

<sup>1</sup> *Hak-katan.*

<sup>2</sup> *Shema-iah.*

<sup>3</sup> *Bigvai.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ariel.*

<sup>5</sup> *Jarib.*

<sup>6</sup> *Iddo.*

<sup>7</sup> *Co-siphia.*

<sup>8</sup> *Another reading is, a man.*

<sup>9</sup> *Mahli.*

<sup>10</sup> *She-reb-iah.*

<sup>11</sup> *Ha-shab-iah.*

<sup>12</sup> *She-reb-iah, Hashab-iah.*

of <sup>1</sup> Akatan, and with him a hundred  
39 and ten men: of the sons of Adonikam, the last, and these are the names of them, Eliphlat, Jeuel, and <sup>2</sup> Samaias, and with them seventy men: of the sons of <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> Idnel, and <sup>5</sup> Maasmas, and Elnathan, and Samaias, and <sup>6</sup> Joribus, Nathan, Ennatan, Zacharias, and Mosollamus, principal men and men of under-  
45 standing. And I bade them that they should go unto <sup>7</sup> Loddeus the captain, who was in the place of <sup>8</sup> the treasury: 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 <sup>9</sup> men of understanding of the sons of <sup>10</sup> Mooli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, <sup>10</sup> Asebebias, and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen,  
48 and <sup>11</sup> Asebias, and Annuus, and Osaias his brother, of the sons of Chananeus, and their sons were twenty  
49 men; and of the temple-servants whom David and the principal men had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple-servants, 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 children 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 besought our Lord as touching these things, and found him favourable  
54 unto us. Then I separated twelve men of the chiefs of the priests, <sup>12</sup> Esebebias, 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 deliver 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 Jerusalem, brought them into the temple of the Lord.

61 And from the river Theras we departed 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 <sup>14</sup> Marmoth the priest the  
63 son of <sup>15</sup> Urias. And with him was Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with them were Josabodus the son of Jesus and <sup>16</sup> 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 sacrifices unto the Lord, the God of Israel, even twelve bullocks for all 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 commandments 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 Levites, have not put away from them the strange people of the land, <sup>17</sup> nor the uncleannesses of the Gentiles, to wit, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Pherezites, 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 garment, 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 heaviness.

<sup>13</sup> *Another reading is, and the holy vessels and the silver and the gold &c.*

<sup>14</sup> *Marmoth.*

<sup>15</sup> *Uriah.*

<sup>16</sup> *Noadiah the son of Binnai.*

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