

NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 12

¹ Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ² Amaria, Malluch, *and* ³ Shechaniah.

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⁷ These *were* the chiefs of the priests, and their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

⁸ And the Levites *were*: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, who *was* over the bands, ⁹ and his brothers *were appointed* to the daily courses.

¹⁰ And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, and Joiakim fathered Eliashib, and Eliashib *fathered* Joiada, ¹¹ and Joiada fathered Jonathan, and Jonathan fathered Jaddua.

¹² And in the days of Joiakim, his brothers the priests and the heads of families *were*: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; ¹³ of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; ¹⁴ of Malluch, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; ¹⁵ of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; ¹⁶ of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; ¹⁷ of Abijah, Zichri; of Minjamin, Moadiah; of Piltai, *one*; ¹⁸ of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jonathan; ¹⁹ of Joiarib, Matthenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; ²⁰ of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; ²¹ of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; *and* of Jedaiah, Nathanel.

²² The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Joa, Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded heads of families. Also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian. ²³ And the sons of Levi, heads of families, *were* written in the Book of the Chronicles, even to the days of Johanan son of Eliashib. ²⁴ And the heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua; and the sons of Kadmiel, and their brothers over against them, *were* to sing hymns of praise, according to the commandment of David the man of God, course by course. ²⁵ When I gathered the porters, ²⁶ *it was* in the days of Joiakim son of Jeshua, son of Josadak, and in the days of Nehemiah; and Ezra the priest *was* the scribe.

²⁷ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep a feast of dedication and gladness with thanksgiving, and they sounded cymbals with songs, and *had* psalteries and harps. ²⁸ And the sons of the singers *were* assembled both from the neighborhood round about to Jerusalem, and from the villages, ²⁹ and from the country, for the singers built themselves villages by Jerusalem. ³⁰ And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people, and the porters, and the wall.

³¹ And they brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and they appointed two great *companies* for thanksgiving, and they passed on the right hand on the wall of the Refuse Gate. ³² And after them went Hoshaiah, and half the princes of Judah, ³³ and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, ³⁴ Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah and Jeremiah. ³⁵ And *some* of the sons of the priest with trumpets, Zechariah son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Matthanah, son of Micaiah, son of Zacchur, son of Asaph: ³⁶ and his brothers, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nathanel, Judah, and Hanani, to praise with the hymns of David

the man of God; and Ezra the scribe *was* before them, ³⁷ at the gate, to praise before them, and they went up by the steps of the City of David, in the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the Water Gate

³⁸ (This verse omitted in LXX)

³⁹ of Ephraim, and to the Fish Gate, and by the Tower of Hananel, and as far as the Sheep Gate.

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⁴² And the singers were heard, and were numbered. ⁴³ And in that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them very joyful: and their wives and their children rejoiced; and the joy in Jerusalem was heard from afar off.

⁴⁴ And in that day they appointed men over the treasures, for the treasures, the firstfruits, and the tithes, and *for* the chiefs of the cities who were assembled among them, *to furnish* portions for the priests and Levites; for *there was* joy in Judah over the priests and over the Levites that waited. ⁴⁵ And they kept the charges of their God, and the charges of the purification, and *ordered* the singers and the porters, according to the commandments of David and his son Solomon. ⁴⁶ For in the days of David, Asaph was originally first of the singers, and *they sang* hymns and praises to 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, a daily rate; and consecrated them to the Levites, and the Levites consecrated them to the sons of Aaron.