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And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given [them]: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.

Then I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.

And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedahiah: and next to them [was] Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their office [was] to distribute unto their brethren.

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Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

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And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and [some] of my servants set I at the gates, [that] there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath days:

So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the gates, and make yea evil upon Israel by profaning the sabbath day? For these men made us cease from working on the gates.

And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come [and] keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

And remember me, O my God, concerning all good that I have done unto Jerusalem and to the house of my God.

In those days also saw I Jews [that] had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, [and] of Moab:
And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jew's language, but according to the language of each people.

And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, [saying], Ye shall not give your daughters unto your sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

And [one] of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, [was] son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits, Remember me, O my God, for good.