# The Holiness of Walls Nehemiah 11-12

#### Nehemiah 7:4

Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it were few and the houses were not built.

### Nehemiah 10:38-39

The priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers and the singers. Thus we will not neglect the house of our God.

## The People Groups

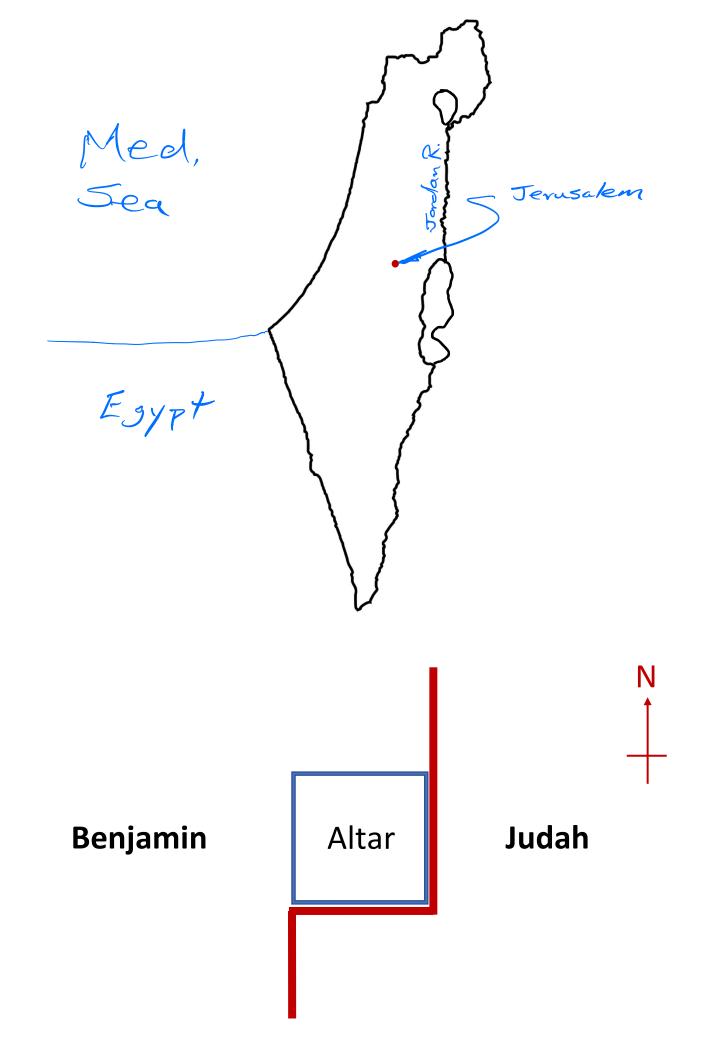
• **Judah** (11:4-6)

• **Benjamin** (11:7-9)

• **Priests** (11:10-14)

• **Levites** (11:15-18)

• **Remaining Jews** (11:22-24)



### Genesis 49:27

"Benjamin is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he devours the prey, and in the evening he divides the spoil."

### Nehemiah 11:17

...and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer...

מתניה "gift of Adonai"

### Nehemiah 11:19

Also the gatekeepers, **Akkub**, Talmon and their brethren who kept watch at the gates, were 172.

# עקוב "to take by the heel"

עקב "heel"

### Genesis 27:36

Then he said, "Is he not rightly named **Jacob**, for he has **supplanted** [ויעקבני] me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing."



### Haggai 2:23

"On that day," declares Adonai of hosts, "I will take you, **Zerubbabel**, son of Shealtiel, My servant," declares Adonai, "and I will make you like a signet *ring*, for I have chosen you," declares Adonai of hosts.

### Zechariah 4:7-10

"What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' Also the word of Adonai came to me, saying, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that Adonai of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel – these are the eyes of Adonai which range to and fro throughout the earth."

#### Nehemiah 12:30

The priests and the Levites purified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates and the wall.

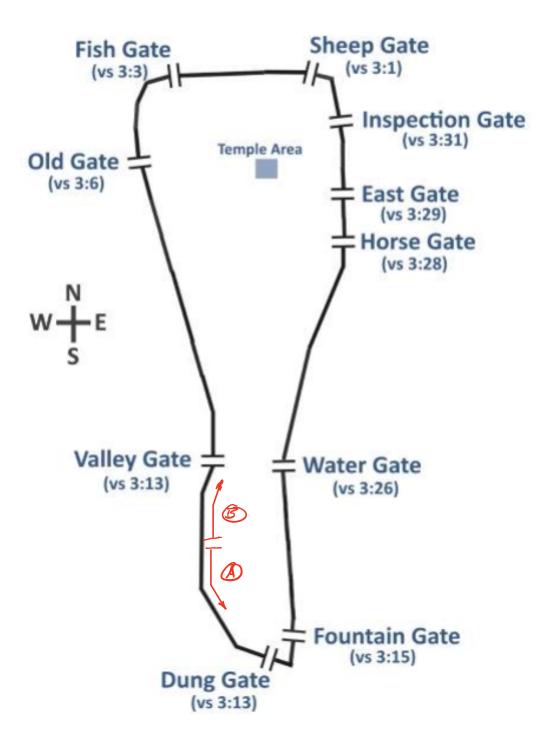
# "two great choirs that gave thanks"

- Neh. 12:31 -

The two choirs led the way...

...in opposite directions...

...but they wound up in the same place.



### **Daniel 3:5,7**

...that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of **music**, you are to fall down and **worship** the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up...Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of **music**, all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language fell down *and* **worshiped** the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.