup> The children of Aelam, a thoufand two hundred fiftie foure. <sup>13</sup> The children Zethua, eight hundred fourtie fue. <sup>14</sup> The children of Zachai, feuen hundred fixtie. <sup>15</sup> The children of Bannui, fix hundred fourtie eight. <sup>16</sup> The children of Bebai, fix hundred twentie eight. <sup>17</sup> The children of Azgad, two thoufand three hundred twentie two. <sup>18</sup> The children of Adonicam, fix hundred fixtie feuen. <sup>19</sup> The children of Beguai, two thoufand fixtie feuen. <sup>20</sup> The children of Adin, fix hundred fiftie fue. <sup>21</sup> The children of Ater, children of Hezecias, ninetie eight. <sup>22</sup> The children of Hafem, three hundred twentie eight. <sup>23</sup> The children of Befai, three hundred twentie foure. <sup>24</sup> The children of Hareph, an

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<sup>a</sup> Three fpecial defences of a citie, are the ftrengh of walles, fhutting and opening the gates in due time, & diligēt watchmen: fo to the cuftodie of faithful foules three thinges are neceffarie; the grace of God, due regard of the outward fenfes, and continual watch againft our inuifible enemies.

hundred twelue. <sup>25</sup> The children of Gabaon, nyntie fue.  
<sup>26</sup> The childeren of Bethlehem, and Nerupha, an hun-  
 dred eightie eight. <sup>27</sup> The men of Anathoth, an hun-  
 dred twentie eight. <sup>28</sup> The men of Bethazmoth, fourtie  
 two. <sup>29</sup> The men of Cariathiacim, Cephira, and Beroth,  
 feuen hundred fourtie three. <sup>30</sup> The men of Rama and  
 Geba, fix hundred twentie one. <sup>31</sup> The men of Mach-  
 mas, an hundred twentie two. <sup>32</sup> The men of Bethel  
 and Hai, an hundred twentie three. <sup>33</sup> The men of an  
 other Nebo, fiftie two. <sup>34</sup> The men of an other Aelam,  
 a thoufand two hundred fiftie foure. <sup>35</sup> The childeren of  
 Harem, three hundred twentie. The childeren of Ieri-  
 cho, three hundred fourtie fue. <sup>36</sup> The childeren of Lod  
 Hadid and Ono, feuen hundred twentie one. <sup>37</sup> The  
 childeren of Senaa, three thoufand nine hundred thir-  
 tie. <sup>38</sup> The Priests: The children of Idaia in the houe  
 of Iofue, nine hundred three. <sup>39</sup> The childeren of Em-  
 mer, a thoufand fiftie two. <sup>40</sup> The childeren of Phafhur,  
 a thoufand two hundred fourtie feuen. <sup>41</sup> The children of  
 Arem, a thoufand feuentene. The Leuites: <sup>42</sup> The chil-  
 dren of Iofue & Cedmiel, the children <sup>43</sup> of Cenia, feuen-  
 tie foure. The finging men: <sup>44</sup> The childeren of Afaph,  
 an hundred fourtie eight. <sup>45</sup> The porters: The childeren  
 of Sellum, the childeren of Ater, the childeren of Tel-  
 mon, the childeren of Accub, the childeren of Hatita,  
 the childeren of Sobai: an hundred thirtie eight. <sup>46</sup> The  
 Nathineites: The childeren of Soha, the childeren of  
 Hafupha, the childeren of Tebbaath, <sup>47</sup> the childeren of  
 Ceros, the childeren of Siaa, the childeren of Phadon,  
 the childeren of Lebana, the childeren of Haguba, the  
 childeren of Seimai, <sup>48</sup> the childeren of Hanan, the childeren  
 of Geddel, the childeren of Gaher, <sup>49</sup> the childeren of  
 Raaia, the childeren of Rafin, the childeren of Necoda,  
<sup>50</sup> the childeren of Gefem, the childeren of Aza, the childeren  
 of Phafea, <sup>51</sup> the childeren of Befai, the childeren of Mu-  
 nim, the childeren of Nephuffim, <sup>52</sup> the childeren of Bacbuc,  
 the childeren of Hacupha, the childeren of Harur, <sup>53</sup> the  
 childeren of Befloth, the childeren of Mahida, the childeren  
 of Harfa, <sup>54</sup> the childeren of Bercos, the childeren of  
 Sifara, the childeren of Thema, <sup>55</sup> the childeren of Nafia,

the children of Hatipha, <sup>56</sup> the children of the seruantes of Salomon, the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Pharida, <sup>57</sup> the children of Iahala, the children of Darcon, the children of Ieddel, <sup>58</sup> the children of Saphia, the children of Hatil, the children of Phohereth, who was borne vnto Sabaim, the fonne of Amon. <sup>59</sup> Al Natheneites, and the children of the seruantes of Salomon, three hundred nyntie two. <sup>60</sup> But thefe be they which came vp from Thelmela, Thelharfa, Cherub, Addon, and Emmer: and could not fthew the houle of their fathers, and their feed, whether they were of Ifrael. <sup>61</sup> The children of Dalaia, the children of Tobia, the children of Necoda, fix hundred fourtie two. <sup>62</sup> And of the Priests, the children of Habia, the children of Accos, the children of Berzellai, who tooke a wife of the daughters of Berzellai a Galeadite, and he was called by their name. <sup>63</sup> Thefe fought their writing in the regifter, and found it not: & they were caft out of the Priefthood. <sup>64</sup> And Atherfatha faid to them, that they fould not eate of the Holies of holies, vntil there ftood vp a Prieft learned and cunning. <sup>65</sup> Al the multitude as it were one man fourtie two thoufand three hundred fixtie, <sup>66</sup> befide their men feruants and wemen feruantes, which were feuen thoufand three hundred thirtie feuen: and among them finging men, & finging wemen, two hundred fourtie fue. <sup>67</sup> Their horfes, two hundred fourtie fix, their mules, two hundred fourtie fue, <sup>68</sup> their camels, foure hundred thirtie fue, affes fix thoufand feue hundred twentie.

*Hitherto is reported what was written in the Regifter. From this place forward goeth on in order the hiftorie of Nehemias.*

<sup>69</sup> a) And certaine of the princes of families gaue vnto the worke. Atherfatha gaue into the treafure of gold a thoufand drachmas, phials fiftie, tunikes for Prieftes fue hundred thirtie. <sup>70</sup> And of the princes of families

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<sup>a</sup> S. Ierom here noteth whēce he receiued eech part of this booke, which is al Canonical Scripture being al alike fo declared by the Church.



there gaue into the treafure of the worke of gold, twentie thoufand drachmas, and of filuer two thoufand two hundred pound. <sup>71</sup> And that which the reft of the people gaue, of gold twentie thoufand drachmas, and of filuer two thoufand pound, and tunikes for Prieftes fixtie feuen. <sup>72</sup> And the Prieftes, and Leuites, and porters, and finging men, and the reft of the common people, and the Nathineites, and al Ifrael dwelt in their cities. And the feuenth moneth was come: and the children of Ifrael were in their cities.

## Chapter 8

*Efdras readeth the law before the people. 9. Nehemias comforteth them. 13. They celebrate the feaft of tabernacles feuen dayes: 13. & of collection the eight day.*

**A**nd al the people was gathered togethor as it were one man to the ftreate, which is before the water and they fayd to Efdras the fcribe, that he fhould bring the booke of the law of Moyfes, which our Lord had commanded Ifrael. <sup>2</sup> Efdras therfore the prieft <sup>a)</sup>brought the law before the multitude of men and wemen, and al that could vnderftand, in the firft day of the feuenth moneth. <sup>3</sup> And he read it playnly in the ftreate that was before the water gate, from morning vntil midday, in the prefence of the men, and wemen, and of thofe that vnderftood: and the eares of al the people were attent to the booke. <sup>4</sup> And Efdras the fcribe ftood vpon a fteppe of wood, which he made to fpeake vpon:

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<sup>a</sup> The people requested Efdras, to *bring the booke* of the law, and he *brought it*, neither is there anie mention that he writte the whole law out of his memorie or by miracle which maketh it probable that al copies were not burned or loft, but fome referued by Ieremias, Ezechiel, Daniel, Aggeus, Zacharias, or by him felfe or others out of which he collected one intire volume correcting faultes committed by fcribes, & adding fome thinges for explication fake & fupplement of the hiftories: and that either by tradition or reuelation.

and there stood by him Mathathias, and Semeia, and Ania, and Vria, and Helcia, and Maafia, on his right hand: and on the left: Phadaia, Mifael, and Melchia, and Hafum, and Hafbadana, Zacharia, and Mofollam. <sup>5</sup> And Efdras opened the booke before al the people: for he appeared aboue al the people: and when he had opened it, al the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Efdras blessed our Lord the great God: and al the people answered: Amen, amen: lifting vp their handes, and they bowed, and adored God flatte on the earth. <sup>7</sup> Moreouer Iofue, & Bani, and Serebia, Iamin, Accub, Septhai, Odia, Maafia, Celita, Azarias, Iozabed, Hanan, Phalaia: Leuites made filence in the people to heare the law: and the people stood in their degree. <sup>8</sup> And they read in the booke of the law of God distinctly and playnly, for to vnderstand: and they vnderstood when it was read. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemias said (the same is <sup>a</sup>)Atherfatha) and Efdras the Priest and scribe, and the Leuites interpreting to al the people: It is a day sanctified to the Lord our God, mourne ye not, and weepe not. For al the people wept, when they heard the wordes of the law. <sup>10</sup> And he said to them: Goe, eate fat thinges, and drinck the sweete wine, and send portions to them, that haue not prepared for them selues: because it is the holie day of our Lord, and be not sadde: for the ioy of our Lord is our strength. <sup>11</sup> And the Leuites made filence in al the people, saying: Hold your peace, because the day is holie, and be not sorrowful. <sup>12</sup> Therefore al the people went to eate and drinck, and to send portions, and to make great ioy: because they vnderstood the wordes, that he had taught them. <sup>13</sup> And in the second day were gathered the princes of the families of al the people, the Priests and Leuites to Efdras the scribe, that he should interpret vnto them the wordes of the law. <sup>14</sup> And they found written in the law, that our Lord commanded in the hand of Moyfes, that the children of Ifrael should dwel in tabernacles, on the solemne day, the seuenth moneth: <sup>15</sup> and that they

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<sup>a</sup> *Atherfatha priuileged*, by reason of his fauour with king Artaxerxes. *chap. 2.*

should proclame and publiſh a voice in al their cities, and in Ieruſalem, ſaying: Goe ye forth into the mount, and fetch branches of the oliue tree, and branches of the moſt fayre tree, branches of the mirtle tree, and boughes of the palme trees, and branches of the thicke leaued tree, that tabernacles may be made, as it is written. <sup>16</sup> And the people went forth, and brought. And they made them felues tabernacles euery man in his houſe toppe, and in his courtes, and in the courtes of the houſe of God, and in the ſtreate of the water gate, and in the ſtreate of the gate of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup> Therfore al the church of them, that were returned from the captiuitie, made tabernacles, and dwelt in tabernacles. For from the daies of Iofue the ſonne of Nun the children of Ifrael had not done it in ſuch fort, vntil that day: and there was exceeding great ioy. <sup>18</sup> And he reade in the booke of the law of God day by day, from the firſt day til the laſt, and they made the ſolemnitie ſeuen dayes, & in the eight day a collect according to the rite.

## Chapter 9

*The people repenting in faſting and ſackcloth, put away their wiues of ſtrange nations. 5. Eldras confeſſeth Gods benefites, and the peoples ingratitude, 32. prayeth for them, and maketh league with God.*

**A**nd in the foure and twentieth day of the moneth the children of Ifrael came together in faſting and ſackcloth, and earth vpon them. <sup>2</sup> And the feede of the children of Ifrael was <sup>a</sup>)ſeperated from euerie ſtrange childe: and they ſtood, and confeſſed their finnes, and the iniquities of their fathers. <sup>3</sup> And they roſe vp to ſtand: and they read in the volume of the law of our Lord their God, foure times in a day, and

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<sup>a</sup> True repentance requireth workes of penance, & eſpecially the remouing of occaſions of finne: as ſeperation from euil companie, abandoning of euil cogitations, and of much worldly pleaſure.

foure times they confessed, and adored our Lord their God. <sup>4</sup> And there arose vpon the steppe of the Leuites Iofue, and Bani, Cedmihel, Sabania, Bonni, Sarebias, Bani, and Chanani: and they cried with a lowde voice to our Lord their God. <sup>5</sup> And the Leuites Iofue and Cedmihel, Bonni, Hafebnia, Serebia, Odaia, Sebnia, and Phathahia, said: Arife. Bleffe our Lord your God from eternitie to eternitie: and let them bleffe the high name of thy glorie in al bleffing & praife. <sup>6</sup> Thou the fame ô Lord, alone thou haft made heauen, & al the hoft therof: the earth & al thinges that are in it: the seas and al thinges that are therin: and thou doft giue life to al these thinges, and the hoft of heauē adareth thee. <sup>7</sup> Thou the fame ô Lord God, which didst choofe Abram, & broughtest him out of the fire of the Chaldees, and gauest him the <sup>a</sup>)name Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And thou didst finde his hart faithful before thee: and thou madest a couenante with him, that thou wouldest geue him the land of the Chananite, of the Hetheite, and of the Amorrheite, and of the Pherezeite, and of the Iebuseite, & of the Gergefeite, to geue vnto his feede: and thou haft fulfilled thy wordes, becaufe thou art iust. <sup>9</sup> And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Ægypt: & their crie thou didst heare vpon the Read sea. <sup>10</sup> And thou gauest signes & wonders in Pharao, and in al his seruants, and in al the people of his land: for thou didst know that they had done proudly against them: and thou madest thyself a name, as also at this day. <sup>11</sup> And thou didst diuide the sea before them, and they passed through the midst of the sea in drie land: but their persecutors thou threwest into the depth, as a stone into the rough waters. <sup>12</sup> And in a pillar of a cloude thou waft their leader by day, and in a pillar of fire by night, that the way might appeare to them, by the which they went. <sup>13</sup> To mount Sinai also thou didst descend, and spakest with them from heauen, and thou gauest them right iudgements, and the law of truth, ceremonies, and good preceptes. <sup>14</sup> Thy sanctified Sabbath

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<sup>a</sup> Changing of names importeth some beneficial myfterie. *Gen. 17.*

thou didst fiew them, and the commandements, and ceremonies, and the law thou didst command them in the hand of Moyfes thy feruant. <sup>15</sup> Bread also from heauen thou gauest them in their hunger, and water out of the rocke thou didst bring forth to them thirsting, and thou faidest to them that they should enter in, and possesse the land, vpon which thou didst lift vp thy hand to deliuer it them. <sup>16</sup> But they and our fathers did proudly, and hardned their neckes and heard not thy cōmandements. <sup>17</sup> And they <sup>a</sup>would not heare, and they remembred not thy merueylous workes which thou hast done to them.

*Num. 17.* And they hardned their neckes, and gaue the head to returne to their seruitude, as it were by contention. But thou a propitious God, and gracious, and merciful, long suffering and of much compassion, didst not forsake them. <sup>18</sup> Yea and when they had made to them felues a molten calfe, and had said: This is thy god, which brought thee out of Ægypt: and they did great blasphemies. <sup>19</sup> But thou in thy manie mercies didst not leaue them in the desert: the pillar of the cloude departed not from them by day to lead them into the way, and the pillar of fire by night to fiew them the way by which they should goe. <sup>20</sup> And thou gauest them thy good spirite, which should teach them, and thy Manna thou didst not withhold from their mouth, and thou gauest them water in thirst. <sup>21</sup> Fourtie yeares didst thou feede them in the desert, and nothing was wanting to them, their garmentes waxed not old, and their feete not worne. <sup>22</sup> And thou gauest them kingdomes, and peoples, and didst part lottes vnto them: and they possessed the land of Sehon, and the land of the king Hefebon, and the land of Og the king of Basan. <sup>23</sup> And thou didst multiplie their children as the starres of heauen, & brought them to the land wherof thou hadst said to their fathers, that they should enter and possesse it. <sup>24</sup> And the children came, and possessed the land, and thou didst humble before them the inhabitants of the land, the Chananeites, and gauest them into their hand, and their kinges, and the peoples of the land, that they

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<sup>a</sup> Free wil in finners.

might doe to them as it pleaſed them. <sup>25</sup> They therefore tooke the fenced cities and fatte ground, and poſſeſſed houſes full of all goodes: ceſternes made by others, vineyardes, and oliuetes, & manie trees that bare fruite: and they did eate, and were filled, and became fatte, and abounded with delicious thinges in thy great goodnes. <sup>26</sup> But they prouoked thee to wrath, & departed from thee, and threw thy law behind their backes: & they killed thy prophetes, which admoniſhed them ernestly to returne to thee: and they did great blaſphemies. <sup>27</sup> And thou gaueſt them into the handes of their enemies, and they afflicted them. And in the time of their tribulation they cried to thee, & thou from heauen didſt heare, and according to thy manie cōpaſſions gaueſt them fauours, that ſhould ſaue them from the hand of their enemies. <sup>28</sup> And when they had reſted, they returned to do euil in thy fight: & thou didſt leaue them in the hand of their enemies, and they poſſeſſed them. And they returned, & cried to thee: & thou heardeſt from heauen, and deliueredſt thē in thy mercies, manie times. <sup>29</sup> And thou didſt admoniſh them that they ſhould returne to thy law. But they did proudly, & heard not thy cōmandmentes, and finned in thy iudgementes, which a man ſhould do, and ſhal liue in them, and they gaue the reuolting ſhoulder, and hardned their necke, neither did they heare. <sup>30</sup> And thou didſt prolong manie yeares ouer them, and didſt teſtifie to charge them in thy ſpirit by the hand of thy Prophetes: and they heard not, and thou didſt deliuer them into the hand of the peoples of the nations. <sup>31</sup> But in thy very many mercies thou madeſt them not into conſumption, neither didſt thou forſake them: becauſe a God of compaſſions and gracious art thou. <sup>32</sup> Now therefore O our God, great, ſtrong, and terrible, keeping couenant and mercie, turne not away from thy face all the labour, which hath found vs, our Kinges, and our Princes, and our Prieſts, and our Prophetes, and our fathers, and all the people from the daies of the king of Affur, vntil this day. <sup>33</sup> And thou art iuſt in all thinges, that haue come vpon vs: becauſe thou haſt done truth, but we haue done wickedly. <sup>34</sup> Our Kinges, our Princes,

our Priestes, and our fathers haue not done thy law, and haue not attended thy commandmentes, and thy testimonies which thou haft testified among them. <sup>35</sup> And they in their reignes, and in thy manifold goodnes, which thou gaueft them, and in the land moft large and fatte, which thou didft deliuer in their fight, ferued not thee, nor returned from their moft wicked deuifes. <sup>36</sup> Behold we our felues this day are bondmen: and the land, which thou gaueft our fathers, that they should eate the bread therof, and the good thinges that are therof, and our felues are seruantes in it. <sup>37</sup> And the fruites therof are multiplied to the kinges, whom thou haft fette ouer vs for our finnes, and they haue dominion ouer our bodies, and ouer our beaftes, according to their wil, and we are in great tribulation. <sup>38</sup> Therefore vpon al these thinges we our felues make a couenant, and write, and our Princes, our Leuites, and our Priestes signe it.

## Chapter 10

*Manie, in name of al, subscribe to the couenant made with God. 30. Namely not to marrie with ftrangers, 31. to keepe the Sabbath day, and the feuenth yeare. 32. To pay oblations, 35. Firft fruites, 38. and Tithes.*

**A**nd the subscribers were Nehemias, Atherfatha the sonne of Hachelai, and Sedecias, <sup>2</sup> Saraias, Azarias, Ieremias, <sup>3</sup> Phefhur, Amarias, Melchias, <sup>4</sup> Hattus, Sebenia, Melluch, <sup>5</sup> Harem, Merimuth, Obdias, <sup>6</sup> Daniel, Genthon, Baruch, <sup>7</sup> Mofollam, Abia, Miamin, <sup>8</sup> Maazia, Belgai, Semeia: these were the Priestes. <sup>9</sup> Moreouer Leuites, Iosue the sonne of Azanias, Ben-nui of the children of Henadad, Cedmihel. <sup>10</sup> And their bretheren, Sebenia, Odaia, Celita, Phalaia, Hanan, <sup>11</sup> Micha, Rohob, Hafebia, <sup>12</sup> Zachur, Serebia, Sabania, <sup>13</sup> Odaia, Bani, Baninu. <sup>14</sup> The heades of the people, Pharos, Phahathmoab, Aelam, Zethu, Bani, <sup>15</sup> Bonni, Azgad, Bebai, <sup>16</sup> Adonia, Begoai, Adin, <sup>17</sup> Ater, Hezecia, Azur, <sup>18</sup> Odaia, Hafum, Befai, <sup>19</sup> Hareph, Anathoth, Nebai,

<sup>20</sup> Megphias, Mofollam, Hazir, <sup>21</sup> Mezfibel, Sadoc, Iedua, <sup>22</sup> Pheltia, Hanan, Anai, <sup>23</sup> Ofee, Hanania, Hafub, <sup>24</sup> Alohes, Phalea, Sobec, <sup>25</sup> Rehum, Hafebna, Maafia, <sup>26</sup> Echaia, Hanan, Anan, <sup>27</sup> Melluch, Haran, Baana. <sup>28</sup> And the rest of the people, Priestes, Leuites, Porteres, and fing-ing men, Nathineites, and al that feperated them selues from the peoples of the landes to the law of God, their wiues, their sonnes, and their daughters. <sup>29</sup> Al that could vnderftand promifing for their bretheren, their princes, and they that came to promife, and fweare that they would walke in the law of God, which he gaue in the hand of Moyfes the feruant of God, that they would do & kepe al the cōmandments of the Lord our God, and his iudgementes and his ceremonies. <sup>30</sup> And that we would not geue <sup>a</sup>our daughters to the people of the land, and their daughters we would not take to our fōnes. <sup>31</sup> The peoples of the land, which bring in things to fel, & al thinges to be vfed, to fel them on the Sabbath day, we wil not take it of them in the Sabbath, and in the fanctified day. And we wil let paffe the feuenth yeare, and the exaction of euerie hand. <sup>32</sup> And we wil ordayne preceptes vpon our felues, to giue the third part of a ficle euerie yeare to the worke of the houle of our God, <sup>33</sup> to the loaues of propofition, and to the continual facrifice, and for a continual holocaust in the Sabbathes, in the Calendes, in the Solemnities, and in the fanctified, and for finne: that propitiation may be made for Ifrael, and vnto al vfe of the houle of our God. <sup>34</sup> We therfore did caft lotes concerning the oblation of wood between the Priestes, and the Leuites, and the people, that it fhould be brought into the houle of our God by the houfes of our fathers at fet times, from yeare to yeare: that it might burne vpon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law of Moyfes. <sup>35</sup> And that we would bring the firft borne of our land, and the firft fruites of al the fruite of euerie tree, from yeare to yeare, in the houle of our Lord, <sup>36</sup> and the firft fruites of our sonnes,

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<sup>a</sup> In al leagues & couenantes of peace thofe articles are fpecially mentioned wherin breach hath bene made in former times.



and of our cattel, as it is written in the law, and the first fruites of our oxen, and of our sheepe, that they might be offered in the house of our God, to the Priestes which minister in the house of our God. <sup>37</sup> And the first fruites of our meates, and of our libamentes, and the fruites of euerie tree, of vintage also and of oyle we wil bring to the Priestes, vnto the treasure of our God, and the tenth part of our land to the Leuites. The Leuites them selues shal receiue the tithes out of al the cities of our works. <sup>38</sup> And the Priest the sonne of Aaron shal be with the Leuites in the tythes of the Leuites, and the Leuites shal offer the tenth part of their tythe in the house of our God, to the treasure in the treasure house. <sup>39</sup> For the children of Israel and the children of Leui shal carie to the treasure the first fruites of corne, of wine, and of oyle: and the sanctified vessels shal be there, and the Priestes, and singing men, and porters, and ministers, and we wil not leaue the house of our God.

## Chapter 11

*New inhabitantes of Ierusalem are recited. 20. Likewise who dwelt in other cities of Iuda.*

**A**nd the princes of the people dwelt in Ierusalem: but the rest of the people cast lottes, to take <sup>a</sup>one part of ten that should dwell in Ierusalem the holie citie, and nine partes in the cities. <sup>2</sup> And the people blessed al the men that had <sup>b</sup>voluntarily offered them selues to dwell in Ierusalem. <sup>3</sup> These therefore are

<sup>a</sup> Because Ierusalem was most impugned by enemies fewe were willing to dwell there,

<sup>b</sup> yet many valiant men of the tribes of Iuda Benjamin and Leui offered them selues: of other tribes the tenth part were chosen by lottes. Wherby is gathered that many of the tenne tribes returned also into Chanaan, though holie Scripture doth not so expressly record what became of them as of the other tenne tribes, because Ierusalem pertained to the lote of Benjamin, Iuda was the Kinglie tribe, and Leui the Priestlie. *S. Beda lib. 3. cap. 31. in Efdr.*

the princes of the prouince, which dwelt in Ierufalem, and in the cities of Iuda. And euerie one dwelt in his poffeffion, in their cities, Ifrael, the Prieftes, the Leuites, the Nathineites, and the children of the feruants of Salomon. <sup>4</sup> And in Ierufalem there dwelt of the children of Iuda, and of the children of Beniamin: of the children of Iuda, Athaias the fonne of Aziam, the fonne of Zacharias, the fonne of Amarias, the fonne of Saphatias, the fonne of Malaleel: of the children of Phares, <sup>5</sup> Maafia the fonne of Baruch, the fonne of Cholhoza, the fonne of Hazia, the fonne of Adaia, the fonne of Ioarib, the fonne of Zacharias, the fonne of a Silonite. <sup>6</sup> Al thefe the childeren of Phares, which dwelt in Ierufalem, foure hundred fixtie eight, valiant men. <sup>7</sup> And thefe are the childeren of Beniamin: Sellum the fonne of Mofollam, the fonne of Ioed, the fonne of Phadaia, the fonne of Colaia, the fonne of Mafia, the fonne of Etheel, the fonne of Ifaia, <sup>8</sup> and after him Gebbai, Sellai, nine hundred twentie eight, <sup>9</sup> and Ioel the fonne of Zechri the ouerfeer of them, and Iudas the fonne of Senua fecond ouer the citie. <sup>10</sup> And of the Prieftes, Idaia the fonne of Ioarib, Iachim, <sup>11</sup> Saraia the fonne of Helcias, the fonne of Mofollam, the fonne of Sadoc, the fonne of Meraioth, the fonne of Achitob the prince of the houle of God, <sup>12</sup> and their bretheren that doe the workes of the temple: eight hundred twentie two. And Adaia the fonne of Ieroham, the fonne of Phelelia, the fonne of Amfi, the fonne of Zacharias, the fonne of Phefhur, the fonne of Melchias, <sup>13</sup> and his bretheren the princes of the fathers: two hundred fourtie two. And Amaffai the fonne of Azreel, the fonne of Ahazi, the fonne of Mofolamoth, the fonne of Emmer, <sup>14</sup> and their bretheren exceding mightie: an hundred twentie eight, and their ouerfeer Zabdiel fonne of the mightie ones, <sup>15</sup> And of the Leuites Semeia the fonne of Hafub, the fonne of Azaricam, the fonne of Hafabia, the fonne of Boni, <sup>16</sup> and Sabathai and Iozabed, ouer al the workes, that were without the houle of God, of the princes of the Leuites. <sup>17</sup> And Mathania the fonne of Micha, the fonne of Zebedei, the fonne of Afaph prince to prayfe, and to confefse in prayer, and

Becbecia fecond of his bretheren, and Abda the fonne of Samua, the fonne of Galal, the fonne of Idithum. <sup>18</sup> Al the Leuites in the holie citie two hundred eightie foure. <sup>19</sup> And the porters, Accub, Telmon, and their bretheren, which kept the dores: an hundred feuentie two. <sup>20</sup> And the reft of Ifrael the Prieftes and the Leuites in al the cities of Iuda, euerie man in his poffeffion. <sup>21</sup> And the Nathineites, that dwelt in Ophel, and Siaha, and Gafpha of the Nathineites. <sup>22</sup> And the ouerfeer of the Leuites in Ierufalem, Azzi the fonne of Bani, the fonne of Hafabia, the fonne of Mathania, the fonne of Micha. Of the childeren of Afaph, the finging men in the minifterie of the houfe of God. <sup>23</sup> For the kings commandment was vpon them, and an order among the finging men day by day. <sup>24</sup> And Phathahia the fonne of Mefezebel of the childeren of Zara the fonne of Iuda in the hand of the king, according to euerie word of the people, <sup>25</sup> and in the houfes through al their countries. Of the children of Iuda there dwelt in Cariatharbe, & in her daughters: and in Dibon, and in her daughters, and in Cabfeel, and in the villages thereof, <sup>26</sup> and in Iefue, and in Molada, and in Bethphaleth, <sup>27</sup> and in Haferfual, and in Berfabee, & in her daughters, <sup>28</sup> and in Siceleg, and in Mochona, and in her daughters, and in Remmon, and in Saraa, and in Ierimuth, <sup>29</sup> Zanoa, Odellam, and in their townes, Lachis and in her countries, Azeca, and in her daughters. And they abode in Berfabee vnto the vale of Ennom. <sup>30</sup> And the childeren of Benjamin, of Geba, Mecmas, and Hai, and Bethhel, and her daughters, <sup>31</sup> in Anathoth, Nob, Anania, <sup>32</sup> Afor, Rama, Gethaim, <sup>33</sup> Hadid, Seboim, and Neballac, Lod, <sup>34</sup> and Ono the valley of artificers. <sup>35</sup> And of the Leuites were portions of Iuda and Benjamin.

## Chapter 12

*The names and offices of Prieftes, and Leuites, which came with Zorobabel and Iofue to Ierufalem 27. with*

*great folemnie of thankfgeuing. 31. Watchmen are appointed on the new walles, 45. and Keepers of the holy treafure.*

**A**nd thefe are the Prieftes and Leuites, that came vp with Zorobabel the fonne of Salathiel, and Iofue: Saraia, Ieremias, <sup>a)</sup>Efdras, <sup>2</sup> Amaria, Melluch, Hattus, <sup>3</sup> Sebenias, Rheum, Merimuth, <sup>4</sup> Addo Genthon, Abia, <sup>5</sup> Miamin, Madia, Belga, <sup>6</sup> Semeia, and Ioiarib, Idaia, Sellum, Amoc, Helcias, <sup>7</sup> Idaia. Thefe are the Princes of the Prieftes, and their bretheren in the daies of Iofue. <sup>8</sup> Moreouer the Leuites, Iefua, Bennui, Cedmihel, Sarebia, Iuda, Mathanias, ouer the hymnes they & their bretheren. <sup>9</sup> And Becbecia, and Hannia and their bretheren euerie one in his office. <sup>10</sup> And <sup>b)</sup>Iofue begatte Ioacim, and Ioacim begate Eliafib, and Eliafib begate Ioiada, <sup>11</sup> and Ioiada begate Ionathan, and Ionathan begate Ieddoa. <sup>12</sup> And in the daies of Ioacim the Prieftes and Princes of the families were: Of Saraia, Maraia: Of Ieremias, Hanania: <sup>13</sup> Of Efdras, Mofellam: and of Amaria, Iohan: <sup>14</sup> Of Milicho, Ionathan: Of Sebenia, Iofeph: <sup>15</sup> Of Haram, Edna: Of Maraioth, Helci: <sup>16</sup> Of Adaia, Zacharia: Of Genthon, Mofollam: <sup>17</sup> Of Abia, Zechri: Of Miamin and Moadia, Phelti: <sup>18</sup> Of Belga, Sammua: Of Semaia, Ionathan: <sup>19</sup> Of Ioiarib, Mathanai: Of Iodaia, Azzi: <sup>20</sup> Of Sellai, Sellai: Of Amoc, Heber: <sup>21</sup> Of Helcias, Hafebia: Of Idaia, Nathanael. <sup>22</sup> The Leuites in the daies of Eliafib, and Ioiada, and Iohan, and Ieddoa, written Princes of the families, and the Prieftes in the reigne of Darius the Perfian. <sup>23</sup> The children of Leui, Princes of the families, written in the booke of Cronicles of daies, and vnto the daies of Ionathan the fonne of Eliafib. <sup>24</sup> And the Princes of the Leuites, Hafebia, Serebia, and Iofue the fonne of Cedmihel: & their bretheren by their courfes, to praife and confefse

<sup>a</sup> Efdras went againe to Babylon, and obtayning a fauorable commiffion of the King, brought manie with him into Ierufalem. *1. Efd. 7.*

<sup>b</sup> The genealogie of high Priefts from Iofue to Ieddoa otherwife called Iaddus.

according to the precept of Dauid the man of God, and to waite equally in order. <sup>25</sup> Mathania, and Becbecia, Obedia, and Mofollam, Telmon, Accub, keepers of the gates and of the entrances before the gates. <sup>26</sup> These were in the daies of Ioacim the sonne of Iosue, the sonne Iofedec, and in the daies of Nehemias the duke, and of Efdras the Priest, and Scribe. <sup>27</sup> And in the dedication of the wal of Ierufalem they fought Leuites out of al other places, to bring them into Ierufalem, and to make the dedication and ioy in geuing of thankes, and fongue, and in cimbares, pfalteries and harpes. <sup>28</sup> And the children of the singing men were gathered together out of the champaine about Ierufalem, and out of the townes Nethuphati, <sup>29</sup> and from the house of Galgal, and from the countries of Geba and Azmaueth: because the singing men did build them selues villages round about Ierufalem. <sup>30</sup> And the Priestes and Leuites were cleansed, and they cleansed the people, and the gates, and the wall. <sup>31</sup> And I made the Princes of Iuda, goe vp vpon the wal, and I sette two great quyers of them that should praise. And they went on the right hand vpon the wal to the gate of the dunghil. <sup>32</sup> And after them went Ofaias, and the halfe part of the princes of Iuda, <sup>33</sup> and Azarias, Efdras, and Mofollam, Iudas, and Beniamin, and Semeia, and Ieremias. <sup>34</sup> And of the children of the Priestes with trumpetes, Zacharias the sonne of Ionathan, the sonne of Semeia, the sonne of Nathania, the sonne of Michaia, the sonne Zechur, the sonne Afaph, <sup>35</sup> and his bretheren Semeia, and Azareel, Malalai, Galalai, Maai, Nathanael, and Iudas, and Hanani, with the instrumentes of the sonne of Dauid the man of God: and Efdras the scribe before them in the gate of the fountayne. <sup>36</sup> And against them there went vp in the stayers of the citie of Dauid, in the rising of the wal aboue the house of Dauid, and vnto the gate of waters toward the East. <sup>37</sup> And the second quyer of thankes geuers went on the contrarie side, and I after it, and the halfe part of the people vpon the wal, and aboue the tower of the fornaces, & vnto the broadest wal, <sup>38</sup> and aboue the gate of Ephraim, and aboue the old gate, and

aboute the gate of fifhes and the towre of Hananeel, and the towre of Emath, and vnto the gate of the flocke: and they stood in the gate of the watch, <sup>39</sup> and there stood two quyers of them that prayed in the house of God, and I and the halfe part of the magistrates with me. <sup>40</sup> And the Priestes, Eliachim, Maafia, Miamin, Michea, Elionai, Zacharia, Hanania with trumpettes, <sup>41</sup> & Maafia, and Semeia, and Eleazar, and Azzi, and Iohanan, and Melchia, and Aelam, and Ezer. And the finging men sang alowd, and Iezraia the ouerfeer: <sup>42</sup> and they immolated in that day great victimes, and reioyced: for God had made them ioyful with great ioy: yea their wiues also and children reioyced, and the ioy of Ierufalem was heard far of. <sup>43</sup> They numbered also in that day, men ouer the storehouses of the treasure, for the libamentes, and for the first frutes, and for the tythes, that the princes of the citie might bring in by them in the honour of thanksgiuing, Priestes and Leuites: becaufe Iuda was made ioyful, in the Priestes & Leuites standing by. <sup>44</sup> And they kept the watch of their God, and the obseruance of expiation, and the finging men, and the porters, according to the precept of Daud, and of Salomon his sonne, <sup>45</sup> becaufe in the daies of Daud, and Afaph from the beginning there were princes appoynted of the finging men in song praying, and confessing to God. <sup>46</sup> And al Ifrael, in the daies of Zorobabel, and in the daies of Nehemias, gaue portions to the finging men, and to the porters day by day, and they <sup>a</sup>sanctified the Leuites, and the Leuites sanctified the children of Aaron.

## Chapter 13

The third part. *The law is read, 3. ftrange wemen are difmiffed. 5. Faultes in diftribution of the treasure are amended, 10. and due portions geuen to the Leuites. 15. Breakers of the Sabbath are corrected, 23. and thofe which married wemen of ftrange nations.*

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<sup>a</sup> As others gaue tithes to the Leuites: fo they gaue to Priestes. Num. 18. v. 21. 28.

*Deut. 23.* **A**nd in that day there was read in the volume of Moyfes the people hearing it: and there was found written in it, that the Ammonites and the Moabites fhould not enter into the Church of God for euer: <sup>2</sup> for that they mette not the children of Ifrael with bread and water: and they hyred againft them Balaam, to curfe them: and our God turned the curfing into bleffing. <sup>3</sup> And it came to paffe, when they had heard the law, they feperated euerie ftranger from Ifrael. <sup>4</sup> And ouer this thing was Eliafib the Prieft, who had bene made ouerfeer in the treafurie of the houfe of our God, and neere akinne to <sup>a</sup>Tobias. <sup>5</sup> He therefore made to himfelfe a great treafurie, and they were there before him laying vp giftes, and frankincenfe, and veffeles, and the tythe of corne, of wine, and of oyle, the portions of the Leuites, and of the finging men, and of the porters, and the firft fruites of the Prieftes. <sup>6</sup> But in al thefe things I was not in Ierufalem, becaufe in the two and thirteth yeare of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon I came to the king, and in the end of certaine dayes I defired the king. <sup>7</sup> And I came to Ierufalem, to make him a treafure in the entrances of the houfe of God. <sup>8</sup> And it femed to me exceding euil. And I threw forth the veffels of the houfe of Tobias out of the treafurie: <sup>9</sup> and I commanded and they clenfed the treafurie: and I brought thither againe the veffels of the houfe of God, the facrifice, and the frankincenfe. <sup>10</sup> And I knew that the portion of the Leuites had not bene geuen: and that euerie man was fled into his countrie of the Leuites, and the finging men, and of them that miniftred: <sup>11</sup> and I pleaded the matter againft the magiftrates, and faid: Why haue we forfaken the houfe of God? And I affembled them, and I made them to ftand in their ftandings.

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<sup>a</sup> This Tobias was an Ammonite & a perfecuter *c. 14.* to whom Eliafib being akinne (by reafon of vnlawful mariages) ioyned felowfhipe with him for wicked lucre which therefore Nehemias corrected, prefiguring therein our Sauours zeale, who threw byers and fellers out of the temple. *Mat. 21.* And thefe perfecuters prefigured heretikes in their wordes and actes, as venerable Beda expoundeth. *li. 3. in Efd. c. 19.*

<sup>12</sup> And al Iuda caried the tythe of the corne, wine, and oyle into the ftore houfes. <sup>13</sup> And we appoynted ouer the ftorehoufes Selemias Priest, and Sadoc fcribe, and Phadaia of the Leuites, and next to them, Hanan the fonne of Zachur, the fonne of Mathania: becaufe they were approued faithful, and to them were committed the portions of the bretheren. <sup>14</sup> Remember me my God for this thing, and wipe not out my mercies, which I haue done in the houle of my God, and in his ceremonies. <sup>15</sup> In thofe daies I faw them in Iuda treading the preffes on the Sabbath, carying heapes, and loding vpon affes wine, and grapes, and figges, and al maner of burthen, and bringing it into Ierufalem on the Sabbath day. And I charged them, that they fhould fel on a day that it was lawful to fel in. <sup>16</sup> And the Tyrians dwelt in it, bringing fifhes, and al thinges to fel: and they fold on the Sabbathes to the children of Iuda in Ierufalem. <sup>17</sup> And I rebuked the Princes of Iuda, and faid to them: What is this euil thing, that you doe, and prophane the day of the Sabbath? <sup>18</sup> Why did not our fathers thefe thinges, and our God brought vpon vs al this euil, and vpon this citie? And you adde wrath vpon Ifrael in violating the Sabbath. <sup>19</sup> And it came to paffe, when the gates of Ierufalem had refteed on the Sabbath day, I fpake: and they fhut the gates, and I commanded them that they fhould not open them til after the Sabbath: and of my feruantes I appoynted ouer the gates, that none fhould bring in burdens in the Sabbath day. <sup>20</sup> And the merchantes, and they that fold al merchandife, taried without Ierufalem once and againe. <sup>21</sup> And I charged them, and I faid to them: Why tarie you ouer againft the wal? if you doe fo the fecond time, I wil lay my hand vpon you. Therefore from that time they came not on the Sabbath. <sup>22</sup> I fpake alfo to the Leuites that they fhould be cleafed, and fhould come to keepe the gates, and to fanctifie the day of the Sabbath: therefore for this alfo remember me my God, & fpare me according to the multitude of thy mercies. <sup>23</sup> But in thofe daies alfo I faw the Iewes marying wiues women of Azotus, and of Ammon, and of Moab. <sup>24</sup> And their children fpake,



the halfe part the Azotian tongue, and they could not speake the Iewes language, and they spake according to the language of the people and people. <sup>25</sup> And I rebuked them, and curfed them. And I beate of them fome men, and shaued them bald, and adiured them by God, that they should not geue their daughters to their fonnes, nor take their daughters for their fonnes, & for themfelues, faying: <sup>26</sup> Did not Salomon the king of Ifrael finne in this kind of thing? and furely in manie nations, there was not a king like to him, & he was beloued of his God, and God fette him king ouer al Ifrael: him therefore alfo foren women brought to finne. <sup>27</sup> And fhall we alfo being difobedient perfons doe al this great euil, to tranfgrefse againft our God, and to marie foren women? <sup>28</sup> And Sanaballat the Horonite was fonne in law to one of the fonnes of Ioiada, the fonne of Eliafib the high Prieft, whom I draue from me. <sup>29</sup> Remember ô Lord my God againft them, that pollute the Priefthood, and the right of Prieftes and Leuites. <sup>30</sup> Therefore I feperated from them al ftrangers, and I appoynted the courfes of the Prieftes and Leuites, euerie man in his minifterie: <sup>31</sup> and in the oblation of woode at times appoynted, and in the firft fruites: <sup>a</sup>)Remember me my God vnto good. Amen.

THE THIRD, AND FOVRTH BOOKES OF ESDRAS,  
WITH THE PRAYER OF MANASSES, folow after the MACH-  
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<sup>a</sup> A iuft man that hath merited by good workes may pray with great confidence for reward.

