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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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2 Now in [the] first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, in order that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia. And he caused an announcement¹ to pass over in his whole kingdom, and also in writing, saying,

3 "Thus says Cyrus the king of Persia: 'The LORD the God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has appointed me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which [is] in Judah.

4 "Whoever [is] among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which [is] in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD the God of Israel; he [is] the God who [is] in Jerusalem.

5 "And anyone who is left in all the places where he sojourns, let the men of his place support him with silver, and with gold, and with possessions, and with cattle, along with the freewill offering for the house of God which [is] in Jerusalem."

6 Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites arose, namely everyone whose spirit God had stirred up to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD which [is] in Jerusalem.

7 And all who were around about them strengthened their hands with articles of silver, with gold, with possessions, with cattle, and with precious things, apart from all that was freely offered.

8 The king Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out from Jerusalem and had put in the house of his god.

9 And Cyrus the king of Persia brought them out in the care² of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

10 Now this³ [was] the number of them: thirty basins of gold, a thousand basins of silver, twenty-nine knives,

11 thirty bowls of gold, four hundred and ten bowls of silver of a second [kind], a thousand other articles.

12 All articles of gold and of silver [were] five thousand and four hundred. All [these] Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

1) lit, "voice"

2) lit, "hand"

3) lit, "these"

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and [put it] also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which [is] in Judah.

3 Who [is there] among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which [is] in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he [is] the God,) which [is] in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that [is] in Jerusalem.

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all [them] whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which [is] in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that [were] about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all [that] was willingly offered.

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

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

9 And this [is] the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second [sort] four hundred and ten, [and] other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver [were] five thousand and four hundred. All [these] did Sheshbazzar bring up with [them of] the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

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1 Now these [were] the sons of the province who had gone up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away into exile to Babylon and [who] had returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, each man to his city,

2 who had come with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

4 the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;

5 the sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five;

6 the sons of Pahath-moab, of the sons of Jeshua [and] Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve;

7 the sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

8 the sons of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five;

9 the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;

10 the sons of Bani, six hundred and forty-two;

11 the sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three;

12 the sons of Azgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two;

13 the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six;

14 the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six;

15 the sons of Adin, four hundred fifty-four;

16 the sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;

17 the sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three;

18 the sons of Jorah, a hundred and twelve;

19 the sons of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three;

20 the sons of Gibbar, ninety-five;

21 the sons of Bethlehem, a hundred twenty-three;

22 the men of Netophah, fifty-six;

23 the men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight;

24 the sons of Azmaveth, forty-two;

1 Now these [are] the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua [and] Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.

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25 the sons of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;
 26 the sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;
 27 the men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two;
 28 the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three;
 29 the sons of Nebo, fifty-two;
 30 the sons of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six;
 31 the sons of [the] other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
 32 the sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty;
 33 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;
 34 the sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;
 35 the sons of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
 36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
 37 the sons of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two;
 38 the sons of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
 39 the sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
 40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
 41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, a hundred and twenty-eight.
 42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai. The entirety [were] a hundred and thirty-eight.
 43 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
 45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,
 46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shamlai, the sons of Hanan,
 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,
 48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,
 49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,
 50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephisim,
 51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
 52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,
 54 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.
 55 The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Hassophereth, the sons of Peruda,
 56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of Ami.
 58 All the temple servants and the sons of the servants of Solomon [were] three hundred and ninety-two.
 59 And these [were] those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, Immer, but they were not able to declare the house of their fathers or their descent, whether they [were] from Israel:
 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two.
 61 And from the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, and the sons of Barzillai, who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name.
 62 These sought their registration [among] those who were enrolled by genealogy, but they were not found. Therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.

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25 The children of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.
 26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.
 27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.
 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
 29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
 30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.
 31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
 32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.
 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.
 36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
 37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
 38 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
 39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
 40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.
 41 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.
 42 The children of 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, [in] all an hundred thirty and nine.
 43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
 44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
 45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
 46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan,
 47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,
 48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,
 49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,
 50 The children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephusim,
 51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
 52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
 53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
 54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
 55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,
 56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
 57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.
 58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, [were] three hundred ninety and two.
 59 And these [were] they which went up from Telmelah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan, [and] Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they [were] of Israel:
 60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.
 61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:
 62 These sought their register [among] those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the Tirshatha told them that they should not eat of the most holy things¹ until a priest with Urim and with Thummin arose.

64 The whole assembly as one [was] forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

65 apart from their male servants and their female servants: these [were] seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred male singers and female singers.

66 Their horses [were] seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules [were] two hundred and forty-five;

67 their camels [were] four hundred and thirty-five; their donkeys [were] six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And part of the heads of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which [is] in Jerusalem, offered freewill offerings for the house of God, to set it up in its place.

69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand drachmas of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and a hundred tunics of priests.

70 Therefore the priests, and the Levites, and part of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple servants dwelled in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

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1) lit., "holy thing of the holy things"

63 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 with Thummim.

64 The whole congregation together [was] forty and two thousand three hundred [and] threescore,

65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom [there were] seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and [there were] among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses [were] seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; [their] asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And [some] of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which [is] at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and [some] of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

1 Now when the seventh month arrived, and the sons of Israel [were] in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers arose and built the altar of the God of Israel to offer up burnt offerings upon it, according to that which is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set up the altar upon its foundations, for terror¹ [was] upon them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered up burnt offerings upon it to the LORD, burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening.

4 And they prepared the feast of Booths, according to that which is written, and daily burnt offerings in number, according to the ordinance of [the] daily requirement²;

5 and afterward the continual burnt offering³, and of the new moons, and of all the appointed feasts of the LORD which were consecrated, and of everyone who made freewill offerings [with] a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From [the] first day of the seventh month they began to offer up burnt offerings to the LORD, but the temple of the LORD had not been founded.

7 And they gave money to the stone masons and to the carpenters, and food and drink and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar trees⁴ from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the authorization which they had from Cyrus the king of Persia⁵.

8 Now in the second year after they came to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites and all those who had come from the captivity [to] Jerusalem, began and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the LORD.

9 And Jeshua, his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, stood as one to supervise those who were doing the work in the house of God; [also] the sons of Henadad, their sons and their brothers the Levites.

10 Now the builders were founding the temple of the LORD. Then they set the priests in [their] clothes with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David the king of Israel.

11 And they sang with praising and with thanksgiving to the LORD, "For [he is] good, for his loving kindness [is] upon Israel to eternity." Now all the people shouted [with] a great shout, when [they] praised⁶ the LORD, because the house of the LORD had been founded.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and the heads of the fathers, the old [men] who had seen the first house, when it had been founded, this house, before their eyes, were weeping with a loud voice, while many lifted up [their] voice with a shout, with joy.

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1) lit., "with terror"

2) lit., "thing of a day in its day"
3) lit., "burnt offering of continuity"

4) lit., "trees of cedar"

5) lit., "of Cyrus the king of Persia over them"

6) or, "with praising to"

CHAPTER 3

1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel [were] in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as [it is] written in the law of Moses the man of God.

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

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

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

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not [yet] laid.

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

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

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because [he is] good, for his mercy [endureth] for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

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

13 And the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people were shouting [with] a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

CHAPTER 4

1 Now the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exile were building a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel.

2 And they drew near to Zerubbabel and to the chiefs of the fathers, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God, and we have been sacrificing to him from the days of Esarhaddon the king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chiefs of the fathers of Israel, said to them, "[It is] not for you, but for us to build a house for our God, for we ourselves together will build to the LORD the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia commanded us."

4 Then the people of the land were weakening the hands of the people of Judah, and were frightening them from building,

5 and were hiring counselors against them, to foil their plan, all the days of Cyrus the king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius the king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, at the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel and the rest of his associates, wrote to Artaxerxes the king of Persia, and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated. (Aramaic:)

8 Rehum [the] lord of command, and Shimshai the scribe, wrote a letter concerning Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, as follows:

9 (Thereupon [it was] Rehum [the] lord of command, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates—the judges, and the top officials, the chancellors, the Persians, the inhabitants of Erech, the Babylonians, the inhabitants of Susa, the Dehavites, the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable Osnappar took into exile and settled in the city of Samaria and the rest of the region across the River. And now,

11 this [is] the copy of the letter which they sent to him) "To Artaxerxes the king: Your servants, the men of the region across the River. And now,

12 "let it be known to the king that the Jews which came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem. [They] are rebuilding the rebellious and evil city; they are finishing the walls and are repairing the foundations.

13 "Now let it be known to the king that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, they will not pay tribute, tax, or toll, and it will damage [the] treasuries of kings.

14 "Now because we have eaten the salt of the palace, [it is] not fitting for us to see the nakedness of the king, therefore we have sent and informed the king,

15 "in order that one may investigate in the book of the records of your fathers, and you will discover in the book of the records and will learn that that city [is] a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and [they] would make revolt in the midst of it from the days of antiquity, therefore that city was laid waste.

16 "We are informing the king that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, then you will not have a share in the region across the River."

17 The king sent this answer: "To Rehum [the] lord of command, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates who are dwelling in Samaria and the rest of the region across the River, peace. And now,

18 "the letter which you sent to us has been clearly read before me.

19 "And from me a command was given, and they investigated and discovered that that city from the days of antiquity would rise up against kings, and rebellion and revolt would be made in it.

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

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

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

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

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they [unto him] an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

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

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

9 Then [wrote] Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, [and] the Elamites,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest [that are] on this side the river, and at such a time.

11 This [is] the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, [even] unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls [thereof], and joined the foundations.

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

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

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city [is] a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

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

17 [Then] sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and [to] Shimshai the scribe, and [to] the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and [unto] the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

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

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and [that] rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

20 "And mighty kings were over Jerusalem, and rulers over the whole region across the River, and tribute, tax, and toll were paid to them.

21 "Now, give a command to cause those men to cease, in order that that city may not be rebuilt, until a command is given from me.

22 "And be warned in being negligent concerning this; why should damage become great to [the] injuring of kings?"

23 Then, after the copy of the letter of Artaxerxes the king was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their associates, they went with haste to Jerusalem to the Jews, and caused them to cease by force and might.

24 Then the work of the house of God which [was] in Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until [the] second year of the reign of Darius the king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

1 Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, the prophets, prophesied to the Jews who [were] in Judah and in Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel [who was] upon them.

2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which [was] in Jerusalem, and with them [were] the prophets of God supporting them.

3 At that time Tattenai the governor of the region across the River, and Shethar-bozenai and their associates, came to them and said to them thus, "Who issued you a decree to rebuild this house and to finish this structure?"

4 Then we told them accordingly what the names of the men were who were rebuilding this building.

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so they did not make them cease until the report should reach Darius and they then send back the letter concerning this.

6 The copy of the letter which Tattenai the governor of the region across the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his associates the officials who [were] in the region across the River, sent to Darius the king.

7 They sent the report to him, and [it was] written in the midst of it like this: "To Darius the king, all peace.

8 "Let it be known to the king that we went to Judah the province, to the house of the great God, and it was being rebuilt with stones of rolling, and beams were being laid in the walls, and that work was being done thoroughly, and [it] was proceeding in their hands.

9 "Then we asked those elders; we said to them thus, 'Who issued you a decree to rebuild this house and to finish this structure?'

10 "And we also asked them their names to inform you, in order that we might write the names of the men who [were] at their heads.

11 "And they sent back to us the answer as follows, saying, 'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and [we] are rebuilding the house which was built many years before this, which a great king of Israel built and finished.

12 "But because our fathers had enraged the God of heaven, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and this house, he destroyed it and led the people off into exile to Babylon.

13 "However, in [the] first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, Cyrus the king issued a decree to rebuild this house of God,

14 "and also the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out from the temple which [was] in Jerusalem and had brought into the temple of Babylon, Cyrus the king took them out from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to [one] whose name [was] Sheshbazzar, whom he had appointed as governor,

15 "and he said to him, 'Take these vessels, go, deposit them in the temple which [is] in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt upon its place.'

16 "Then that Sheshbazzar came; he laid the foundations of the house of God which [is] in Jerusalem, and from then until now [it] has been in building and it has not been finished.'

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all [countries] beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

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

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

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

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which [is] at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

1 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that [were] in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, [even] unto them.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which [is] at Jerusalem: and with them [were] the prophets of God helping them.

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this [matter].

6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which [were] on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those elders, [and] said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that [were] the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon [the same] king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that [was] in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto [one], whose name [was] Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that [is] in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, [and] laid the foundation of the house of God which [is] in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and [yet] it is not finished.

17 "So now, if [it is] good to the king, let it be investigated in the house of the treasures of the king there which [is] in Babylon, whether it be so that a decree was issued from Cyrus the king to rebuild that house of God in Jerusalem, and let one send the decision of the king concerning this to us."

CHAPTER 6

1 Then Darius the king issued a command, and they searched in the house of the books, where the treasures were deposited in Babylon.

2 But in Ecbatana, in the citadel which [is] in Media the province, a scroll was found, and it was written thus in the midst of it: "Memorandum:

3 "In [the] first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king issued a decree: 'The house of God in Jerusalem: Let the house be rebuilt on [the] place where they used to sacrifice sacrifices, and [let] its foundations be maintained; its height [shall be] sixty cubits; its width [shall be] sixty cubits;

4 "[there shall be] three layers of great stone and a layer of new timber, and let the cost be paid from the house of the king.

5 "And also let them bring the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, which Nebuchadnezzar took out from the temple which [was] in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, back, and let [each] go to the temple which [is] in Jerusalem, to its place, and you shall deposit [them] in the house of God.'

6 "Now, Tattenai the governor of the region across the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their associates the officials who [are] in the region across the River, be far from there.

7 "Leave the work of that house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild that house of God upon its place.

8 "And from me a decree has been issued concerning what you will do with those elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of that house of God: let the cost be paid completely to those men from the treasures of the king, of the tribute of the region across the River, in order not to stop [it].

9 "And whatever [is] a necessity—young bulls, or rams, or lambs for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, grains of wheat, salt, wine, or anointing oil, according to the command of the priests who [are] in Jerusalem—let it be given to them day by day without negligence,

10 "in order that they may offer incense offerings to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

11 "Also from me a decree has been given, that every man who violates this edict, a beam shall be pulled out from his house, and being raised up, he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a refuse heap on account of this.

12 "And may the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow every king or people who stretches out his hand to violate [it] in order to destroy that house of God which [is] in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have issued a decree; let it be done completely."

13 Then Tattenai the governor of the region across the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their associates, thus did completely, just as Darius the king had sent.

14 Therefore the elders of the Jews were building and were making progress through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished [it] according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes the king of Persia.

15 So they finished this house until [the] third day of the month Adar (that is, [the] sixth year of the reign of Darius the king).

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the children of the exile, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 and they offered for the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and as a sin offering on behalf of all Israel twelve male goats according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they appointed the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their sections for the service of God which [is] in Jerusalem, according to the instruction of the book of Moses.

19 And the sons of the exile kept the Passover on [the] fourteenth of the first month.

17 Now therefore, if [it seem] good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which [is] there at Babylon, whether it be [so], that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAPTER 6

1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that [is] in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein [was] a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king [the same] Cyrus the king made a decree [concerning] the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, [and] the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

4 [With] three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house:

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which [is] at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which [is] at Jerusalem, [every one] to his place, and place [them] in the house of God.

6 Now [therefore], Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which [are] beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, [even] of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which [are] at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter [and] to destroy this house of God which [is] at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished [it], according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which [is] at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth [day] of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites had cleansed themselves as one; all of them [were] clean. So they slaughtered the Passover [lamb] for all the sons of the exile, and for their fellow brothers the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel who had returned from the exile, and everyone who had separated himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek the LORD the God of Israel, ate.

22 And they kept [the] Feast of Unleavened Bread [for] seven days with joy, for the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,
 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
 4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest;

6 that Ezra went up from Babylon, and he [was] a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD the God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And part of the sons of Israel, and part of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple servants, went up to Jerusalem in [the] seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came [to] Jerusalem in the fifth month; that [was] in the seventh year of the king.

9 For on [the] first of the first month it [was] the beginning¹ of the ascent from Babylon, and on [the] first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to do [it], and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

11 Now this [was] the copy of the letter which the king Artaxerxes had given Ezra the priest, the scribe, the scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD and his statutes upon Israel:

12 "Artaxerxes the king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven. Perfect [peace]. And now,

13 "a decree has been issued from me, that everyone willing in my kingdom, of the people of Israel, or their priests or Levites, to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.

14 "For [you] are sent from the presence of the king and his seven counsellors to inquire about Judah and about Jerusalem, through the law of your God which [is] in your hand,

15 "and to bring [the] silver and gold which the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling [is] in Jerusalem,

16 "and all [the] silver and gold which you will get in the whole province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, offering freely for the house of their God which [is] in Jerusalem.

17 "Correspondingly you shall diligently buy with this money bulls, rams, lambs, and their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and you shall offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which [is] in Jerusalem.

18 "And whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, you may do according to the will of your God.

19 "Also the vessels which have been given to you for the service of the house of your God, you shall deliver completely before the God of Jerusalem

20 "And the rest of the needs of the house of your God, which it falls to you to provide, you may provide from the house of the treasures of the king.

21 "And from me, I, Artaxerxes the king, a decree has been issued to all the treasurers who [are] in the region across the River, that all that Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, requires of you, let it be done completely,

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them [were] pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

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 3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
 4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
 5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he [was] a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And there went up [some] of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which [was] in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first [day] of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first [day] of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do [it], and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

11 Now this [is] the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, [even] a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect [peace], and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and [of] his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which [is] in thine hand;

15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation [is] in Jerusalem,

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which [is] in Jerusalem:

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which [is] in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, [those] deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow [it] out of the king's treasure house.

21 And I, [even] I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which [are] beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

1) lit. "foundation"

22 "up to a hundred talents of silver, and up to a hundred kors of wheat, and up to a hundred baths of wine, and up to a hundred baths of anointing oil, and salt without a written requirement.

23 "All that [is] according to the commandment of the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven, for why should wrath be against the kingdom of the king and his sons?

24 "[We] also make known to you that [with reference to] all the priests and the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, the temple servants, and the servants of this house of God, [it is] not permitted to impose tribute, tax, or toll upon them.

25 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which [is] in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who [are] in the region across the River, all the ones who know the laws of your God. And [the one] who does not know [them], you shall instruct.

26 "And everyone who does not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be strictly executed upon him, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of goods or for imprisonment."

27 Blessed is the LORD, the God of our fathers, who has put [such a thing] as this into the heart of the king, to glorify the house of the LORD which [is] in Jerusalem,

28 and has extended loving kindness to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the mighty princes of the king. Now I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me. Then I gathered together chief men from Israel to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

1 Now these [were] the heads of their fathers and their genealogy, who were going up with me from Babylon in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:

2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush.

3 of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah and with him a hundred and fifty of males enrolled themselves in the genealogical list;

4 of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah and with him two hundred males;

5 of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel and with him three hundred males;

6 and of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan and with him fifty males;

7 and of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiha the son of Athaliah and with him seventy males;

8 and of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael and with him eighty males;

9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel and with him two hundred and eighteen males;

10 and of the sons of Bani, Shelomith the son of Josiphiah and with him a hundred and sixty males;

11 and of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai and with him twenty-eight males;

12 and of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan and with him a hundred and ten males;

13 and of the sons of Adonikam, [the] last [ones]; now these [were] their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males;

14 and of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur, and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river which runs to Ahava, and we encamped there [for] three days. Then I reviewed the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there.

16 And I sent 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, and for Joiarib and for Elnathan, understanding men,

17 and commissioned them to Iddo the chief man at the place Casiphia, and I told them¹ to speak to Iddo, his brother, the temple servants, at the place Casiphia, about bringing ministers to us for the house of our God.

1) lit, "put words in their mouth"

CHAPTER 8

1 These [are] now the chief of their fathers, and [this is] the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.

3 Of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab; Elihoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shecaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiha the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names [are] these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

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.

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.

18 And they brought us, according to the good hand of our God upon us, a man of insight, from the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen;

19 and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah from the sons of Marari, his brothers and their sons, twenty;

20 and from the temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants. All of them were marked by names.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river Ahava, in order to humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a smooth² journey for us, and for our little ones, and for all our possessions.

22 For I was ashamed to request from the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against an enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, saying, "The hand of our God [is] benevolent³ upon all those who seek him for good, but his might and his wrath [are] against all those who forsake him."

23 So we fasted and requested from our God concerning this, and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, namely, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them.

25 And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the articles, the offering for the house of our God which the king and his counselors and his princes and all Israel who were present had offered up.

26 And I weighted out into their hand six hundred and fifty talents [of] silver, and a hundred talents [of] articles of silver, a hundred talents [of] gold.

27 And twenty bowls of gold of a thousand darics, and two articles of fine shining bronze, precious⁴ as gold.

28 And I said to them, "You [are] holiness to the LORD, and the articles [are] holiness, and the silver and the gold [are] a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your fathers.

29 "Watch and keep [them] until you weigh [them] out before the chiefs of the priests, and the Levites, and the chiefs of the fathers of Israel, in Jerusalem, [in] the chambers of the house of the LORD."

30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold and the articles, to bring [them] to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

31 Then we set out from the river of Ahava on [the] twelve of the first month to go [to] Jerusalem. Now the hand of our God was upon us. And he delivered us from the hand of [the] enemy and ambushes by the way.

32 And we came [to] Jerusalem and dwelled there [for] three days.

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the articles were weighed out in the house of our God into 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, the Levites.

34 By number [and] by weight of the entirety, and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Those who had come from the captivity, the sons of the exile, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls on behalf of all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats for a sin offering. All [this was] a burnt offering to the LORD.

36 And they delivered the laws of the king to the satraps of the king and the governors of the region beyond the river, and they would support the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

1 Now as soon as [they] finished these [things], the princes drew near to me, saying, "The people Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, in accordance with their abominations: the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 "For they have taken from their daughters for themselves and for their sons, with the result that the holy seed¹ have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands. Indeed the hand of the princes and the prefects has been chief in this unfaithfulness."

CHAPTER 8

2) lit, "straight"

3) lit, "for good"

4) lit, "preciousness"

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;

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;

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.

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.

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.

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

24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

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:

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;

27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

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.

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.

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.

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.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

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;

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

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.

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.

CHAPTER 9

1) lit, "seed of holiness"

CHAPTER 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.

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.

3 And as soon as I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked off part of the hair of my head and my beard, and sat down appalled.

4 And everyone who was trembling at the words of the God of Israel, because of the unfaithfulness of the exiles, were assembling to me, while I was sitting appalled until the offering of the evening.

5 And at the offering of the evening I arose from my humiliation. And when I had torn my garment and my robe, I kneeled down upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God,

6 and said, "O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to you, O my God, for our iniquities have increased above [our] head, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

7 "From the days of our fathers to this day we [have been] in great guilt. And on account of our iniquities we, our kings, our priests, have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to shame of face, this very day.

8 "But now for a brief² moment there has been grace from the LORD our God, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in his holy place³, in order that our God might lighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our slavery.

9 "For we [are] slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us loving kindness before the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving to raise up the house of our God and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 "And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments,

11 "which you have commanded by the hand of your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land which you are entering, to take possession of it, is a land of impurity through the impurity of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations with which they have filled it from end to end, through their uncleanness.

12 "'Now therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, and do not take their daughters to your sons, and do not seek their peace or their prosperity to eternity, in order that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and leave [it] as an inheritance to your sons to eternity.'

13 "And after all that has come upon us on account of our evil deeds and on account of our great guilt, since you our God have spared⁴ part of our iniquity and have given us an escaped remnant such as this,

14 "shall we again break your commandments and intermarry with the peoples of these abominations? Would you not be angry with us to the point of destruction, with the result that there should be no remnant or escapees?

15 "O LORD, the God of Israel, you [are] righteous, for we have been left [as] an escaped remnant this very day. Behold, we [are] before you in our guilt, for there is no one [who is able] to stand before you on account of this."

CHAPTER 10

1 Now as soon as Ezra had prayed and as soon as he had made confession, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a very large assembly, men and women and children, gathered together to him out of Israel, for the people wept [with] a great¹ weeping.

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, [one] of the sons of Elam, responded and said to Ezra, "We ourselves have acted unfaithfully toward our God and have married² foreign women from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.

3 "Now therefore let us cut a covenant before our God to put away all wives and that which have been born from them, according to the counsel of the Lord³ and those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 "Arise, for the matter [is] upon you, and we [will be] with you; have courage⁴ and act."

5 Then Ezra arose and caused the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that [they] would do according to this word. So they swore.

CHAPTER 9

2) lit, "fewness of"

3) lit, "the place of his holiness"

4) lit, "kept back downward"

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.

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.

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,

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.

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.

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 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.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

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.

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.

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;

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?

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.

CHAPTER 10

1) lit, "muchness of"

2) lit, "given a dwelling to"

3) or, "my lord"

4) or, "be strong"

CHAPTER 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.

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.

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.

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

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore.

6 Then Ezra arose from before the house of God and went to the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib. When he had gone there, he ate no bread and drank no water, for he was mourning on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 And they made a proclamation⁵ in Judah and Jerusalem to all the sons of the exile, that [they] should gather together [at] Jerusalem,

8 and [that] any [one] who should not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his possessions should be devoted to destruction, and he himself separated from the congregation of the exile⁶.

9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered together [at] Jerusalem within the three days. It [was] the ninth month, on [the] twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the broad open place of the house of God, trembling because of the occasion and on account of the heavy rain showers.

10 And Ezra the priest rose up and said to them, "You yourselves have acted unfaithfully and have married⁷ foreign women, with the result of adding to the guilt of Israel.

11 "Now therefore give praise⁸ to the LORD, the God of your fathers, and do his will, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women⁹."

12 Then the whole congregation answered and said [with] a loud voice, "[It is] upon us to do so according to your word.

13 "However, the people [are] many, and [it is] the time [of] heavy rain, and [we] are not able¹⁰ to stand outside, and the work [is] not for one day or for two, for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.

14 "Now let our princes stand for the whole assembly, and let every [one] who [are] in our cities who has married¹¹ foreign women¹² come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city¹³ and its judges, until the burning anger of our God turns away from us, during this matter."

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the sons of the exile did so. And Ezra the priest, men, the chiefs of the fathers, according to the house of their fathers, and all of them by names, separated themselves. And they sat down on [the] first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And by [the] first day of the first month they made an end with all the men who had married¹⁴ foreign women.

18 And it was found from the sons of the priests who had married¹⁵ foreign women: of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their promise¹⁶ to put away their wives, and [their] guilt offering [was] a ram of [the] flock for their guilt.

20 And of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah;

21 and of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and She-maiah, and Jehiel, and Uz-ziah;

22 and of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasa-h;

23 and of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 And of the singers: Eliashib. And of the gatekeepers: Shal-lum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Hashabiah, and Benaiah;

26 And of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah;

27 And of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza;

28 And of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai;

29 And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth;

30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benai-h, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, She-maiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

CHAPTER 10

5) lit, "caused a voice to pass through"

6) or, "exiles"

7) lit, "given a dwelling to"

8) or, "make confession"

9) or, "wives"

10) lit, "there is no strength"

11) lit, "given a dwelling to"

12) or, "wives"

13) lit, "city and city"

14) lit, "given a dwelling to"

15) lit, "given a dwelling to"

16) lit, "hand"

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.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

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.

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 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

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.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

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.

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.

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.

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.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

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.

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.

20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and She-maiah, and Jehiel, and Uz-ziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa-h.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same [is] Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, [and] Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sons of Pahathmoab; Adna, and Chelal, Benai-h, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And [of] the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchiah, She-maiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, [and] Shemariah.

EZRA 10

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- 33** of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eli-
phelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei;
34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhu,
36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasai,
38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
39 and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph;
43 of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jad-
dai, and Joel, Benaiah.
44 All these had taken foreign women, and there were women
of them who had borne sons.

CHAPTER 10

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- 33** Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eli-
phelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, [and] Shimei.
34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,
36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,
38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, [and] Joseph.
43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina,
Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.
44 All these had taken strange wives: and [some] of them had
wives by whom they had children.