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Nehemiah 4.

1 . The Wall Defended Against Enemies.

But it happened that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 He spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, since they are burned?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "What they are building, if a fox climbed up it, he would break down their stone wall."

4 "Hear, our ELOHIM; for we are despised; and turn back their reproach on their own head, give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity;

5 don't cover their iniquity, and don't let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have insulted the builders."

6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it happened that when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be filled, then they were very angry;

8 and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion therein.

9 But we made our prayer to our ELOHIM, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 Judah said, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is fading, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall."

11 Our adversaries said, "They shall not know, neither see, until we come into their midst, and kill them, and cause the work to cease."

12 It happened that when the Jews who lived by them came, they said to us ten times from all places, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them! Remember ADONAI, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

15 It happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and ELOHIM had brought their counsel to nothing, that we returned all of us to the wall, everyone to his work.

16 It happened from that time forth, that half of my servants worked in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 They all built the wall and those who bore burdens loaded themselves; everyone with one of his hands worked in the work, and with the other held his weapon;

18 and the builders, everyone wore his sword at his side, and so built. He who sounded the shofar was by me.

19 I said to the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and large, and we are separated on the wall, one far from another.

20 Wherever you hear the sound of the shofar, rally there to us. Our ELOHIM will fight for us."

21 So we worked in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the

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morning until the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I to the people, "Let everyone with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day."

23 So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes. Everyone took his weapon to the water.

Psalms 98.

1 .A Psalm..

A Psalm. Sing to YAHWEH a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand, and his holy arm, have worked salvation for him.

2 YAHWEH has made known his salvation. He has openly shown his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his loving kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our ELOHIM!

4 Make a joyful noise to YAHWEH, all the earth! Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises!

5 Sing praises to YAHWEH with the harp, with the harp and the voice of melody.

6 With shofars and sound of the ram's horn, make a joyful noise before the King, YAHWEH!

7 Let the sea roar with its fullness; the world, and those who dwell therein.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing for joy together.

9 Let them sing before YAHWEH, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Proverbs 18.

1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion.

3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace.

4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.

5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice.

6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings.

7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

8 The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts.

9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction.

10 The name of YAHWEH is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility.

13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him.

14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear?

15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.

17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him.

18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart.

19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a castle.

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20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit.

22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of YAHWEH!

23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.

24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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Nehemiah 5.,6.,7:1-3.

1 . Nehemiah Deals with Oppression. .

Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews.

2 For there were that said, "We, our sons and our daughters, are many. Let us get grain, that we may eat and live."

3 Some also there were that said, "We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses. Let us get grain, because of the famine."

4 There were also some who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tribute using our fields and our vineyards as collateral.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children as their children. Behold, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters have been brought into bondage. Neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

6 I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, "You exact usury, everyone of his brother." I held a great assembly against them.

8 I said to them, "We, after our ability, have redeemed our brothers the Jews that were sold to the nations; and would you even sell your brothers, and should they be sold to us?" Then they held their peace, and found never a word.

9 Also I said, "The thing that you do is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our ELOHIM, because of the reproach of the nations our enemies?"

10 I likewise, my brothers and my servants, lend them money and grain. Please let us stop this usury.

11 Please restore to them, even this 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 charging them."

12 Then they said, "We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, even as you say." Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they would do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook out my lap, and said, "So may ELOHIM shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that doesn't perform this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied." All the assembly said, "Amen," and praised YAHWEH! The people did according to this promise.

14 . The Generosity of Nehemiah. .

Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors who were before me were supported by the people, and took bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants ruled over the people: but I didn't do so, because of the fear of ELOHIM!

16 Yes, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered there to the work.

17 Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the rulers, one hundred fifty men, besides those who came to us from among the nations that were around us.

18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls

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were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I didn't demand the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy on this people.
19 Remember to me, my ELOHIM, for good, all that I have done for this people.

1 **. Conspiracy Against Nehemiah. .**

Now it happened, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though even to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates;)

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono." But they intended to harm me.

3 I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I can't come down. Why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?"

4 They sent to me four times after this sort; and I answered them the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand,

6 in which was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel. Because of that, you are building the wall. You would be their king, according to these words.

7 You have also appointed prophets to proclaim of you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now it will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent to him, saying, "There are no such things done as you say, but you imagine them out of your own heart."

9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened from the work, that it not be done. But now, strengthen my hands."

10 I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of ELOHIM, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to kill you; yes, in the night will they come to kill you."

11 I said, "Should such a man as I flee? Who is there that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in."

12 I discerned, and behold, ELOHIM had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He hired so that I would be afraid, do so, and sin, and that they might have material for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 "Remember, my ELOHIM, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear."

15 **. The Wall Completed. .**

So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 It happened, when all our enemies heard of it, that all the nations that were about us were afraid, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was worked of our ELOHIM!

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.

18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as wife.

19 Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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- 1 Now it happened, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,
- 2 that I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, in charge of Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared ELOHIM above many.
- 3 I said to them, "Don't let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut the doors, and you bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, with everyone near his house."

Psalms 99.

1 . Praise to YAHWEH for His Holiness..

- YAHWEH reigns! Let the peoples tremble. He sits enthroned among the cherubim. Let the earth be moved.
- 2 YAHWEH is great in Zion. He is high above all the peoples.
 - 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is Holy!
 - 4 The King's strength also loves justice. You do establish equity. You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob.
 - 5 Exalt YAHWEH our ELOHIM! Worship at his footstool. He is Holy!
 - 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel among those who call on his name; they called on YAHWEH, and he answered them.
 - 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They kept his testimonies, the statute that he gave them.
 - 8 You answered them, YAHWEH our ELOHIM! You are an EL who forgave them, although you took vengeance for their doings.
 - 9 Exalt YAHWEH, our ELOHIM! Worship at his holy hill, for YAHWEH, our ELOHIM, is holy!

Proverbs 19.

- 1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.
- 2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge; nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way.
- 3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against YAHWEH!
- 4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.
- 6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.
- 7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.
- 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.
- 10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.
- 12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.
- 14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from

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YAHWEH!

- 15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.
- 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YAHWEH; he will reward him.
- 18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be a willing party to his death.
- 19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again.
- 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.
- 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, but YAHWEH's counsel will prevail.
- 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of YAHWEH leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
- 24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
- 26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
- 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

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Nehemiah 7:4-to-end,8:1-12.

4 . The Captives Who Returned to Jerusalem. .

Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not built.

5 My ELOHIM put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found written therein:

6 These are the children of the province, who went up out of the captivity of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, everyone to his city;

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Yeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty-two.

11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Yeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty-five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty.

15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty-eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty-eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty-two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand sixty-seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty-five.

21 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred Twenty-eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty-four.

24 The children of Hariph, one hundred twelve.

25 The children of Gibeon, ninety-five.

26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred eighty-eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, one hundred twenty-eight.

28 The men of Beth Azmaveth, forty-two.

29 The men of Kiriath Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three.

30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-one.

31 The men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two.

32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred twenty-three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two.

34 The children of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty-five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred thirty.

39 The priests: The children of Jedaiah, of the house of Yeshua, nine hundred seventy-three.

40 The children of Immer, one thousand fifty-two.

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- 41 The children of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven.
- 42 The children of Harim, one thousand seventeen.
- 43 The Levites: the children of Yeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodevah, seventy-four.
- 44 The singers: the children of Asaph, one hundred forty-eight.
- 45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, one hundred thirty-eight.
- 46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- 47 the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,
- 48 the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai,
- 49 the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,
- 50 the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
- 51 the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah.
- 52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephushesim,
- 53 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
- 54 the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
- 55 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah,
- 56 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
- 57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,
- 58 the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
- 59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the children of Amon.
- 60 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety-two.
- 61 These were those who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel:
- 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty-two.
- 63 Of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.
- 64 These searched for their geneological records, but couldn't find them. Therefore were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood.
- 65 The governor said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.
- 66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty,
- 67 besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred forty-five singing men and singing women.
- 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five;
- 69 their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred twenty.
- 70 Some from among the heads of fathers' households gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, and five hundred thirty priests' garments.
- 71 Some of the heads of fathers' households gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred minas of silver.

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72 That which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, lived in their cities. When the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were in their cities.

1 **. Ezra Reads the Torah. .**

All the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll of the Torah of Moses, which YAHWEH had commanded to Israel.

2 Ezra the priest brought the Torah (teaching and instruction) before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 He read therein before the broad place that was before the water gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the scroll of the Torah.

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 and Ezra blessed YAHWEH, the great ELOHIM! All the people answered, "Amen, Amen," with the lifting up of their hands. They bowed their heads, and worshiped YAHWEH with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Yeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the Torah (teaching and instruction): and the people stayed in their place.

8 They read in the book, in the Torah (teaching and instruction) of ELOHIM, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading.

9 Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, "This day is holy to YAHWEH your ELOHIM! Don't mourn, nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Torah (teaching and instruction).

10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our ADONAI. Don't be grieved; for the joy of YAHWEH is your strength."

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be grieved."

12 All the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalms 100.

1 **. A Psalm of Thanksgiving. . .**

A Psalm of thanksgiving. Shout for joy to YAHWEH, all you lands!

2 Serve YAHWEH with gladness. Come before his presence with singing.

3 Know that YAHWEH, he is ELOHIM! It is he who has made us, and we are his. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him,

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and bless his name.

5 For YAHWEH is good. His loving kindness endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.

Proverbs 20.

- 1 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler. Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is like the roaring of a lion. He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.
- 3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be quarreling.
- 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Many men claim to be men of unfailing love, but who can find a faithful man?
- 7 A righteous man walks in integrity. Blessed are his children after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?"
- 10 Differing weights and differing measures, both of them alike are an abomination to YAHWEH!
- 11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.
- 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, YAHWEH has made even both of them.
- 13 Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.
- 14 "It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold and abundance of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel.
- 16 Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger; and hold him in pledge for a wayward woman.
- 17 Fraudulent food is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by advice; by wise guidance you wage war!
- 19 He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep company with him who opens wide his lips.
- 20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.
- 21 An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning, won't be blessed in the end.
- 22 Don't say, "I will pay back evil." Wait for YAHWEH, and he will save you.
- 23 YAHWEH detests differing weights, and dishonest scales are not pleasing.
- 24 A man's steps are from YAHWEH; how then can man understand his way?
- 25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then later to consider his vows.
- 26 A wise king winnows out the wicked, and drives the threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The spirit of man is YAHWEH's lamp, searching all his innermost parts.
- 28 Love and faithfulness keep the king safe. His throne is sustained by love.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength. The splendor of old men is their gray hair.
- 30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the innermost parts.

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13 **. The Feast of Tabernacles. .**

On the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers' households of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the Torah (teaching and instruction).

14 They found written in the Torah, how that YAHWEH had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month;

15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and get olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 So the people went out, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone on the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of ELOHIM, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim.

17 All the assembly of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and lived in the booths; for since the days of Yeshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. There was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the scroll of the Torah of ELOHIM! They kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

1 **. The People Confess Their Sins. .**

Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth on them.

2 The seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 They stood up in their place, and read in the scroll of the Torah of YAHWEH their ELOHIM a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshiped YAHWEH their ELOHIM!

4 Then Yeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani of the Levites stood up on the stairs, and cried with a loud voice to YAHWEH their ELOHIM!

5 Then the Levites, Yeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless YAHWEH your ELOHIM from everlasting to everlasting! Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

6 You are YAHWEH, even you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their army, the earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all. The army of heaven worships you.

7 You are YAHWEH, the ELOHIM who chose Abram, and brought him out of Ur-Kasdim, and gave him the name of Abraham,

8 and found his heart faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it to his seed, and have performed your words; for you are righteous.

9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Sea of Suf,

10 and showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, and against all his servants, and against all the people of his land; for you knew that they dealt proudly against them, and made a name for yourself, as it is this day.

11 You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the

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dry land; and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters.
12 Moreover, in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which they should go.

13 “You came down also on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true Torah (teachings and instructions), good statutes and commandments,

14 and made known to them your holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, and statutes, and a Torah (teaching and instruction), by Moses your servant,

15 and gave them bread from the sky for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commanded them that they should go in to possess the land which you had sworn to give them.

16 “But they and our fathers dealt proudly and hardened their neck, didn’t listen to your commandments,

17 and refused to obey, neither were they mindful of your wonders that you did among them, but hardened their neck, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But you are an ELOHIM ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and didn’t forsake them.

18 Yes, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, ‘This is your ELOHIM who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed awful blasphemies;

19 yet you in your manifold mercies didn’t forsake them in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud didn’t depart from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they should go.

20 You gave also your good Spirit to instruct them, and didn’t withhold your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst.

21 “Yes, forty years you sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing. Their clothes didn’t grow old, and their feet didn’t swell.

22 Moreover you gave them kingdoms and peoples, which you allotted according to their portions. So they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 You also multiplied their children as the stars of the sky, and brought them into the land concerning which you said to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24 “So the children went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they pleased.

25 They took fortified cities, and a rich land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns dug out, vineyards, and olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled, became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness.

26 “Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your Torah (teaching and instruction) behind their back, and killed your prophets that testified against them to turn them again to you, and they committed awful blasphemies.

27 Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them. In the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviors who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries.

28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore left you them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them; yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard from heaven; and many times you delivered them according to your mercies,

29 and testified against them, that you might bring them again to your Torah (teaching and instruction). Yet they dealt proudly, and didn’t listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances, (which if a man does, he shall live in them), turned their

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backs, stiffened their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years you put up with them, and testified against them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet would they not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31 “Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you did not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful EL!

32 Now therefore, our ELOHIM, the great, the mighty, and the awesome ELOHIM, who keeps covenant and loving kindness, don’t let all the travail seem little before you, that has come on us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.

33 However you are just in all that has come on us; for you have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly;

34 neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept your Torah (teaching and instruction), nor listened to your commandments and your testimonies with which you testified against them.

35 For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and rich land which you gave before them, neither did they turn from their wicked works.

36 “Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that you gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, behold, we are servants in it.

37 It yields much increase to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our livestock, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

Psalms 101.

1 . A Psalm of David...

A Psalm by David. I will sing of loving kindness and justice. To you, YAHWEH, I will sing praises.

2 I will be careful to live a blameless life. When will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a blameless heart.

3 I will set no vile thing before my eyes. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me.

4 A perverse heart will be far from me. I will have nothing to do with evil.

5 I will silence whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I won’t tolerate one who is haughty and conceited.

6 My eyes will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. He who walks in a perfect way, he will serve me.

7 He who practices deceit won’t dwell within my house. He who speaks falsehood won’t be established before my eyes.

8 Morning by morning, I will destroy all the wicked of the land; to cut off all the workers of iniquity from YAHWEH’s city.

Proverbs 21.

1 The king’s heart is in YAHWEH’s hand like the watercourses. He turns it wherever he desires.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but YAHWEH weighs the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to YAHWEH than sacrifice.

4 A high look, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

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- 5 The plans of the diligent surely lead to profit; and everyone who is hasty surely rushes to poverty.
- 6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor for those who seek death.
- 7 The violence of the wicked will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is right.
- 8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.
- 9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman.
- 10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
- 11 When the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.
- 12 The Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and brings the wicked to ruin.
- 13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in the cloak, strong wrath.
- 15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice; but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly of the dead.
- 17 He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.
- 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; the treacherous for the upright.
- 19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman.
- 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up.
- 21 He who follows after righteousness and kindness finds life, righteousness, and honor.
- 22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of its confidence.
- 23 Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.
- 24 The proud and haughty man, “scoffer” is his name; he works in the arrogance of pride.
- 25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.
- 26 There are those who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give and don't withhold.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!
- 28 A false witness will perish, and a man who listens speaks to eternity.
- 29 A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways.
- 30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against YAHWEH!
- 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with YAHWEH!

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Nehemiah 9:38-to-end,10:1-39.

38 Yet for all this, we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal it.”

1 . **The People Who Sealed the Covenant.** .

Now those who sealed were: 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 The Levites: namely, Yeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nobai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 . **The Covenant That Was Sealed.** .

The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Torah (teaching and instruction) of ELOHIM, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge, and understanding

29 they joined with their brothers, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in ELOHIM's Torah (teaching and instruction), which was given by Moses the servant of ELOHIM, and to observe and do all the commandments of YAHWEH our ADONAI, and his ordinances and his statutes;

30 and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;

31 and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

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32 Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our ELOHIM;

33 for the show bread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our ELOHIM!

34 We cast lots, the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our ELOHIM, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of YAHWEH our ELOHIM, as it is written in the Torah;

35 and to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all fruit of all kinds of trees, year by year, to the house of YAHWEH;

36 also the firstborn of our sons, and of our livestock, as it is written in the Torah, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our ELOHIM, to the priests who minister in the house of our ELOHIM;

37 and that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our wave offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, the new wine and the oil, to the priests, to the rooms of the house of our ELOHIM; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites; for they, the Levites, take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 The priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our ELOHIM, to the rooms, into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the wave offering of the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, to the rooms, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests who minister, and the porters, and the singers. We will not forsake the house of our ELOHIM!

Psalms 102.

1 . A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before YAHWEH.. .

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before YAHWEH! Hear my prayer, YAHWEH! Let my cry come to you.

2 Don't hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me. Answer me quickly in the day when I call.

3 For my days consume away like smoke. My bones are burned as a torch.

4 My heart is blighted like grass, and withered, for I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones stick to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness. I have become as an owl of the waste places.

7 I watch, and have become like a sparrow that is alone on the housetop.

8 My enemies reproach me all day. Those who are mad at me use my name as a curse.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mixed my drink with tears,

10 Because of your indignation and your wrath, for you have taken me up, and thrown me away.

11 My days are like a long shadow. I have withered like grass.

12 But you, YAHWEH, will remain forever; your renown endures to all generations.

13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for it is time to have pity on her. Yes, the set time has come.

14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity on her dust.

15 So the nations will fear the name of YAHWEH; all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For YAHWEH has built up Zion. He has appeared in his glory.

17 He has responded to the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised their prayer.

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- 18 This will be written for the generation to come. A people which will be created will praise YAH!
- 19 For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven, YAHWEH saw the earth;
- 20 to hear the groans of the prisoner; to free those who are condemned to death;
- 21 that men may declare the name of YAHWEH in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 when the peoples are gathered together, the kingdoms, to serve YAHWEH!
- 23 He weakened my strength along the course. He shortened my days.
- 24 I said, "My ELOHIM, don't take me away in the midst of my days. Your years are throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of your hands.
- 26 They will perish, but you will endure. Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed.
- 27 But you are the same. Your years will have no end.
- 28 The children of your servants will continue. Their seed will be established before you."

Proverbs 22.

- 1 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: YAHWEH is the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent man sees danger, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
- 4 The result of humility and the fear of YAHWEH is wealth, honor, and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked: whoever guards his soul stays from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
- 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed; for he shares his food with the poor.
- 10 Drive out the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, quarrels and insults will stop.
- 11 He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king's friend.
- 12 The eyes of YAHWEH watch over knowledge; but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit: he who is under YAHWEH's wrath will fall into it.
- 15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child: the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- 16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty.

17 . Sayings of the Wise. .

- Turn your ear, and listen to the words of the wise. Apply your heart to my teaching.
- 18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.
- 19 That your trust may be in YAHWEH, I teach you today, even you.
- 20 Haven't I written to you thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge,
- 21 To teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound answers to the ones who sent you?
- 22 Don't exploit the poor, because he is poor; and don't crush the needy in court;
- 23 for YAHWEH will plead their case, and plunder the life of those who plunder them.

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- 24 Don't befriend a hot-tempered man, and don't associate with one who harbors anger:
25 lest you learn his ways, and ensnare your soul.
26 Don't you be one of those who strike hands, of those who are collateral for debts.
27 If you don't have means to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?
28 Don't move the ancient boundary stone, which your fathers have set up.
29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure men.

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Nehemiah 11.

1 . The People Dwelling in Jerusalem. .

The princes of the people lived in Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other cities.

2 The people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the chiefs of the province who lived in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah everyone lived in his possession in their cities: Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 In Jerusalem lived certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children 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 children of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazai, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.

6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were four hundred sixty-eight valiant men.

7 These are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedai, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshai.

8 After him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty-eight.

9 Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of ELOHIM,

12 and their brothers who did the work of the house, eight hundred twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

13 and his brothers, chiefs of fathers' households, two hundred forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brothers, mighty men of valor, one hundred twenty-eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggadolim.

15 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the oversight of the outward business of the house of ELOHIM;

17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred eighty-four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who kept watch at the gates, were one hundred seventy-two.

20 The residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

21 But the Nethinim lived in Ophel: and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of the house of ELOHIM!

23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required.

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24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 **. The People Dwelling Outside Jerusalem. .**

As for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah lived in Kiriath Arba and its towns, and in Dibon and its towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages,

26 and in Yeshua, and in Moladah, and Beth Pelet,

27 and in Hazar Shual, and in Beersheba and its towns,

28 and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and in its towns,

29 and in En Rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aija, and at Bethel and its towns,

32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 Of the Levites, certain divisions in Judah settled in Benjamin's territory.

Psalms 103.

1 **. A Psalm of David. . .**

By David. Praise YAHWEH, my soul! All that is within me, praise his holy name!

2 Praise YAHWEH, my soul, and don't forget all his benefits;

3 who forgives all your sins; who heals all your diseases;

4 who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;

5 who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 YAHWEH executes righteous acts, and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.

8 YAHWEH is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.

9 He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like a father has compassion on his children, so YAHWEH has compassion on those who fear him.

14 For he knows how we are made. He remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass. As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone. Its place remembers it no more.

17 But YAHWEH's loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his righteousness to children's children;

18 to those who keep his covenant, to those who remember to obey his precepts.

19 YAHWEH has established his throne in the heavens. His kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise YAHWEH, you angels of his, who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word, obeying the voice of his word.

21 Praise YAHWEH, all you armies of his, you servants of his, who do his pleasure.

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22 Praise YAHWEH, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion. Praise YAHWEH, my soul!

Proverbs 23.

- 1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you;
- 2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite.
- 3 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food.
- 4 Don't weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint.
- 5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky.
- 6 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and don't crave his delicacies:
- 7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
- 8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words.
- 9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- 10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't encroach on the fields of the fatherless:
- 11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you.
- 12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.
- 13 Don't withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
- 14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol.
- 15 My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine:
- 16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your lips speak what is right.
- 17 Don't let your heart envy sinners; but rather fear YAHWEH all the day long.
- 18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off.
- 19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!
- 20 Don't be among ones drinking too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat:
- 21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags.
- 22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.
- 24 The father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child delights in him.
- 25 Let your father and your mother be glad! Let her who bore you rejoice!
- 26 My son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways.
- 27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow well.
- 28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases the unfaithful among men.
- 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
- 30 Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek out mixed wine.
- 31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.
- 32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a viper.
- 33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing things.
- 34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging:

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35 “They hit me, and I was not hurt! They beat me, and I don’t feel it! When will I wake up? I can do it again. I can find another.”

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Nehemiah 12.

1 . The Priests and Levites. .

Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah.

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Yeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Yeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unno, their brothers, were over against them according to their offices.

10 Yeshua became the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim became the father of Eliashib, and Eliashib became the father of Joiada,

11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua.

12 In the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' households: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

22 As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Yochanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of fathers' households; also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' households, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Yochanan the son of Eliashib.

24 The chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Yeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of ELOHIM, watch next to watch.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the watch at the storehouses of the gates.

26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Yeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe.

27 . Nehemiah Dedicates the Wall. .

At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with giving thanks, and with singing, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and with harps.

28 The sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites;

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29 also from Beth Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built them villages around Jerusalem.

30 The priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession. One went on the right hand on the wall toward the dung gate;

32 and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 and certain of the priests' sons with shofars: 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;

36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of ELOHIM; and Ezra the scribe was before them.

37 By the spring gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water gate eastward.

38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, on the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even to the broad wall,

39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even to the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard.

40 So stood the two companies of those who gave thanks in the house of ELOHIM, and I, and the half of the rulers with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with shofars;

42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for ELOHIM had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 . Temple Responsibilities. .

On that day were men appointed over the rooms for the treasures, for the wave offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the Torah (teaching and instruction) for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who waited.

45 They performed the duty of their ELOHIM, and the duty of the purification, and so did the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to ELOHIM!

47 All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

Psalms 104:1-23.

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1 . Praise to the Sovereign YAHWEH for His Creation and Providence.

- 1 Bless YAHWEH, my soul. YAHWEH, my ELOHIM, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.
- 2 He covers himself with light as with a garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 He lays the beams of his rooms in the waters. He makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind.
- 4 He makes his messengers winds; his servants flames of fire.
- 5 He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled. At the voice of your thunder they hurried away.
- 8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you had assigned to them.
- 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over; that they don't turn again to cover the earth.
- 10 He sends forth springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains.
- 11 They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds of the sky nest by them. They sing among the branches.
- 13 He waters the mountains from his rooms. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 14 He causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
- 15 wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart.
- 16 YAHWEH's trees are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
- 17 where the birds make their nests. The stork makes its home in the fir trees.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
- 19 He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows when to set.
- 20 You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the animals of the forest prowl.
- 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from EL!
- 22 The sun rises, and they steal away, and lay down in their dens.
- 23 Man goes forth to his work, to his labor until the evening.

Proverbs 24.

- 1 Don't be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them:
- 2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established;
- 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and beautiful treasure.
- 5 A wise man has great power; and a knowledgeable man increases strength;
- 6 for by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't open his mouth in the gate.
- 8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer.
- 9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men.
- 10 If you falter in the time of trouble, your strength is small.
- 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter!
- 12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this;" doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man

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according to his work?

13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:

14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a reward, your hope will not be cut off.

15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place:

16 for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown;

18 lest YAHWEH see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be envious of the wicked:

20 for there will be no reward to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be snuffed out.

21 My son, fear YAHWEH and the king. Don't join those who are rebellious:

22 for their calamity will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both who knows?

23 . Further Sayings of the Wise. .

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, and nations shall abhor him

25 but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will come on them.

26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

27 Prepare your work outside, and get your fields ready. Afterwards, build your house.

28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't deceive with your lips.

29 Don't say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

30 I went by the field of the sluggard, by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and received instruction:

33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;

34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

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