

MAY 25

Read Nehemiah 11-12

CHAPTER 11

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Now these *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt *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 Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah,

the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And 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 Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

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

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiiah the son of Jeroham, the son of

Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, the son of *one of* the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, 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 fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that

kept the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the Nethinims.

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 Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.

23 For *it was* the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

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

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages thereof,

26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethpheet,

27 And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and *in* the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,

29 And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and *in* their villages,

32 *And* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jediah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah.

These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.

10 ¶ And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of She-
maiah, Jehonathan;

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

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok,
Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of
Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 ¶ The Levites in the days of
Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and
Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the
fathers: also the priests, to the
reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of
the fathers, *were* written in the
book of the chronicles, even until
the days of Johanan the son of
Eliashib.

24 And the chief of the Levites:
Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua
the son of Kadmiel, with their
brethren over against them, to
praise *and* to give thanks, according
to the commandment of David the
man of God, ward over against ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah,
Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon,
Akkub, *were* porters keeping the
ward at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These *were* 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, the scribe.

27 ¶ And 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 thanksgivings, and with
singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries,
and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers
gathered themselves together, both
out of the plain country round
about Jerusalem, and from the vil-
lages of Netophathi;

29 Also from the house of Gilgal,
and out of the fields of Geba and
Azmaveth: for the singers had
builded them villages round about
Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the
Levites purified themselves, and
purified the people, and the gates,
and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the
princes of Judah upon the wall, and
appointed two great *companies* of
them that gave thanks, *whereof one*
went on the right hand upon the
wall toward the dung gate:

32 And after them went Hosha-
iah, 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 trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the other *company of them that gave thanks* went over against *them*, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two *companies of them that gave thanks* in the house

of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets;

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

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the

singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the

singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The dedication of the walls takes place in chapters 11 and 12. The actual dedication is described in chapter 12:27-47.

Ezra and Nehemiah divided the people into two great companies, with Ezra leading one and Nehemiah following the other. They probably started at the Valley Gate, with Ezra leading his company along the east side of the city, then north to the Temple area. Nehemiah and his company went straight north, and then east, meeting the other company at the Temple. It was perhaps a reminder of when Israel marched around Jericho and won a great victory. It was also an opportunity to publicly thank the Lord, as they witnessed the work accomplished. Verse 43 indicates that the joy of the city was heard miles away. What a day of dedication it must have been!

It is interesting to note that, once the walls were completed and dedicated, one-tenth of the population was brought into the city to live. It was necessary to get the Jews to live in the city, both for the glory of God and for the good of the city. This demanded faith on the part of the Jews. The leaders were already dwelling in the city, and now they cast lots and one-tenth of the citizens joined them. Chapter 11:2 indicates there were some volunteers. Those listed in verses 3-19 total 3,044. If this number represented ten per cent of the male population, we can see how small the remnant was in the land.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint” (Proverbs 25:19).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 17: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

HYMN FOR TODAY

PRAISE YE THE TRIUNE GOD!

by Elizabeth R. Charles, 1828-1896

The Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is the time

when the Christian church has especially recognized the doctrine of the Trinity, the existence of the triune Godhead. This doctrine has been called one of the mystic truths of Scripture because of the difficulty in fathoming and explaining it. Yet it cannot be denied that the Bible does teach that while God is one, He exists in three co-equal Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Scripture ascribes each member with such attributes as eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and creator of the universe. Although the word *trinity* is not used, there are several passages in which all three Persons are expressly mentioned together: The great commission (Matthew 28:19), and the apostolic blessing (2 Corinthians 13:13).

The best of human analogies for explaining the trinity, such as ice, water, and steam being three distinct forms of the same element, always falls short. In the final analysis, we must accept this truth by faith and offer our worship and praise to each member of the Godhead.

This hymn text by Elizabeth Charles, one of England’s gifted women of her day—author, poet, translator of German texts, musician and painter—is one of our finest Godhead hymns. The hymn does not present any complicated arguments. It simply directs a child-like praise to each member of the trinity for His loving care and concern for us. This we can understand.

*Praise ye the Father for His loving kindness;
Tenderly cares He for His erring children;
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,
Praise ye Jehovah!*

*Praise ye the Saviour—great is His compassion;
Graciously cares He for His chosen people;
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,
Praise ye the Saviour!*

*Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;
Praise ye the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
Praise ye the Triune God!*

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1787

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BEGAN.

There seemed to be a snag in the writing of the constitution. It is said that Benjamin Franklin interrupted and suggested that they seek help from Almighty God. This they did, and help they received.

1803

THE BIRTHDAY OF RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

1824

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION WAS ESTABLISHED.

Here is an organization that has had a profound influence on American life. Sunday school should be a part of the life of every family. What a joy it is to be in a church with a thriving Sunday school. How we need to return to the Word of God and teach the Bible to people of all ages. Thank God for the Sunday school. As a little boy, I attended Sunday school. Strangely enough, the first Sunday schools I attended were of what than was known as the Evangelical United Brethren (E.U.B.) denomination. Shortly thereafter, I began attending Baptist Sunday schools. I thank God for every truth I've learned in Sunday school and every person who has invested his life in teaching through this medium.

1892

THE BIRTHDAY OF TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA.

1925

THE ORDINATION OF CHARLES E. FULLER.

He is the founder and director of the "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour."

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1878

BILL "BOJANGLES" ROBINSON, DANCER AND ENTERTAINER, BORN IN RICHMOND, VA.

1919

DEATH OF MADAME C.J. WALKER (52), wealthy cosmetics manufacturer, at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York.

1937

DEATH OF HENRY O. TANNER, ARTIST.

He was born in 1859.

1943

RIOT AT MOBILE, ALA., SHIPYARD over the upgrading of twelve black workers.

1971

YOUNG BLACK WOMAN, JO ETHA COLLIER, KILLED in Drew, Miss., by bullet fired from passing car. Three whites were arrested on May 26 and charged with the unprovoked attack.

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS HARD AND DIFFICULT"

(Assignment 17)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Proverbs 13:15

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

() Proverbs 3:17

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

() Matthew 11:30

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

() Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

() Isaiah 41:11

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.