

¹ *Hak-katan.*

² *Shema-iah.*

³ *Bigvai.*

⁴ *Ariel.*

⁵ *Jarib.*

⁶ *Iddo.*

⁷ *Cosiphia.*

⁸ *Another reading is, a man.*

⁹ *Mahli.*

¹⁰ *She-reb-iah.*

¹¹ *Hasha-iah.*

¹² *She-reb-iah, Hasha-iah.*

of ¹ Akatan, and with him a hundred
39 and ten men: of the sons of Adoni-
kam, the last, and these are the names
of them, Eliphlat, Jeuel, and ² Sama-
40 ias, and with them seventy men: of
the sons of ³ Bago, Uthi the son of
Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.
41 And I gathered them together to
the river called Theras; and there
we pitched our tents three days, and
42 I surveyed them. But when I had
found there none of the priests and
43 Levites, then sent I unto Eleazar, and
44 ⁴ Idnel, and ⁵ Maasmas, and Elnathan,
and Samaias, and ⁶ Joribus, Nathan,
Ennatan, Zacharias, and Mosollam-
us, principal men and men of under-
45 standing. And I bade them that they
should go unto ⁶ Loddeus the captain,
who was in the place of ⁷ the trea-
46 sury: and commanded them that they
should speak unto Loddeus, and to
his brethren, and to the treasurers in
that place, to send us such men as
might execute the priests' office in
47 the house of our Lord. And by the
mighty hand of our Lord they brought
unto us ⁸ men of understanding of the
sons of ⁹ Mooli the son of Levi, the son
of Israel, ¹⁰ Asebebias, and his sons,
and his brethren, who were eighteen,
48 and ¹¹ Asebias, and Annuus, and Osa-
lias his brother, of the sons of Chan-
naneus, and their sons were twenty
49 men; and of the temple-servants whom
David and the principal men had ap-
pointed for the service of the Levites,
two hundred and twenty temple-ser-
vants, the catalogue of all their names
50 was shewed. And there I vowed a
fast for the young men before our
Lord, to desire of him a prosperous
journey both for us and for our chil-
dren and cattle that were with us:
51 for I was ashamed to ask of the king
footmen, and horsemen, and conduct
for safeguard against our adversa-
52 ries. For we had said unto the king,
that the power of our Lord would be
with them that seek him, to support
53 them in all ways. And again we be-
sought our Lord as touching these
things, and found him favourable
54 unto us. Then I separated twelve
men of the chiefs of the priests, ¹² Ese-
rebias, and Assamias, and ten men
55 of their brethren with them: and I
weighed them the silver, and the gold,
and the holy vessels of the house of
our Lord, which the king, and his
counsellors, and the nobles, and all
56 Israel, had given. And when I had
weighed it, I delivered unto them six
hundred and fifty talents of silver, and
silver vessels of a hundred talents,
57 and a hundred talents of gold, and
twenty golden vessels, and twelve
vessels of brass, even of fine brass,
58 glittering like gold. And I said unto
them, Both ye are holy unto the Lord,

and the vessels are holy, and the
gold and the silver are a vow unto
the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.
59 Watch ye, and keep them till ye de-
liver them to the chiefs of the priests
and Levites, and to the principal men
of the families of Israel, in Jerusalem,
in the chambers of the house of our
60 Lord. So the priests and the Levites,
who received the silver and the gold
and the vessels which were in Jerusa-
lem, brought them into the temple of
the Lord.
61 And from the river Theras we de-
parted the twelfth day of the first
month, until we came to Jerusalem,
by the mighty hand of our Lord
which was upon us: and the Lord
delivered us from assault by the
way, from every enemy, and so we
62 came to Jerusalem. And when we
had been there three days, the silver
and gold was weighed and delivered
in the house of our Lord on the fourth
day unto ¹⁴ Marmoth the priest the
63 son of ¹⁵ Urias. And with him was
Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with
them were Josabodus the son of Jesus
and ¹⁶ Moeth the son of Sabannus, the
Levites: all was delivered them by
64 number and weight. And all the
weight of them was written up the
65 same hour. Moreover they that were
come out of the captivity offered sac-
rifices unto the Lord, the God of
Israel, fourscore and sixteen rams,
66 threescore and twelve lambs, goats
for a peace offering, twelve; all of
67 them a sacrifice to the Lord. And
they delivered the king's command-
ments unto the king's stewards, and
to the governors of Colesyria and
Phœnicia; and they honoured the
people and the temple of the Lord.
68 Now when these things were done,
the principal men came unto me, and
69 said, The nation of Israel, and the
princes, and the priests and the Le-
vites, have not put away from them
the strange people of the land, ¹⁷ nor
the uncleannesses of the Gentiles, to
wit, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Phe-
rezites, Jebusites, and the Moabites,
70 Egyptians, and Edomites. For both
they and their sons have married with
their daughters, and the holy seed is
mixed with the strange people of the
land; and from the beginning of this
matter the rulers and the nobles have
71 been partakers of this iniquity. And
as soon as I had heard these things,
I rent my clothes, and my holy gar-
ment, and plucked the hair from off
my head and beard, and sat me down
72 sad and full of heaviness. So all they
that were moved at the word of the
Lord, the God of Israel, assembled
unto me, whilst I mourned for the
iniquity: but I sat still full of heavi-

¹³ *Another reading is, and the holy vessels and the silver and the gold &c.*

¹⁴ *Marmoth.*

¹⁵ *Uriah.*

¹⁶ *Noadiah the son of Binnai.*

¹⁷ *Another reading is, nor their uncleannesses, to wit, of the Gentiles, &c.*