

Nehemiah - Lesson 5

Priests	Levites	Asaph
Ex 28:1 - minister before God - Aaron - Nadab and Abihu, and Eleazar and Ithamar - offer sacrifices - In the court and the holy place - Purified things - Stood before the Lord - In charge of the tent of meeting and the service to the Lord Num 18:21-24 - bear Israel's iniquities - Their inheritance was the tithes of the people - Mal 2:4-9 - Object of reverence - revere God and stand in awe of Him - True instruction in his mouth - Walk in God's peace and uprightness - Preserve knowledge - Messenger of the Lord of hosts - WARNING - Turned aside from the way - Caused many to stumble - Corrupted the covenant of Levi - Didn't keep God's ways - Showing partiality in instruction	- Levi was the 3rd son of Jacob and Leah (Gen 29:31-34) - Levi - Gershon, Kohath, Merari (I Chron 6:1-3) - Kohath - Amram, Izhar, Hebron, Uzziel - Amram and Jochobed - Miriam (Ex 15:20), Aaron, Moses Levite duties Num 1:47-53 - keep charge over the tabernacle, furnishings, all that belongs to it - Take it all down, carry it, put it all up, camp around it I Chron 23:27-32 - assist the sons of Aaron with the service of the house of the Lord II Chron 8:14-15 - praise (and giving thanks as prescribed by David the man of God - Neh 12:24) - Ministering before the priests and the gatekeepers - Caring for the storehouses	Neh 7:44 - sons of Asaph were singers Ezra 3:10-11 - of the Levites (II Chron 5:12, 16:37) - From the sons of Merari (I Chron 15:17) - Merari son of Levi (Gen 46:11) - Gifted in music - Cymbals, harps, Lyres - Praised the Lord according to the directions of David (I Chron 16:7) - Prophesied under the direction of the king (I Chron 25:2, 7) - Song leaders - Psalms of Asaph 50, 73-83

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Casting Lots - Chapter 11	Joyous Celebration - Chapter 12	Again? Really? - Chapter 13
- cast lots to see who would live in Jerusalem - 1 out of 10 are going to live in the city - OT - casting lots was a type of decision making that was honored by God - Pr 16:33 - 9 were free to establish their place outside the city - families inheritance 25-36 - where the other 90% of the people were living	1-26 - list of those who came with Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple Listing the key priests and Levites through 3 generations - Jeshua (1-11) - Joiakim (12-21) - Eliashib (22-23) 27-30 - dedication of the wall - singers leaders - Purified by the priests and the Levites - Music, joy, thanksgiving, praise 31-37 - Group 1 - led by Ezra - Valley gate and went counterclockwise to the temple 38-43 - Group 2 - led by Nehemiah - Valley gate and went clockwise to the temple Took their stand in the house of God - inner joy put there by God which led to pure worship - Brought on by a life of obedience - Contributions were gathered	- Nehemiah asked permission to come (2:6) - He was in Jerusalem for 12 years - 9-10 years later Nehemiah comes back 1-3 - found out that foreigners were to be excluded from their assembly 4-9 - Eliashib moved Tobiah into the temple and moved the temple stuff out - Allied himself with an enemy of Israel for personal gain - Nehemiah removes Tobiah and his stuff and they cleanse the temple - Much like Jesus 400+ years later (Mt 21:12-13; Jn 2:13-17) 10-14 - portions were not being given to the Levites so they left to support themselves (Mal 1:6-14; 3:8-12) - Nehemiah restores them to their posts 15-22 - buying and selling on the sabbath 23-29 - marrying foreign women (Mal 2:10-16)

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Purifying Ourselves	Importance of Tithes	Lessons to Apply
I Peter 2:4-12 II Cor 6:14-7:1 I John 3:1-3	They provided for the work of God to be done When tithes were withheld - God's work ceased to be done	- we need accountability - It is our job to provide for the work of the Lord - God calls us to live according to His Word and we need the boldness to speak on His behalf