

## Title: Dedication on Display

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**Scripture:** [Nehemiah 11-12](#)

### The People Dwelling in Jerusalem

**11** Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths *were to dwell in other cities.* <sup>2</sup> And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> These *are* the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities—Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon’s servants.) <sup>4</sup> Also in Jerusalem dwelt *some* of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin.

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; <sup>5</sup> and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. <sup>6</sup> All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

<sup>7</sup> 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 Jeshaiah; <sup>8</sup> and after him Gabbai *and* Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>9</sup> Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer, and Judah the son of <sup>10</sup>Senuah *was* second over the city.

<sup>10</sup> Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joarib, and Jachin; <sup>11</sup> Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the leader of the house of God. <sup>12</sup> Their brethren who did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and 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, <sup>13</sup> and his brethren, heads of the fathers’ *houses, were* two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, <sup>14</sup> and their brethren, mighty men of valor, *were* one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer *was* Zabdiel <sup>15</sup>the son of *one of* the great men.

<sup>15</sup> Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; <sup>16</sup> Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the business outside of the <sup>17</sup>house of God; <sup>17</sup> Mattaniah the son of <sup>18</sup>Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader *who* began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda

the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. <sup>18</sup> All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four.

<sup>19</sup> Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, *were* one hundred and seventy-two.

<sup>20</sup> And the rest of Israel, of the priests *and* Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. <sup>21</sup> But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa *were* over the Nethinim.

<sup>22</sup> Also the overseer 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 in charge of the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>service of the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>house of God. <sup>23</sup> For *it was* the king's command concerning them that a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day. <sup>24</sup> Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

## The People Dwelling Outside Jerusalem

<sup>25</sup> And as for the villages with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages; <sup>26</sup> in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet, <sup>27</sup> Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages; <sup>28</sup> in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages; <sup>29</sup> in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, <sup>30</sup> Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.

<sup>31</sup> Also the children of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* in Michmash, Aija, and Bethel, and their villages; <sup>32</sup> in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; <sup>33</sup> in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; <sup>34</sup> in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; <sup>35</sup> in Lod, Ono, *and* the Valley of Craftsmen. <sup>36</sup> Some of the Judean divisions of Levites *were* in Benjamin.

## The Priests and Levites

<sup>12</sup> Now these *are* the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, <sup>2</sup> Amariah, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Malluch, Hattush, <sup>3</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Shechaniah, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Rehum, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Meremoth, <sup>4</sup> Iddo, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Ginnethoi, Abijah, <sup>5</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Mijamin, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Maadiah, Bilgah, <sup>6</sup> Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, <sup>7</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, *and* Jedaiah.

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

<sup>8</sup> Moreover the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah *who led* the thanksgiving *psalms*, he and his brethren. <sup>9</sup> Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *stood* across from them in *their* duties.

<sup>10</sup> Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada, <sup>11</sup> Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

<sup>12</sup> Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' *houses were*: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; <sup>13</sup> of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; <sup>14</sup> of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Melichu, Jonathan; of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Shebaniah, Joseph; <sup>15</sup> of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Harim, Adna; of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Meraioth, Helkai; <sup>16</sup> of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,

Meshullam; <sup>17</sup> of Abijah, Zichri; *the son of* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Minjamin; of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Moadiah, Piltai; <sup>18</sup> of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; <sup>19</sup> of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; <sup>20</sup> of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; <sup>21</sup> of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; *and* of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

<sup>22</sup> During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record *was also kept* of the Levites and priests *who had been* heads of their fathers' houses in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua. <sup>23</sup> The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' houses until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, *were* written in the book of the chronicles.

<sup>24</sup> And the heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to praise *and* give thanks, group<sup>Ⓜ</sup> alternating with group, according to the command of David the man of God. <sup>25</sup> Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub *were* gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates. <sup>26</sup> These *lived* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

## **Nehemiah Dedicates the Wall**

<sup>27</sup> Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, *with* cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. <sup>28</sup> And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites, <sup>29</sup> from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

<sup>31</sup> So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate. <sup>32</sup> After them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah, <sup>33</sup> and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, <sup>34</sup> Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, <sup>35</sup> and some of the priests' sons with trumpets—Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiyah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, <sup>36</sup> and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, *and* Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe *went* before them. <sup>37</sup> By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward.

<sup>38</sup> The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite *way*, and I *was* behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup> and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison.

<sup>40</sup> So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me; <sup>41</sup> and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Minjamin, Michaiyah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets; <sup>42</sup> also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers <sup>Ⓜ</sup>sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director.

<sup>43</sup> Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

## **Temple Responsibilities**

<sup>44</sup> And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who <sup>[a]</sup>ministered. <sup>45</sup> Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David *and* Solomon his son. <sup>46</sup> For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. <sup>47</sup> In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also <sup>[a]</sup>consecrated *holy things* for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated *them* for the children of Aaron.