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(73) So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims {temple servants}, and all Israel, lived in their cities; and when the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]} came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

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(4) And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

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(5) And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

(6) And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

(7) Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

(8) So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

(9) And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

(10) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

(11) So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

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(9) And Nehemiah, who *was* the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to the LORD {Jehovah} your God; do not mourn, nor weep. Because all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

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<p>(12) And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.</p> <p>(13) And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.</p> <p>(14) And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:</p> <p>(15) And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as <i>it</i> is written.</p> <p>(16) So the people went forth, and brought <i>them</i>, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.</p> <p>(17) And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.</p>	<p>(12) And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great joy, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.</p> <p>(13) And on the second day there were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.</p> <p>(14) And they found written in the law which the LORD {Jehovah} had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should live in booths in the feast of the seventh month {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]}^a:</p> <p>(15) And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.</p> <p>(16) So the people went forth, and brought them, and made for themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house {temple} of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.</p> <p>(17) And all the congregation of those who had returned out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: because since the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.</p>
<p>8:14a - the fifteenth day of the seventh month - the Feast of Tabernacles - see Lev. 23</p>	
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<p>(18) Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day <i>was</i> a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.</p> <p>Chapter 9</p> <p>(1) Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.</p> <p>(2) And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.</p> <p>(3) And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God <i>one</i> fourth part of the day; and <i>another</i> fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.</p> <p>(4) Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, <i>and</i> Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.</p> <p>(5) Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, <i>and</i> Pethahiah, said, Stand up <i>and</i> bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.</p>	<p>(18) Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the manner.</p> <p>Chapter 9</p> <p>(1) Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.</p> <p>(2) And the descendants of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the sins of their fathers.</p> <p>(3) And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD {Jehovah} their God <i>one</i> fourth part of the day {3 hours}; and <i>another</i> fourth part {3 hours} they confessed, and worshiped the LORD {Jehovah} their God.</p> <p>(4) Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, <i>and</i> Chenani stood up upon the stairs, and cried with a loud voice to the LORD {Jehovah} their God.</p> <p>(5) Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, <i>and</i> Pethahiah, said, Stand up <i>and</i> bless the LORD {Jehovah} your God forever and ever: and blessed is Your glorious Name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.</p>