

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.²Then 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

¹وَلَمَّا اسْتَهْلَ السَّهْرُ السَّائِعِ وَتَوَّإِ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي مُدُنِهِمْ اجْتَمَعَ الشَّعْبُ كَرَجُلٍ وَاجِدٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ.²وَقَامَ يَشُوعُ بْنُ يُوَصَادَاقَ وَإِخْوَتُهُ الْكَهَنَةُ، وَزَرْبَابَيْلُ بْنُ شَالْتِيئِيلَ وَإِخْوَتُهُ، وَتَوَّأَ مَذْبَحَ إِلَهٍ إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيُضْعِدُوا عَلَيْهِ مُحْرِقَاتٍ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى رَجُلِ اللَّهِ،³وَأَقَامُوا الْمَذْبَحَ فِي مَكَانِهِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَلَيْهِمْ رُغْبٌ مِنْ شُعُوبِ الْأَرَاضِي، وَأَضْعَدُوا عَلَيْهِ مُحْرِقَاتٍ لِلرَّبِّ مُحْرِقَاتِ الصَّبَاحِ وَالْمَسَاءِ.⁴وَحَفِطُوا عِيدَ الْمَطَالِ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ، وَمُحْرِقَةَ يَوْمِ قِيَوْمٍ بِالْعَدَدِ كَالْمَرْشُومِ أَمَرَ الْيَوْمِ يَوْمِهِ.⁵وَعَدَدَ ذَلِكَ الْمُحْرِقَةَ الدَّائِمَةَ، وَلِلْأَهْلِ وَلِجَمِيعِ مَوَاسِمِ الرَّبِّ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ وَلِكُلِّ مَنْ تَبَرَّعَ يُمْتَبِعَ لِلرَّبِّ.⁶أَبْتَدَأُوا مِنَ الْيَوْمِ الْأَوَّلِ مِنَ السَّهْرِ السَّائِعِ يُضْعِدُونَ مُحْرِقَاتٍ لِلرَّبِّ، وَهَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ تَأَسَّسَ.⁷وَأَعْطُوا فَضَةً لِلتَّحَانِينَ وَالتَّجَارِينَ وَمَاكَلًا وَمَسْرَبًا وَزَيْتًا لِلصِّبْيَانِ وَالصُّورِيِّينَ لِيَأْتُوا يَحْشَبِ أَرْزٍ مِنْ لُبْنَانَ إِلَى تَحْرِ يَاقَا حَسَبَ إِذْنِ كُورَشَ مَلِكِ قَارِسَ لَهُمْ.⁸وَفِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ مِنْ مَجِيئِهِمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ اللَّهِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ فِي السَّهْرِ الثَّانِي سَرَعَ زَرْبَابَيْلُ بْنُ شَالْتِيئِيلَ وَيَشُوعُ بْنُ يُوَصَادَاقَ وَبَقِيَّةُ إِخْوَتِهِمُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَاللَّوِيِّينَ وَجَمِيعُ الْقَادِمِينَ مِنَ السَّبْيِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَأَقَامُوا اللَّوِيِّينَ مِنْ ابْنِ عَشْرِينَ سَنَةً فَمَا فَوْقَ لِلْإِسْرَافِ عَلَى عَمَلِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ.⁹وَوَقَفَ يَشُوعُ مَعَ بَنِيهِ وَإِخْوَتِهِ قَدَمِيئِيلَ وَبَنِيهِ بَنِي يَهُودَا مَعَاً لِلْإِسْرَافِ غَامِلِي الشَّغْلِ فِي بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، وَبَنِي حِيَتَادَا مَعَ بَنِيهِمْ وَإِخْوَتِهِمُ اللَّوِيِّينَ.¹⁰وَلَمَّا أَسَّسَ الْبَائُونَ هَيْكَلُ الرَّبِّ أَقَامُوا الْكَهَنَةُ بِمَلَابِسِهِمْ يَأْبُواقَ وَاللَّوِيِّينَ بَنِي آسَافَ بِالصُّنُوجِ لِنَسِيحِ الرَّبِّ عَلَى تَرْتِيبِ دَاوُدَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹¹وَعَنُّوا بِالنَّسِيحِ وَالْحَمْدِ لِلرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ ضَالِحٌ لَأَنَّ إِلَى الْآبِدِ رَحْمَتُهُ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَكُلُّ الشَّعْبِ هَتَفُوا هُتَافًا عَظِيمًا بِالنَّسِيحِ لِلرَّبِّ لِأَجْلِ تَأْسِيسِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ.¹²وَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ وَاللَّوِيِّينَ وَرُؤُوسُ الْآبَاءِ الشُّبُوحِ الَّذِينَ رَأَوْا الْبَيْتَ الْأَوَّلَ بَكَوْا بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ عِنْدَ تَأْسِيسِ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ أَمَامَ أَعْيُنِهِمْ. وَكَثِيرُونَ كَانُوا يَرْفَعُونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ بِالْهُتَافِ بِفَرَحٍ.¹³وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الشَّعْبُ يَمَيِّزُ هُتَافَ الْفَرَحِ مِنْ صَوْتِ بُكَاءِ الشَّعْبِ، لِأَنَّ الشَّعْبَ كَانَ يَهْتَفُ هُتَافًا عَظِيمًا حَتَّى أَنَّ الصَّوْتَ سَمِعَ مِنْ بُعْدٍ.

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.