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(18) Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

(19) Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

Chapter 6

(1) Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)

(2) That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.

(3) And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

(4) Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

(5) Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

(18) Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also birds were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I did not require the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

(19) Think of me, my God, because of the good, *according* to all that I have done for these people.

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(6) Wherein *was* written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith *it, that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

(7) And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

(8) Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

(9) For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

(10) Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

(11) And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

(6) In which *was* written, It is reported among the ungodly nations, and Gashmu says *it, that* you and the Jews think to rebel: which is the reason that you build the wall, that you may be their king, according to these words.

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(10) Afterwards I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house {temple} of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: because they will come to kill you; yes, in the night they will come to kill you.

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(12) And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

(13) Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

(14) My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

(15) So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day of the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.

(16) And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

(17) Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.

(18) For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

(19) Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

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