

1st step in revival is admitting wrongs done...2nd Accepting goodness of God to forgive...3rd Turn away from snare of sin and turn to God repentance....and commit to follow Him.

Ch 9 They did this, revival happened and result was to make an agreement, covenant of loyalty to God. **2Chr 7:14...9:38** Lit 'to cut a covenant' **animal**

1 Now on the sealed document *were the names of:* Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, **2**Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, **3**Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, **4**Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, **5**Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, **6**Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, **7**Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, **8**Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests. **9**And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; **10**also their brothers Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, **11**Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, **12**Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, **13**Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. **14**The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, **15**Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, **16**Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, **17**Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, **18**Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, **19**Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, **20**Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, **21**Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, **22**Pelathiah, Hanan, Ananiah, **23**Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, **24**Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, **25**Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, **26**Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, **27**Malluch, Harim, Baanah. **84 names-22 priests-17 Levites-44 Leaders of the people plus Nehemiah**

28 Now the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all those who had **separated** themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, all those who had **knowledge** and **understanding**, **29**are joining with their kinsmen, their nobles, and are taking on themselves a **curse** and an **oath** to **walk** in God's law, which was given through Moses, God's servant, and to keep and to observe all the commandments of GOD our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes;

Age of accountability knowing right & wrong before Lord. All in agreement...'**How can two walk...**' Curse as a form of correction..' **Anoint us or correct us**' –A serious & solemn appeal to God--**Every oath has in it a conditional curse upon the soul, which makes it a strong bond upon the soul; for our own tongues, if false and lying tongues, will fall, and fall heavily, upon ourselves. MH**
30 and that we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.**31** As for the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day; and we will forego *the crops* the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

First dealing w/ marriage relationship 'marry only in the Lord'...Don't repeat the error of your fathers....involved w/ foreign wives w/ foreign God & led astray...'Don't be unequally yoked to unbeliever' 'if marry...only in Lord'
Bonhoeffer 'the covenant of marriage teaches love' 37 and 19

Second deal w/ worship..don't let money eclipse worship of God....trading w/ foreigners....violating Sabbath day law....Greed corrupts spiritual life. When honor God first in financial dealings we will be honest in dealings w/ others money especially the church. **Buy house...disclosure statement**...Don't trade church for business on Sunday

32 We also placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly one third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: **33** for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moon, for the appointed times, for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

Pledged support for Temple and proper function and upkeep of house of God.... for worship...

34 Likewise we cast lots for the supply of wood *among* the priests, the Levites, and the people in order that they might bring it to the house of our God, according to our fathers' households, at fixed times annually, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God as it is written in the law;

Wood for fire on Altar so it not go out...we on fire for God

35 and in order that they might bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the LORD annually,

First fruits...declaration of gratitude, appreciation, dependence

36and bring to the house of our God the first-born of our sons and of our cattle, and the first-born of our herds and our flocks as it is written in the law, for the priests who are ministering in the house of our God. **37**We will also bring the first of our dough, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the new wine and the oil to the priests at the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithe of our ground to the Levites, for the Levites are they who receive the tithes in all the rural towns. **38** And 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.

First born redeemed w/ money...Tithe 10th for time of plenty & lean times. Yet God said *'Honor the LORD w/ your possessions & w/ the first fruits of all your increase so your barns will be filled w/ plenty and your vats will overflow w/ new wine' Pr 3:9-10*

39 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. Motivation for giving 'house of Lord' – He will reward But **Those that forsake the worship of God forsake God.**

Ch 11 1 Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, while nine-tenths remained in the other cities.

They had the Temple, walls, Mt Zion itself, the place God would put His name, signed covenant but **needed the people**. For 80 years Jerusalem a ghost town & to prosper it needed to be populated. Nehemiah had already taken census of families and areas they lived in. So cast lots 1:10 to return—at beginning 5000 10% come w/ pioneer spirit. The leaders set example by living in Jerusalem.

2 And the people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

They blessed...**Zech 4:10** *'For who has despised the days of small things'* –those that went back might have responded 'we have'...Work of God always supersedes has greater value than any effort or sacrifice we make

3 Now these are the heads of the provinces who lived in Jerusalem, but in the cities of Judah each lived on his own property in their cities—the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants. **4**And some of the sons of Judah and some of the sons of Benjamin lived in Jerusalem. From the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez; **5**and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite. **6**All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 able men. **7** Now these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah; **8**and after him Gabbai and Sallai, 928. **9**And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second in command of the city. **10** From the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, **11**Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God, **12**and their

kinsmen who performed the work of the temple, 822; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, 13and his kinsmen, heads of fathers' *households*, 242; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14and their brothers, valiant warriors, 128. And their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggadolim. 15 Now from the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16and Shabbethai and Jozabad, from the leaders of the Levites, who were in charge of the outside work of the house of God; 17and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galai, the son of Jeduthun. 18All the Levites in the holy city were 284. 19 Also the **gatekeepers**, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, who kept watch at the gates, were 20And the rest of Israel, of the priests, *and* of the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each on his own inheritance. 21But the **temple servants** were living in Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were in charge of the temple servants. 22 Now the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, from the sons of Asaph, who were the singers for the service of the house of God. 23For *there was* a commandment from the king concerning them and a firm regulation for the song leaders day by day. 24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's representative in all matters concerning the people.

List of heads of families of tribe of Judah, Benjamin—Military leaders, Priests, Levites, Gatekeepers, Servants in general. They and families settled in Jerusalem....example for rest of people to follow

25 Now as for the villages with their fields, some of the **sons of Judah** lived in Kiriath-arba and its towns, in Dibon and its towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages, **26**and in Jeshua, in Moladah and Beth-pelet, **27**and in Hazar-shual, in Beersheba and its towns, **28**and in Ziklag, in Meconah and in its towns, **29**and in En-rimmon, in Zorah and in Jarmuth, **30**Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. **So they encamped from Beersheba as far as the valley of Hinnom.** **31**The **sons of Benjamin** also *lived* from Geba *onward*, at Michmash and Aija, at Bethel and its towns, **32**at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, **33**Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, **34**Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, **35**Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. **36** And from the Levites, *some* divisions in Judah belonged to Benjamin.

List of villages and towns throughout Judea