

¹وَلَمَّا اسْتَهْلَ الشَّهْرُ السَّائِعُ وَتَوَّ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي مُدُنِهِمْ
اجْتَمَعَ الشَّعْبُ كَرَجُلٍ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. ²وَقَامَ يَشُوعُ
بْنُ يُوَصَادَاقَ وَإِخْوَتُهُ الْكَهَنَةُ، وَزَرُبَابَلُ بْنُ شَالْتِيئِيلَ
وَإِخْوَتُهُ، وَتَوَّ مَذْبَحَ إِلَهِ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيُضْعِدُوا عَلَيْهِ مُحْرَقَاتٍ
كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى رَجُلِ اللَّهِ، ³وَأَقَامُوا
الْمَذْبَحَ فِي مَكَانِهِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَلَيْهِمْ رُغْبٌ مِنْ شُعُوبِ
الْأَرَاظِي، وَأَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِ مُحْرَقَاتٍ لِلرَّبِّ مُحْرَقَاتِ
الصَّبَاحِ وَالْمَسَاءِ. ⁴وَحَفِظُوا عِيدَ الْمَطَالِ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ،
وَمُحْرَقَةَ يَوْمِ قِيَوْمٍ بِالْعَدَدِ كَالْمَرْسُومِ أَمَرَ الْيَوْمِ
يَوْمِهِ. ⁵وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ الْمُحْرَقَةُ الدَّائِمَةُ، وَلِلْأَهْلِ وَلِجَمِيعِ
مَوَاسِمِ الْهَرَبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ وَلِكُلِّ مَنْ تَبَرَّعَ يَتَبَرَّعُ
لِلرَّبِّ. ⁶اِبْتَدَأُوا مِنَ الْيَوْمِ الْأَوَّلِ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ السَّائِعِ
يُضْعِدُونَ مُحْرَقَاتٍ لِلرَّبِّ، وَهَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ
تَأَسَّسَ. ⁷وَأَعْطُوا فَصَّةً لِلنَّحَّائِينَ وَالنَّجَّارِينَ وَمَاكَلًا
وَمَشْرَبًا وَزَيْتًا لِلصِّيدُونِ وَالصُّورِيِّينَ لِيَأْتُوا بِخَشَبِ أَرِزٍ
مِنْ لُبْنَانَ إِلَى بَحْرِ يَاقَا حَسَبَ إِدْنِ كُورَشَ مَلِكِ قَارِسَ
لَهُمْ. ⁸وَفِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ مِنْ مَجِيئِهِمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ اللَّهِ إِلَى
أُورُشَلِيمَ فِي الشَّهْرِ الثَّانِي سَرَعَ زَرُبَابَلُ بْنُ شَالْتِيئِيلَ
وَيَشُوعُ بْنُ يُوَصَادَاقَ وَبَقِيَّةُ إِخْوَتِهِمُ الْكَهَنَةُ وَاللَّاوِيِّينَ
وَجَمِيعُ الْقَادِمِينَ مِنَ السَّبْيِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَأَقَامُوا
اللَّاوِيِّينَ مِنْ ابْنِ عَشْرِينَ سَنَةً فَمَا قَوْوُ لِلْإِشْرَافِ عَلَى
عَمَلِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ. ⁹وَوَقَفَ يَشُوعُ مَعَ بَنِيهِ وَإِخْوَتِهِ قَدْمِئِيلَ
وَبَنِيهِ بَنِي يَهُودَا مَعًا لِلْإِشْرَافِ عَامِلِي الشَّعْلِ فِي بَيْتِ
اللَّهِ، وَبَنِي جِبْتَادَا مَعَ بَنِيهِمْ وَإِخْوَتِهِمُ اللَّاوِيِّينَ. ¹⁰وَلَمَّا
أَسَّسَ الْبَانُونَ هَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ أَقَامُوا الْكَهَنَةُ بِمَلَابِسِهِمْ
بِأَبْوَابِ اللَّاوِيِّينَ بَنِي آسَافَ بِالصُّنُوجِ لِيَتَسَبَّحَ الرَّبُّ عَلَى
تَرْتِيبِ دَاوُدَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. ¹¹وَعَنُّوا بِالتَّسْبِيحِ وَالْحَمْدِ
لِلرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ لَأَنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ.
وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ هَتَفُوا هُتَافًا عَظِيمًا بِالتَّسْبِيحِ لِلرَّبِّ لِأَجْلِ
تَأْسِيسِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ. ¹²وَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ وَاللَّاوِيِّينَ
وَرُؤُوسِ الْآبَاءِ الشُّيُوخِ الَّذِينَ رَأَوْا الْبَيْتَ الْأَوَّلَ يَكُونُ
يَصُوتُ عَظِيمٌ عِنْدَ تَأْسِيسِ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ أَمَامَ أَعْيُنِهِمْ.
وَكَثِيرُونَ كَانُوا يَرْفَعُونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ بِالْهَتَافِ يَقْرَحُ. ¹³وَلَمْ
يَكُنِ الشَّعْبُ يُمِيزُ هُتَافَ الْقَرَحِ مِنْ صَوْتِ بُكَاءِ الشَّعْبِ،
لَأَنَّ الشَّعْبَ كَانَ يَهْفُفُ هُتَافًا عَظِيمًا حَتَّى أَنْ الصَّوْتِ
سَمِعَ مِنْ بَعْدِ.

¹And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. ³And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. ⁴They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; ⁵And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. ⁶From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. ⁷They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. ⁸Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the

remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.⁹ Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.¹¹ And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.¹² But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:¹³ So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.