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Nehemiah 1

the words of Nehemiah.

the son of hacaliah
now it happened in the month chislev
in the twentieth year
while i was in susa the capitol,
2 that and Hanani 1 of my brother.s
and some men,
from JUDAH came to me.

and i asked them concerning,
the jews who had escaped.
and had or survived as a the captivity/remnant,
and about jerusalem.

3 and they/Hanani said/told to me,
the a remnant is there. in the province
who survived the captivity
are in great distress and reproach
and the wall/homes of/for jerusalem,
is/are broken down and its gates are were burned with fire.

4 now it came about
when i heard these words
i sat down and wept
and mourned for days
and i was fasting and
then i prayed to before the God/YH, of heaven
5 and i said i beseech YOU
LORD God of heaven
the great and awesome God
who/YOU preserves the YOUR covenant/PROMISES.
and YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS is for/to those whom, love him
and keeps his YOUR COMMANDMENTS.

6 let YOUR EARS now be attentive/hear,
and YOUR eyes open
to hear the prayer of YOUR SERVANT.
which i am praying before YOU
now day and night
on behalf of the sons/descendants,
of/from Israelis YOUR SERVANTS.

confessing the sins
of the sons of israel
which we have sinned against YOU
i and my fathers house have sinned

7 for we/ours have/were acted very corruptly/rebellious against YOU,
and have not kept the commandments
nor the statutes
nor the ordinances
which YOU didst command
YOUR servant moises

8 by not remembering the word which YOU didst COMMANDED us.
YOUR servant moises
YOU SAYING/SAID if you/we are unfaithful,
i YOU WILL SCATTER/SEND you/us among the peoples away.

9 but if you return to me
and for us keep/obeying my YOUR COMMANDMENTS, and do them
although those of you who/we have been scattered.
were in the most remote part of the heavens
i YOU WILL GATHER them/us from there/wherever,
and will bring them/us to the place/jerusalem.
where i have chosen
to cause my name to dwell

10 and for they/us to be are YOUR SERVANTS and YOUR as a people,
whom YOU didst will redeem/deliever.
by YOUR GREAT POWER,
and by YOUR STRONG HAND.

11 Lord i beseech YOU
may YOUR ear be attentive
to the prayer of YOUR servant
and the prayer of YOUR servants
who delight to revere YOUR NAME
and make YOUR servant
successful today
and grant him compassion

before this man
now i was the cupbearer to the king

Nehemiah 2

and it came about in the month nisan
in the twentieth year
of king artaxerxes
that wine was before him
and i took up the wine
and gave it to the king
now i had not been
sad in his presence

2 so the king said to me
why is your face sad
though you are not sick
this is nothing but sadness of heart

then i was very much afraid

3 and i said to the king
let the king live forever
why should my face not be sad
when the city
the place of my fathers tombs lies desolate
and its gates have been consumed by fire

4 then the king said to me
what would you request

so i prayed to the God of heaven

5 and i said to the king
if it please the king
and if your servant
has found favor before you
send me to judah
to the city of my fathers tombs
that i may rebuild it

6 then the king said to me
the queen sitting beside him
how long will your journey be
and when will you return

so it pleased the king to send me
and i gave him a definite time

7 and i said to the king
if it please the king
let letters be given me
for the governors of the provinces
beyond the river
that they may allow me to pass through
until i come to judah

8 and a letter to asaph
the keeper of the kings forest
that he may give me timber
to make beams for the gates of the fortress

which is by the temple
for the wall of the city
and for the house to which i will go

and the king granted *them* to me
because the good hand of my **God was** on me

9 then i came to the governors *of the provinces*
beyond the river
and gave them the kings letters

now the king had sent with me
officers of the army and horsemen

10 and when sanballat the horonite and tobiah the ammonite
official heard *about it*
it was very displeasing to them
that someone had come
to seek the welfare
of the sons of israel

11 so i came to jerusalem
and was there three days

12 and i arose in the night
i and a few men with me
i did not tell anyone
what my **God**
was putting into my mind
to do for jerusalem
and there was no animal with me
except the animal
on which i was riding

13 so i went out at night
by the valley **gate**
in the direction of the dragons well
and **on** to the refuse **gate**
inspecting the walls of jerusalem
which were broken down
and its gates which were consumed by fire

14 then i passed on to the fountain **gate**
and the kings pool
but there was no place
for my mount to pass

15 so i went up at night
y the ravine and inspected the wall
then i entered the valley **gate**
again and returned

16 and the officials did not know
where i had gone
or what i had done
nor had i as yet told the jews
the priests the nobles the officials
or the rest who did the work

17 then i said to them
you see the bad situation we are in
that jerusalem is desolate
and its gates burned by fire
come let us rebuild
the wall of jerusalem
that we may no longer be a reproach

18 and i told them how
the hand of my **God** had been favorable to me
and also about the kings words
which he had spoken to me
then they said let us arise and build
so they put their hands to the good *work*

19 but when sanballat the horonite and tobiah
the ammonite official
and geshem the arab
heard *it* they mocked us
and despised us and said
what is this thing you are doing
are you rebelling against the king

20 so i answered them and said to them
the **God** of heaven will give us success
therefore we his servants
will arise and build
but you have no portion right
or memorial in jerusalem

Nehemiah 3

then eliashib
the high priest
arose with his brothers
the priests and built
the sheep **gate**
they consecrated it and hung its doors
they consecrated the wall
to the tower of the hundred
and the tower of hananel

2 and next to him the men of jericho built
and next to them zaccur
the son of imri built

3 now the sons of hassenaah
built the fish **gate**
they laid its beams
and hung its doors
with its bolts and bars

4 and next to them meremoth
the son of uriah the son of hakkoz
made repairs
and next to him meshullam
the son of berechiah
the son of meshezabel
made repairs

and next to him zadok
the son of baana
also made repairs

5 moreover next to him the tekoites
made repairs
but their nobles did not support
the work of their masters

6 and joiada the son of paseah
and meshullam the son of besodeiah
repaired the old **gate**
they laid its beams
and hung its doors
with its bolts and its bars

7 next to them melatiah the gibeonite
and jadon the meronothite
the men of gibeon and of mizpah
also made repairs
for the official seat of the governor
of the province beyond the river

8 next to him uzziel
the son of harhaiah
of the goldsmiths made repairs
and next to him hananiah
one of the perfumers
made repairs
and they restored jerusalem
as far as the broad wall

9 and next to them rephaiah
the son of hur
the official of half
the district of jerusalem
made repairs

10 next to them jedaiah
the son of harumaph
made repairs
opposite his house

and next to him hattush
the son of hashabneiah
made repairs

11 malchijah the son of harim
and hasshub the son of pahath-moab
repaired another section
and the tower of furnaces

12 and next to him shallum the son of hallohesh the official of half the district of jerusalem
made repairs he and his daughters

13 hanun and the inhabitants of zanoah repaired the valley **gate** they built it and hung its
doors with its bolts and its bars and a thousand cubits of the wall to the refuse **gate**

14 and malchijah the son of rechab the official of the district of beth-haccherem repaired
the refuse **gate** he built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars

15 shallum the son of col-hozeh the official of the district of mizpah repaired the fountain
gate he built it covered it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars and the wall of the
pool of shelah at the kings garden as far as the steps that descend from the city of David

16 after him nehemiah the son of azbuk official of half the district of beth-zur made repairs
as far as **a point** opposite the tombs of David and as far as the artificial pool and the house
of the mighty men

17 after him the Levites carried out repairs **under** rehum the son of bani next to him
hashabiah the official of half the district of keilah carried out repairs for his district

18 after him their brothers carried out repairs **under** bavvai the son of henadad official of
the other half of the district of keilah

19 and next to him ezer the son of jeshua the official of mizpah repaired another section in
front of the ascent of the armory at the angle

20 after him baruch the son of zabbai zealously repaired another section from the angle to
the doorway of the house of eliashib the high priest

21 after him meremoth the son of uriah the son of hakkoz repaired another section from the
doorway of eliashibs house even as far as the end of his house

22 and after him the priests the men of the valley carried out repairs

23 after them benjamin and hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house after them
azariah the son of maaseiah son of ananiah carried out repairs beside his house

24 after him binnui the son of henadad repaired another section from the house of azariah
as far as the angle and as far as the corner

25 palal the son of uzai **made repairs** in front of the angle and the tower projecting from the
upper house of the king which is by the court of the guard after him pedaiah the son of
parosh **made repairs**

26 and the temple servants living in ophel **made repairs** as far as the front of the water **gate**
toward the east and the projecting tower

27 after him the tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and
as far as the wall of ophel

28 above the horse **gate** the priests carried out repairs each in front of his house

29 after them zadok the son of immer carried out repairs in front of his house and after him
shemaiah the son of shecaniah the keeper of the east **gate** carried out repairs

30 after him hananiah the son of shelemiah and hanun the 6th son of zalaph repaired
another section after him meshullam the son of berechiah carried out repairs in front of his
own quarters

31 after him malchijah one of the goldsmiths carried out repairs as far as the house of the
temple servants and of the merchants in front of the inspection **gate** and as far as the
upper room of the corner

32 and between the upper room of the corner and the sheep **gate** the goldsmiths and the
merchants carried out repairs

Nehemiah 4

now it came about that when sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall he became
furious and very angry and mocked the jews

2 and he spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy **men** of samaria and said
what are these feeble jews doing are they going to restore **it** for themselves can they offer
sacrifices can they finish in a day can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the
burned ones

3 now tobiah the ammonite **was** near him and he said even what they are building if a fox
should jump on **it** he would break their stone wall down

4 hear our **God** how we are despised return their reproach on their own heads and give
them up for plunder in a land of captivity

5 do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before **YOU** for they have
demoralized the builders

6 so we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its **height** for the people
had a mind to work

7 now it came about when sanballat tobiah the arabs the ammonites and the ashdodites
heard that the repair of the walls of jerusalem went on **and** that the breaches began to be
closed they were very angry

8 and all of them conspired together to come **and** fight against jerusalem and to cause a
disturbance in it

9 but we prayed to our **God** and because of them we set up a guard against them day and
night

10 thus in judah it was said the strength of the burden bearers is failing yet there is much
rubbish and we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall

11 and our enemies said they will not know or see until we come among them kill them and
put a stop to the work

12 and it came about when the jews who lived near them came and told us ten times they
will come up against us from every place where you may turn

13 then i stationed **men** in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall the exposed places
and i stationed the people in families with their swords spears and bows

14 when i saw **their fear** i rose and spoke to the nobles the officials and the rest of the
people do not be afraid of them remember the **Lord** who is great and awesome and fight for
your brothers your sons your daughters your wives and your houses

15 and it happened when our enemies heard that it was known to us and that **God** had
frustrated their plan then all of us returned to the wall each one to his work

16 and it came about from that day on that half of my servants carried on the work while
half of them held the spears the shields the bows and the breastplates and the captains
were behind the whole house of judah

17 those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took **their** load with
one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon

18 as for the builders each **wore** his sword girded at his side as he built while the trumpeter
stood near me

19 and i said to the nobles the officials and the rest of the people the work is great and
extensive and we are separated on the wall far from one another

20 at whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet rally to us there our **God** will fight
for us

21 so we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from dawn until the stars
appeared

22 at that time i also said to the people let each man with his servant spend the night within
jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day

23 so neither i my brothers my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me none of
us removed our clothes each **took** his weapon **even to** the water

Nehemiah 5

now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their jewish brothers

2 for there were those who said we our sons and our daughters are many therefore let us
get grain that we may eat and live

3 and there were others who said we are mortgaging our fields our vineyards and our
houses that we might get grain because of the famine

4 also there were those who said we have borrowed money for the kings tax **on** our fields
and our vineyards

5 and now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers our children like their children yet
behold we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves and some of our daughters
are forced into bondage **already** and we are helpless because our fields and vineyards
belong to others

6 then i was very angry when i had heard their outcry and these words

7 and i consulted with myself and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to
them you are exacting usury each from his brother therefore i held a great assembly
against them

8 and i said to them we according to our ability have redeemed our jewish brothers who
were sold to the nations now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us
then they were silent and could not find a word **to say**

9 again i said the thing which you are doing is not good should you not walk in the fear of

our **God** because of the reproach of the nations our enemies

10 and likewise i my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain please let us leave off this usury

11 please give back to them this very day their fields their vineyards their olive groves and their houses also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain the new wine and the oil that you are exacting from them

12 then they said we will give *it* back and will require nothing from them we will do exactly as you say so i called the priests and took an oath from them that they would do according to this promise

13 i also shook out the front of my garment and said thus may **God** shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this promise even thus may he be shaken out and emptied and all the assembly said amen and they praised the **LORD** then the people did according to this promise

14 moreover from the day that i was appointed to be their governor in the land of judah from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of king artaxerxes *for* twelve years neither i nor my kinsmen have eaten the governors food *allowance*

15 but the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people and took from them bread and wine besides forty shekels of silver even their servants domineered the people but i did not do so because of the fear of **God**

16 and i also applied myself to the work on this wall we did not buy any land and all my servants were gathered there for the work

17 moreover *there were* at my table one hundred and fifty jews and officials besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us

18 now that which was prepared for each day was one ox *and* six choice sheep also birds were prepared for me and once in ten days all sorts of wine *were furnished* in abundance yet for all this i did not demand the governors food *allowance* because the servitude was heavy on this people

19 remember me my **God** for good *according to* all that i have done for this people

Nehemiah 6

now it came about when it was reported to sanballat tobiah to geshem the arab and to the rest of our enemies that i had rebuilt the wall and *that* no breach remained in it although at that time i had not set up the doors in the gates

2 that sanballat and geshem sent *a message* to me saying come let us meet together at chephirim in the plain of ono but they were planning to harm me

3 so i sent messengers to them saying i am doing a great work and i cannot come down why should the work stop while i leave it and come down to you

4 and they sent *messages* to me four times in this manner and i answered them in the same way

5 then sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a 5th time with an open letter in his hand

6 in it was written it is reported among the nations and gashmu says that you and the jews are planning to rebel therefore you are rebuilding the wall and you are to be their king according to these reports

7 and you have also appointed prophets to proclaim in jerusalem concerning you a king is in judah and now it will be reported to the king according to these reports so come now let us take counsel together

8 then i sent *a message* to him saying such things as you are saying have not been done but you are inventing them in your own mind

9 for all of them were *trying* to frighten us thinking they will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done but now **God** strengthen my hands

10 and when i entered the house of shemaiah the son of delaiah son of mehetabel who was confined at home he said let us meet together in the house of **God** within the temple and let us close the doors of the temple for they are coming to kill you and they are coming to kill you at night

11 but i said should a man like me flee and could one such as i go into the temple to save his life i will not go in

12 then i perceived that surely **God** had not sent him but he uttered *his* prophecy against me because tobiah and sanballat had hired him

13 he was hired for this reason that i might become frightened and act accordingly and sin so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me

14 remember my **God** tobiah and sanballat according to these works of theirs and also noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were *trying* to frighten me

15 so the wall was completed on the twenty-5th of *the month* elul in fifty-two days

16 and it came about when all our enemies heard *of it* and all the nations surrounding us saw *it* they lost their confidence for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our **God**

17 also in those days many letters went from the nobles of judah to tobiah and tobiah's *letters* came to them

18 for many in judah were bound by oath to him because he was the son-in-law of shecaniah the son of arah and his son jehohanan had married the daughter of meshullam the son of berechiah

19 moreover they were speaking about his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him then tobiah sent letters to frighten me

Nehemiah 7

now it came about when the wall was rebuilt and i had set up the doors and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed

2 that i put hanani my brother and hananiah the commander of the fortress in charge of jerusalem for he was a faithful man and feared **God** more than many

3 then i said to them do not let the gates of jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot and while they are standing *guard* let them shut and bolt the doors also appoint guards from the inhabitants of jerusalem each at his post and each in front of his own house

4 now the city was large and spacious but the people in it were few and the houses were not built

5 then my **God** put it into my heart to assemble the nobles the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogies then i found the book of the genealogy of those who came up first in which i found the following record:

6 these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom nebuchadnezzar the king of babylon had carried away and who returned to jerusalem and judah each to his city

7 who came with zerubbabel jeshua nehemiah azariah raamiah nahamani mordecai bilshan mispereth bigvai nehum baanah the number of men of the people of israel

- 8 the sons of parosh 2172
- 9 the sons of shephatiah 372
- 10 the sons of arah 652
- 11 the sons of pahath-moab of the sons of jeshua and joab 2818
- 12 the sons of elam 1254
- 13 the sons of zattu 845
- 14 the sons of zaccai 760
- 15 the sons of binnui 648
- 16 the sons of bebai 628
- 17 the sons of azgad 2322
- 18 the sons of adonikam 667
- 19 the sons of bigvai 2067
- 20 the sons of adin 655
- 21 the sons of ater of hezekiah 98
- 22 the sons of hashum 328
- 23 the sons of bezai 324
- 24 the sons of hariph 112
- 25 the sons of Gibeon 95
- 26 the men of bethlehem and netophah 188
- 27 the men of anathoth 128
- 28 the men of beth-azmaveth 42
- 29 the men of kiriath-jearim chephirah and beeroth 743
- 30 the men of ramah and Geba 621
- 31 the men of michmas 122
- 32 the men of bethel and ai 123
- 33 the men of the other nebo 52
- 34 the sons of the other elam 1254
- 35 the sons of harim 320
- 36 the men of jericho 345
- 37 the sons of Lod hadad and Ono 721
- 38 the sons of senaah 3930
- 39 the priests: the sons of jedaiah of the house of jeshua 973
- 40 the sons of immer 1052
- 41 the sons of pashhur 1247
- 42 the sons of harim 1017
- 43 the Levites: the sons of jeshua of kadmiel of the sons of hodevah 74
- 44 the singers: the sons of asaph 148
- 45 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 138
- 46 the temple servants: the sons of ziha the sons of hasupha the sons of tabbaoth
- 47 the sons of keros the sons of sia the sons of padon
- 48 the sons of Lebana the sons of hagaba the sons of shalmai
- 49 the sons of hanan the sons of Giddel the sons of Gahar
- 50 the sons of reaiah the sons of rezin the sons of nekoda
- 51 the sons of Gazzam the sons of uzza the sons of paseah
- 52 the sons of Besai the sons of meunim the sons of nephushesim
- 53 the sons of bakkuk the sons of hakupha the sons of harhur
- 54 the sons of bazlith the sons of mehida the sons of harsha
- 55 the sons of barkos the sons of sisera the sons of temah
- 56 the sons of neziah the sons of hatipha
- 57 the sons of solomons servants: the sons of sotai the sons of sophereth the sons of perida
- 58 the sons of jaala the sons of Darkon the sons of Giddel
- 59 the sons of shephatiah the sons of hattil the sons of pochereth-hazzebaim the sons of amon
- 60 all the temple servants and the sons of solomons servants *were* 392

61 and these **were** they who came up from tel-melah tel-harsha cherub addon and immer but they could not show their fathers houses or their descendants whether they were of israel:
62 the sons of Delaiah the sons of tobiah the sons of nekoda 642
63 and of the priests: the sons of hobaiah the sons of hakkoz the sons of barzillai who took a wife of the daughters of barzillai the Gileadite and was named after them
64 these searched **among** their ancestral registration but it could not be located therefore they were considered unclean **and excluded** from the priesthood
65 and the governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest arose with urim and thummim
66 the whole assembly together **was** 42360
67 besides their male and their female servants of whom **there were** 7337 and they had 245 male and female singers
68 their horses were 736 their mules 245
69 **their** camels 435 **their** donkeys 6720
70 and some from among the heads of fathers **households** gave to the work the governor gave to the treasury 1000 gold drachmas 50 basins 530 priests garments
71 and some of the heads of fathers **households** gave into the treasury of the work 20000 gold drachmas and 2200 silver minas
72 and that which the rest of the people gave was 20000 gold drachmas and 2000 silver minas and 67 priests garments
73 lived the priests the Levites the gatekeepers the singers some of the people the temple servants and **all israel**
lived in their cities and when the 7th month came the sons of israel were in their cities

Nehemiah 8

and all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the water **gate**
and they asked ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of moses which the **LORD** had given to israel

2 then ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men women and all who **could** listen with understanding on the first day of the 7th month

3 and he read from it before the square which was in front of the water **gate** from early morning until midday in the presence of men and women those who could understand and all the people were attentive to the book of the law

4 and ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose and beside him stood mattithiah shema ananiah uriah hilkiah and maaseiah on his right hand and pedaiah mishael malchijah hashum hashbaddanah zechariah **and** meshullam on his left hand

5 and ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people and when he opened it all the people stood up

6 then ezra blessed the **LORD** the great **God** and all the people answered amen amen while lifting up their hands then they bowed low and worshiped the **LORD** with **their** faces to the ground

7 also jeshua bani sherebiah jamin akkub shabbethai hodiah maaseiah kelita azariah jozabad hanan pelaiah and the Levites explained the law to the people while the people **remained** in their place

8 and they read from the book from the law of **God** translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading

9 then nehemiah who was the governor and ezra the priest **and** scribe and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people this day is holy to the **LORD** your **God** do not mourn or weep for all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law

10 then he said to them go eat of the fat drink of the sweet and send portions to him who has nothing prepared for this day is holy to our **Lord** do not be grieved for the joy of the **LORD** is your strength

11 so the Levites calmed all the people saying be still for the day is holy do not be grieved

12 and all the people went away to eat to drink to send portions and to celebrate a great festival because they understood the words which had been made known to them

13 then on the second day the heads of fathers **households** of all the people the priests and the Levites were gathered to ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law

14 and they found written in the law how the **LORD** had commanded through moses that the sons of israel should live in booths during the feast of the 7th month

15 so they proclaimed and circulated a proclamation in all their cities and in jerusalem saying Go out to the hills and bring olive branches and wild olive branches myrtle branches palm branches and branches of **other** leafy trees to make booths as it is written

16 so the people went out and brought **them** and made booths for themselves each on his roof and in their courts and in the courts of the house of **God** and in the square at the water **gate** and in the square at the **gate** of ephraim

17 and the entire assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in them the sons of israel had indeed not done so from the days of joshua the son of nun to that day and there was great rejoicing

18 and he read from the book of the law of **God** daily from the first day to the last day and they celebrated the feast seven days and on the eighth day **there was** a solemn assembly according to the ordinance

Nehemiah 9

now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of israel assembled with fasting in sackcloth and with dirt upon them

2 and the descendants of israel separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers

3 while they stood in their place they read from the book of the law of the **LORD** their **God** for a fourth of the day and for **another** fourth they confessed and worshiped the **LORD** their **God**

4 now on the Levites platform stood jeshua bani kadmiel shebaniah bunni sherebiah bani **and** chenani and they cried with a loud voice to the **LORD** their **God**

5 then the Levites jeshua kadmiel bani hashabneiah sherebiah hodiah shebaniah **and** pethahiah said arise bless the **LORD** your **God** forever and ever may **YOUR** glorious **NAME** be blessed and exalted above all blessing and praise

6 **YOU** alone art the **LORD YOU** have made the heavens the heaven of heavens with all their host the earth and all that is on it the seas and all that is in them **YOU** dost give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before **YOU**

7 **YOU** art the **LORD God** who chose abram and brought him out from ur of the chaldees and gave him the name abraham

8 and **YOU** didst find his heart faithful before **YOU** and didst make a covenant with him to give **him** the land of the canaanite of the hittite and the amorite of the perizzite the jebusite and the girgashite to give **it** to his descendants and **YOU** have fulfilled **YOUR** promise for **YOU** art righteous

9 **YOU** didst see the affliction of our fathers in egypt and didst hear their cry by the red sea

10 then **YOU** didst perform signs and wonders against pharaoh against all his servants and all the people of his land for **YOU** didst know that they acted arrogantly toward them and didst make a name for thyself as **it is** this day

11 and **YOU** didst divide the sea before them so they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground and their pursuers **YOU** didst hurl into the depths Like a stone into raging waters

12 and with a pillar of cloud **YOU** didst lead them by day and with a pillar of fire by night to light for them the way in which they were to go

13 then **YOU** didst come down on mount sinai and didst speak with them from heaven **YOU** didst give to them just ordinances and true laws Good statutes and commandments

14 so **YOU** didst make known to them **YOUR** holy sabbath and didst lay down for them commandments statutes and law through **YOUR** servant moses

15 **YOU** didst provide bread from heaven for them for their hunger **YOU** didst bring forth water from a rock for them for their thirst and **YOU** didst tell them to enter in order to possess the land which **YOU** didst swear to give them

16 but they our fathers acted arrogantly they became stubborn and would not listen to **YOUR COMMANDMENTS**

17 and they refused to listen and did not remember **YOUR** wondrous deeds which **YOU** hadst performed among them so they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in egypt but **YOU** art a **God** of forgiveness Gracious and compassionate slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness and **YOU** didst not forsake them

18 even when they made for themselves a calf of molten metal and said this is your **God** who brought you up from egypt and committed great blasphemies

19 **YOU** in **YOUR** great compassion didst not forsake them in the wilderness the pillar of cloud did not leave them by day to guide them on their way nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way in which they were to go

20 and **YOU** didst give **YOUR** good spirit to instruct them **YOUR** manna **YOU** didst not withhold from their mouth and **YOU** didst give them water for their thirst

21 indeed forty years **YOU** didst provide for them in the wilderness **and** they were not in want their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet swell

22 **YOU** didst also give them kingdoms and peoples and **YOU** didst allot **them** to them as a boundary and they took possession of the land of sion the king of heshbon and the land of og the king of bashan

23 and **YOU** didst make their sons numerous as the stars of heaven and **YOU** didst bring them into the land which **YOU** hadst told their fathers to enter and possess

24 so their sons entered and possessed the land and **YOU** didst subdue before them the inhabitants of the land the canaanites and **YOU** didst give them into their hand with their kings and the peoples of the land to do with them as they desired

25 and they captured fortified cities and a fertile land they took possession of houses full of every good thing hewn cisterns vineyards olive groves fruit trees in abundance so they ate

were filled and grew fat and reveled in **YOUR** great goodness

26 but they became disobedient and rebelled against **YOU** and cast **YOUR LAW** behind their backs and killed **YOUR** prophets who had admonished them so that they might return to **YOU** and they committed great blasphemies

27 therefore **YOU** didst deliver them into the hand of their oppressors who oppressed them but when they cried to **YOU** in the time of their distress **YOU** didst hear from heaven and according to **YOUR** great compassion **YOU** didst give them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors

28 but as soon as they had rest they did evil again before **YOU** therefore **YOU** didst abandon them to the hand of their enemies so that they ruled over them when they cried again to **YOU** **YOU** didst hear from heaven and many times **YOU** didst rescue them according to **YOUR** compassion

29 and admonished them in order to turn them back to **YOUR** law Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to **YOUR** commandments but sinned against thine ordinances by which if a man observes them he will live and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not listen

30 however **YOU** didst bear with them for many years and admonished them by **YOUR** spirit through **YOUR** prophets yet they would not give ear therefore **YOU** didst give them into the hand of the peoples of the lands

31 nevertheless in **YOUR** great **COMPASSION** **YOU** didst not make an end of them or forsake them for **YOU** art a gracious and compassionate **God**

32 now therefore our **God** the great the mighty and the awesome **God** who dost keep covenant and lovingkindness do not let all the hardship seem insignificant before **YOU** which has come upon us our kings our princes our priests our prophets our fathers and on all **YOUR** people from the days of the kings of assyria to this day

33 however **YOU** art just in all that has come upon us for **YOU** have dealt faithfully but we have acted wickedly

34 for our kings our leaders our priests and our fathers have not kept **YOUR** law or paid attention to **YOUR COMMANDMENTS** and thine admonitions with which **YOU** have admonished them

35 but they in their own kingdom with **YOUR** great goodness which **YOU** didst give them with the broad and rich land which **YOU** didst set before them did not serve **You** or turn from their evil deeds

36 behold we are slaves today and as to the land which **YOU** didst give to our fathers to eat of its fruit and its bounty behold we are slaves on it

37 and its abundant produce is for the kings whom **YOU** have set over us because of our sins they also rule over our bodies and over our cattle as they please so we are in great distress

38 now because of all this we are making an agreement in writing and on the sealed document *are the names of* our leaders our Levites *and* our priests

Nehemiah 10

now on the sealed document *were the names of:* nehemiah the governor the son of hacaliah and zedekiah

- 2 seraiah azariah jeremiah
- 3 pashhur amariah malchijah
- 4 hattush shebaniah malluch
- 5 harim meremoth Obadiah
- 6 Daniel Ginnethon baruch
- 7 meshullam abijah mijamin
- 8 maaziah bilgai shemaiah these *were* the priests
- 9 and the Levites: jeshua the son of azaniah binnui of the sons of henadad kadmiel
- 10 also their brothers shebaniah hodiah kelita pelaiah hanan
- 11 mica rehob hashabiah
- 12 zaccur sherebiah shebaniah
- 13 hodiah bani beninu
- 14 the leaders of the people: parosh pahath-moab elam zattu bani
- 15 bunni azgad bebai
- 16 adonijah bigvai adin
- 17 ater hezekiah azzur
- 18 hodiah hashum bezai
- 19 hariph anathoth nebai
- 20 magpiash meshullam hezir
- 21 meshezabel zadok jaddua
- 22 pelatiah hanan anaiah
- 23 hoshea hananiah hasshub
- 24 hallohesb pilha shobek
- 25 rehum hashabnah maaseiah
- 26 ahiah hanan anan
- 27 malluch harin baanah

28 now the rest of the people the priests the Levites the gatekeepers the singers the temple servants and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of **God** their wives their sons and their daughters
all those who had knowledge and understanding

29 are joining with their kinsmen their nobles and are taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in **Gods** law which was given through mooses **Gods** servant and to keep and to observe all the commandments of **GOD** our **Lord** and his ordinances and his statutes

30 and that we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons

31 as for the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day and we will forego *the crops* the 7th year and the exaction of every debt

32 we also placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly one 3rd of a shekel for the service of the house of our **God**

33 for the showbread for the continual grain offering for the continual burnt offering the sabbaths the new moon for the appointed times for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for israel and all the work of the house of our **God**

34 likewise we cast lots for the supply of wood *among* the priests the Levites and the people in order that they might bring it to the house of our **God** according to our fathers households at fixed times annually to burn on the altar of the **LORD** our **God** as it is written in the law

35 and in order that they might bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the **LORD** annually

36 and bring to the house of our **God** the first-born of our sons and of our cattle and the first-born of our herds and our flocks as it is written in the law for the priests who are ministering in the house of our **God**

37 we will also bring the first of our dough our contributions the fruit of every tree the new wine and the oil to the priests at the chambers of the house of our **God** and the tithe of our ground to the Levites for the Levites are they who receive the tithes in all the rural towns

38 and the priest the son of aaron will be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes and the Levites will bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of our **God** to the chambers of the storehouse

39 for the sons of israel and the sons of Levi will bring the contribution of the grain the new wine and the oil to the chambers there are the utensils of the sanctuary the priests who are ministering the gatekeepers and the singers thus we will not neglect the house of our **God**

11 now the leaders of the people lived in jerusalem but the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in jerusalem the holy city while nine-tenths *remained* in the *other* cities

12 and the people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in jerusalem

13 now these are the heads of the provinces who lived in jerusalem but in the cities of judah each lived on his own property in their cities the israelites the priests the Levites the temple servants and the descendants of solomons servants

14 and some of the sons of judah and some of the sons of benjamin lived in jerusalem from the sons of judah: athaiah the son of uzziah the son of zechariah the son of amariah the son of shephatiah the son of mahalalel of the sons of perez

15 and maaseiah the son of baruch the son of col-hozeh the son of hazaiah the son of adaiah the son of joarib the son of zechariah the son of the shilonite

16 all the sons of perez who lived in jerusalem were **468** able men

17 now these are the sons of benjamin sallu the son of meshullam the son of joed the son of pedaiah the son of kolaiah the son of maaseiah the son of ithiel the son of jeshaiah

18 and after him Gabbai *and* sallai **928**

19 and joel the son of zichri was their overseer and judah the son of hassenuah was second in command of the city

110 from the priests jedaiah the son of joarib jachin

111 seraiah the son of hilkiah the son of meshullam the son of zadok the son of meraioth the son of ahitub the leader of the house of **God**

112 and their kinsmen who performed the work of the temple **822** and adaiah the son of jeroham the son of pelatiah the son of amzi the son of zechariah the son of pashhur the son of malchijah

113 and his kinsmen heads of fathers *households* **242** and amashsai the son of azarel the son of ahzai the son of meshillemoth the son of immer

114 and their brothers valiant warriors **128** and their overseer was zabdiel the son of haggadolim

115 now from the Levites: shemaiah the son of hasshub the son of azrikam the son of hashabiah the son of bunni

116 and shabbethai and jozabad from the leaders of the Levites who were in charge of the outside work of the house of **God**

117 and mattaniah the son of mica the son of zabdi the son of asaph who was the leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer and bakbukiah the second among his brethren and abda the son of shammua the son of Galal the son of jeduthun

118 all the Levites in the holy city were 284

119 also the gatekeepers akkub talmon and their brethren who kept watch at the gates were 172

120 and the rest of israel of the priests and of the Levites were in all the cities of judah each on his own inheritance

121 but the temple servants were living in Ophel and ziha and Gishpa were in charge of the temple servants

122 now the overseer of the Levites in jerusalem was uzzi the son of bani the son of hashabiah the son of mattaniah the son of mica from the sons of asaph who were the singers for the service of the house of God

123 for there was a commandment from the king concerning them and a firm regulation for the song leaders day by day

124 and pethahiah the son of meshezabel of the sons of zerah the son of judah was the kings representative in all matters concerning the people

125 now as for the villages with their fields some of the sons of judah lived in kiriath-arba and its towns in Dibon and its towns and in jekabzeel and its villages

126 and in jeshua in moladah and beth-pelet

127 and in hazar-shual in beersheba and its towns

128 and in ziklag in meconah and in its towns

129 and in en-rimmon in zorah and in jarmuth

130 zanoah adullam and their villages Lachish and its fields azekah and its towns so they encamped from beersheba as far as the valley of hinnom

131 the sons of benjamin also lived from oeba onward at michmash and aija at bethel and its towns

132 at anathoth nob ananiah

133 hazor ramah oittaim

134 hadid zeboim neballat

135 lod and ono the valley of craftsmen

136 and from the Levites some divisions in judah belonged to benjamin

11 now these are the priests and the Levites who came up with zerubbabel the son of shealtiel and jeshua seraiah jeremiah ezra

12 amariah malluch hattush

13 shecaniah rehum meremoth

14 iddo Ginnethoi abijah

15 mijamin maadiah bilgah

16 shemaiah and joiarib jedaiah

17 sallu amok hilkiah and jedaiah these were the heads of the priests and their kinsmen in the days of jeshua

18 and the Levites were jeshua binnui kadmiel sherebiah judah and mattaniah who was in charge of the songs of thanksgiving he and his brothers

19 also bakbukiah and unni their brothers stood opposite them in their service divisions

110 and jeshua became the father of joiakim and joiakim became the father of eliashib and eliashib became the father of joiada

111 and joiada became the father of jonathan and jonathan became the father of jaddua

112 now in the days of joiakim the priests the heads of fathers households were: of seraiah meraiah of jeremiah hananiah

113 of ezra meshullam of amariah jehohanan

114 of malluchi jonathan of shebaniah joseph

115 of harim adna of meraioth helkai

116 of iddo zechariah of Ginnethon meshullam

117 of abijah zichri of miniamin of moadiah piltai

118 of bilgah shammua of shemaiah jehonathan

119 of joiarib mattenai of jedaiah uzzi

120 of sallai kallai of amok eber

121 of hilkiah hashabiah of jedaiah nethanel

122 as for the Levites the heads of fathers households were registered in the days of eliashib joiada and johanah and jaddua so were the priests in the reign of Darius the persian

123 the sons of Levi the heads of fathers households were registered in the book of the chronicles up to the days of johanah the son of eliashib

124 and the heads of the Levites were hashabiah sherebiah and jeshua the son of kadmiel with their brothers opposite them to praise and give thanks as prescribed by David the man of God division corresponding to division

125 mattaniah and bakbukiah Obadiah meshullam talmon and akkub were gatekeepers keeping watch at the storehouses of the gates

126 these served in the days of joiakim the son of jeshua the son of jozadak and in the days of nehemiah the governor and of ezra the priest and scribe

127 now at the dedication of the wall of jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places to bring them to jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs to the accompaniment of cymbals harps and lyres

128 so the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around jerusalem and from the villages of the netophathites

129 from beth-gilgal and from their fields in Geba and azmaveth for the singers had built themselves villages around jerusalem

130 and the priests and the Levites purified themselves they also purified the people the gates and the wall

131 then i had the leaders of judah come up on top of the wall and i appointed two great choirs the first proceeding to the right on top of the wall toward the refuse Gate

132 hoshaiah and half of the leaders of judah followed them

133 with azariah ezra meshullam

134 judah benjamin shemaiah jeremiah

135 and some of the sons of the priests with trumpets and zechariah the son of jonathan the son of shemaiah the son of mattaniah the son of micaiah the son of zaccur the son of asaph

136 and his kinsmen shemaiah azarel milalai Gilalai maai nethanel judah and hanani with the musical instruments of David the man of God and ezra the scribe went before them

137 and at the fountain Gate they went directly up the steps of the city of David by the stairway of the wall above the house of David to the water Gate on the east

138 the second choir proceeded to the left while i followed them with half of the people on the wall above the tower of furnaces to the broad wall

139 and above the Gate of ephraim by the Old Gate by the fish Gate the tower of hananel and the tower of the hundred as far as the sheep Gate and they stopped at the Gate of the Guard

140 then the 2 choirs took their stand in the house of God so did i and half of the officials with me

141 and the priests eliakim maaseiah miniamin micaiah elioenai zechariah and hananiah with the trumpets

142 and maaseiah shemaiah eleazar uzzi jehohanan malchijah elam and ezer and the singers sang with jezzrahiah their leader

143 and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy even the women and children rejoiced so that the joy of jerusalem was heard from afar

144 on that day men were also appointed over the chambers for the stores the contributions the first fruits and the tithes to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the law for the priests and Levites for judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who served

145 for they performed the worship of their God and the service of purification together with the singers and the gatekeepers in accordance with the command of David and of his son solomon

146 for in the days of David and asaph in ancient times there were leaders of the singers songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God

147 and so all israel in the days of zerubbabel and nehemiah gave the portions due the singers and the gatekeepers as each day required and set apart the consecrated portion for the Levites and the Levites set apart the consecrated portion for the sons of aaron

11 on that day they read aloud from the book of moyses in the hearing of the people and there was found written in it that no ammonite or moabite should ever enter the assembly of God

12

because they did not meet the sons of israel with bread and water but hired balaam against them to curse them however our God turned the curse into a blessing

13

so it came about that when they heard the law they excluded all foreigners from israel

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now prior to this eliashib the priest who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God being related to tobiah

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Nehemiah 1

words from Nehemiah (a scribe)

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we were *at the river by ahava,*
and Hanani my brother.
with some men,
from **ISRAEL** came *to me*.

and i asked them concerning,
how many?
had survived as a remnant,
and about jerusalem.

and Hanani told me,
a remnant *is* there.
and the homes for jerusalem,
were burned with fire.

then i prayed to **YV,**
YOU preserves **YOUR PROMISES.**
and **YOUR KINDNESS** *is* to whom,
keeps **YOUR COMMANDMENTS.**

let **YOUR EARS** hear,
the prayer of **YOUR SERVANT.**
on behalf of the descendants,
from Israelis **YOUR SERVANTS.**

for ours were rebellious against **YOU,**
by not remembering **YOU COMMANDED** *us.*
YOU SAID if we are unfaithful,
YOU WILL SEND *us away.*

for us obeying **YOUR COMMANDMENTS,**
although we have been scattered.
YOU WILL GATHER *us* from wherever,
and bring *us* to jerusalem.

for us to be **YOUR SERVANTS** *as a* people,
whom **YOU** *will* deliever.
by **YOUR GREAT POWER,**
and by **YOUR STRONG HAND.**

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