

# BETHANY BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION



## NEHEMIAH 11-12:26 PART-13

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## JERUSALEM RESETTLEMENT

**JERUSALEM RESETTLEMENT(1-36):** Why is Jerusalem called the 'holy city'? Why was it critical to repopulate the city? Who were the initial occupants? How were other settlers selected? Why was there a reluctance to return to Jerusalem? What were the broad categories of people who returned?

**JERUSALEM PRIESTS and LEVITES (12:1-26):** List the priest and Levites during different generations of the returned exiles.

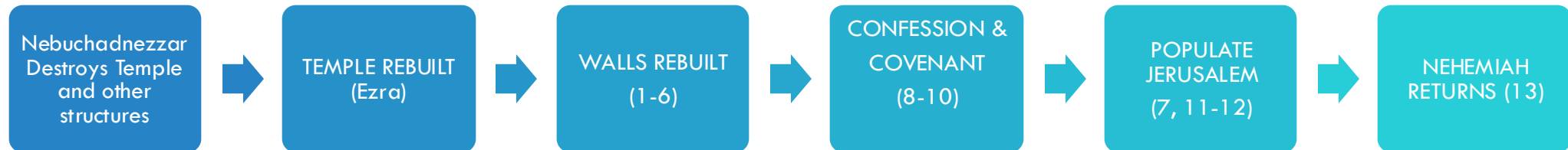


# JERUSALEM RESETTLEMENT

Chapter 11-12:26,  
Part-13

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# NEHEMIAH'S VISION & PASSION: REBUILDING + RESTORATION



# JERUSALEM RESETTLEMENT, 11:1-12:26



THE UNDESIRABLE  
HOLY CITY



THE ROSTER OF  
SETTLERS



THE LEVITES AND  
PRIESTS

## THE (UNDESIRABLE) HOLY CITY

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the **HOLY CITY**, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

People settled in surrounding areas for comfort and safety.

People reluctant to return to a city in ruins

Without resettlement, Jerusalem cannot be rebuilt and it cannot be a strong city or a strong nation.

Who is going to go to Jerusalem to populate, assist with rebuilding the city, homes, and infrastructure?

# WHAT MADE JERUSALEM A HOLY CITY

A place chosen by God

A place chosen by God  
to build the Temple

God's glory seen in the  
Temple

# THE FUTURE HOLY CITY

**Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the **holy city**, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

A prepared city ... no rebuilding or renovation needed!

Entrance restricted to the redeemed

**Revelation 21:27** And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

# ABRAHAM LONGED FOR THIS CITY

## HEBREWS 11:10

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Do we long for this city or are we satisfied with our temporary homes in this world?



# ROSTER OF SETTLERS: THREE GROUPS

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. <sup>2</sup>And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

Elders and Leaders

10% by Lots

Volunteers

# IS IT OKAY TO USE LOTS TO DECIDE?

2 AND THE RULERS OF THE PEOPLE  
DWELT AT JERUSALEM: THE REST OF  
THE PEOPLE ALSO CAST LOTS, TO  
BRING ONE OF TEN TO DWELL IN  
JERUSALEM THE HOLY CITY,

**Proverbs 16:33** The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.

(faith that lot is randomly cast, but God controls the outcome)

**Today** we are guided by the Lord as He speaks primarily through His Word, Holy Spirit, other believers, and through circumstances. We may not hear an audible voice from the burning bush like Moses did or see a vision like Paul did.

Guidance of the Lord will not contradict biblical principles and will result in peace in our hearts. Peace will multiply and grow if we are advancing with God's will.

# ROSTER OF SETTLERS (3-24)

Registered earlier (chapter 7)

<sup>3</sup> Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

<sup>4</sup> And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

<sup>5</sup> And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

<sup>6</sup> All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

<sup>7</sup> And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

<sup>8</sup> And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. <sup>9</sup> And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

# ROSTER OF SETTLERS (4-8)

468 “valiant men” of the tribe of Judah, each head of household (4-6)

Benjaminites, 928 families (7-8) with Joel as the leader and Judah as his assistant (9)

# 10-14

<sup>10</sup> Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

<sup>11</sup> Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

<sup>12</sup> And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah.

<sup>13</sup> And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

<sup>14</sup> And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

# ROSTER OF SETTLERS (10-14)

3 divisions of priestly families (10-14)

Zabdiel was the leader of the big group:

822 that worked at the temple,

second family 242 priests, and

third family 128 priests – men of valor

Total of **1192 priests** assigned to the Temple

(a large-scale operation at Temple with diverse tasks)

Priests were dedicated and committed to their calling to serve in the Temple daily. Lot of work to be done.

# 15-19

<sup>15</sup> Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

<sup>16</sup> And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

<sup>17</sup> And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

<sup>18</sup> All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

<sup>19</sup> Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two.



# ROSTER OF SETTLERS (15-19)

Levites in the holy city 284 (18)

172 were gatekeepers (19)

**Levites**, descendants of Levi, were assistants to the priests (**Priests** are also Levites but from the lineage of Aaron).

Levites were distributed among the territories of other tribes.

Role of Levites: Levites worked under the direction of the priests – in maintaining the temple premises (16) and provisions, leading the music & worship, taking care of treasury, gates (19)

## 20-24

<sup>20</sup> And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

<sup>21</sup> But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims.

<sup>22</sup> The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God.

<sup>23</sup> For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

<sup>24</sup> And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

## ROSTER OF SETTLERS (20-24)

Rest of them settled on their own ancestral property (20)

Temple servants lived close to temple - Ziha and Gishpa supervising (21)

Uzzi, musician, in charge of Levites (22) (Uzzi – descendant of Asaph, responsible for providing music in the temple)

Singers supported by the Persian king (23)

Pethahiah acted as mediator between the people and the king (24)

## 25-36

<sup>25</sup> And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof,

<sup>26</sup> And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethphelet,

<sup>27</sup> And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and in the villages thereof,

<sup>28</sup> And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,

<sup>29</sup> And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

<sup>30</sup> Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

<sup>31</sup> The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aiija, and Bethel, and in their villages.

<sup>32</sup> And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

<sup>33</sup> Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

<sup>34</sup> Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

<sup>35</sup> Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

<sup>36</sup> And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

# REST OF THE PEOPLE (25-36)

Neighboring Jewish villages where rest of the people lived  
(remaining 90%)

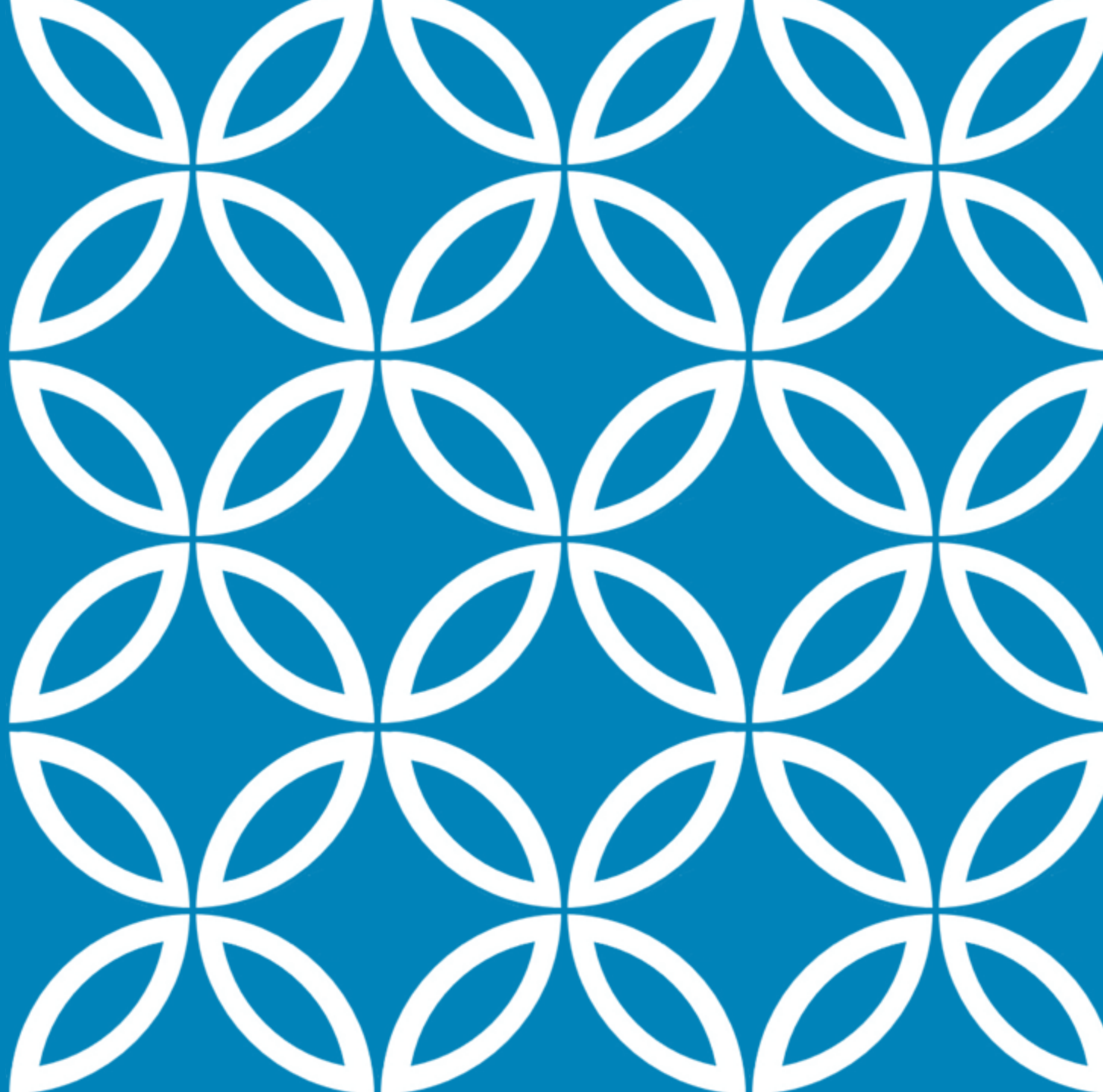
Judah (25-30)

Benjamin (31-35)

Some Levites moved to live among Benjamites (36)

# PRIESTS AND LEVITES, 12:1-26

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# 12:1-10

**12** Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

<sup>2</sup> Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

<sup>3</sup> Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

<sup>4</sup> Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

<sup>5</sup> Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

<sup>6</sup> Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

<sup>7</sup> Sallu, Amok, Hilkihah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

<sup>8</sup> Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

<sup>9</sup> Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over against them in the watches.

<sup>10</sup> And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

# 12:11-22

<sup>11</sup> And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

<sup>12</sup> And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

<sup>13</sup> Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

<sup>14</sup> Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

<sup>15</sup> Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

<sup>16</sup> Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

<sup>17</sup> Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai:

<sup>18</sup> Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

<sup>19</sup> And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

<sup>20</sup> Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

<sup>21</sup> Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

<sup>22</sup> The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.



## 12:23-26

<sup>23</sup> The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

<sup>24</sup> And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.

<sup>25</sup> Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

<sup>26</sup> These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

# PRIESTS AND LEVITES

1-7: Priests who returned with Zerubbabel during the first exile

8-9 Levites families who returned with the first exile

10-11 List of high priests

From Jeshua (in the days of Zerubbabel, v.1) and prophets Haggai and Zechariah.

Joiakim served with Ezra

Eliashib with Nehemiah

# PRIESTS AND LEVITES

Second generation of Priests after the return

12-21 priests who served during the days of Joiakim, the high Priest.

# PRIESTS AND LEVITES,

22-24: Levite families during the reign of persian King, Darius.

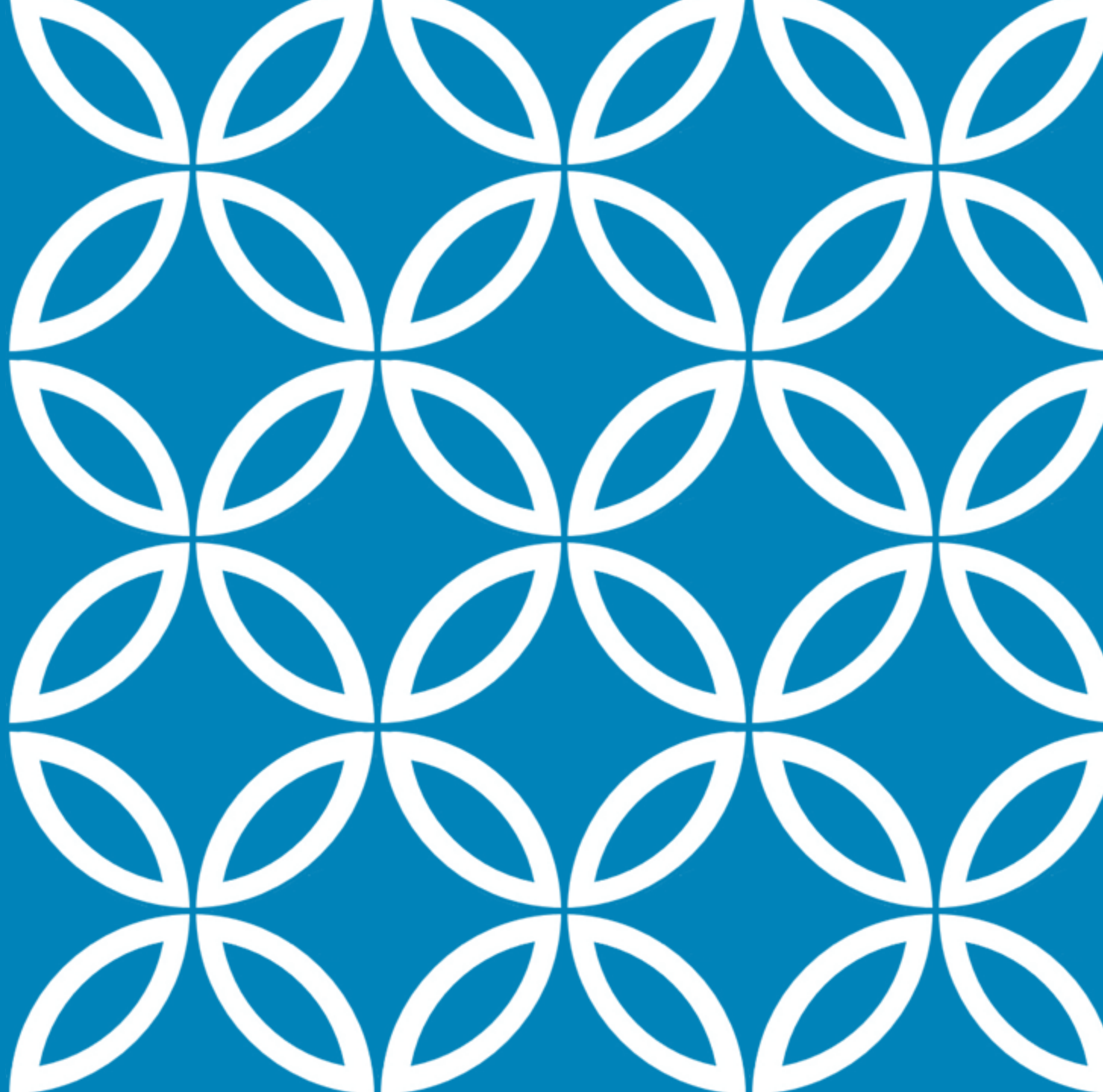
24 - Musicians organized as prescribed by David, the man of God

25 – gatekeepers who protected the temple and its treasury during the day of Nehemiah.

24-26: men who served before and during Nehemiah's administration as a governor.

# REFLECTIONS

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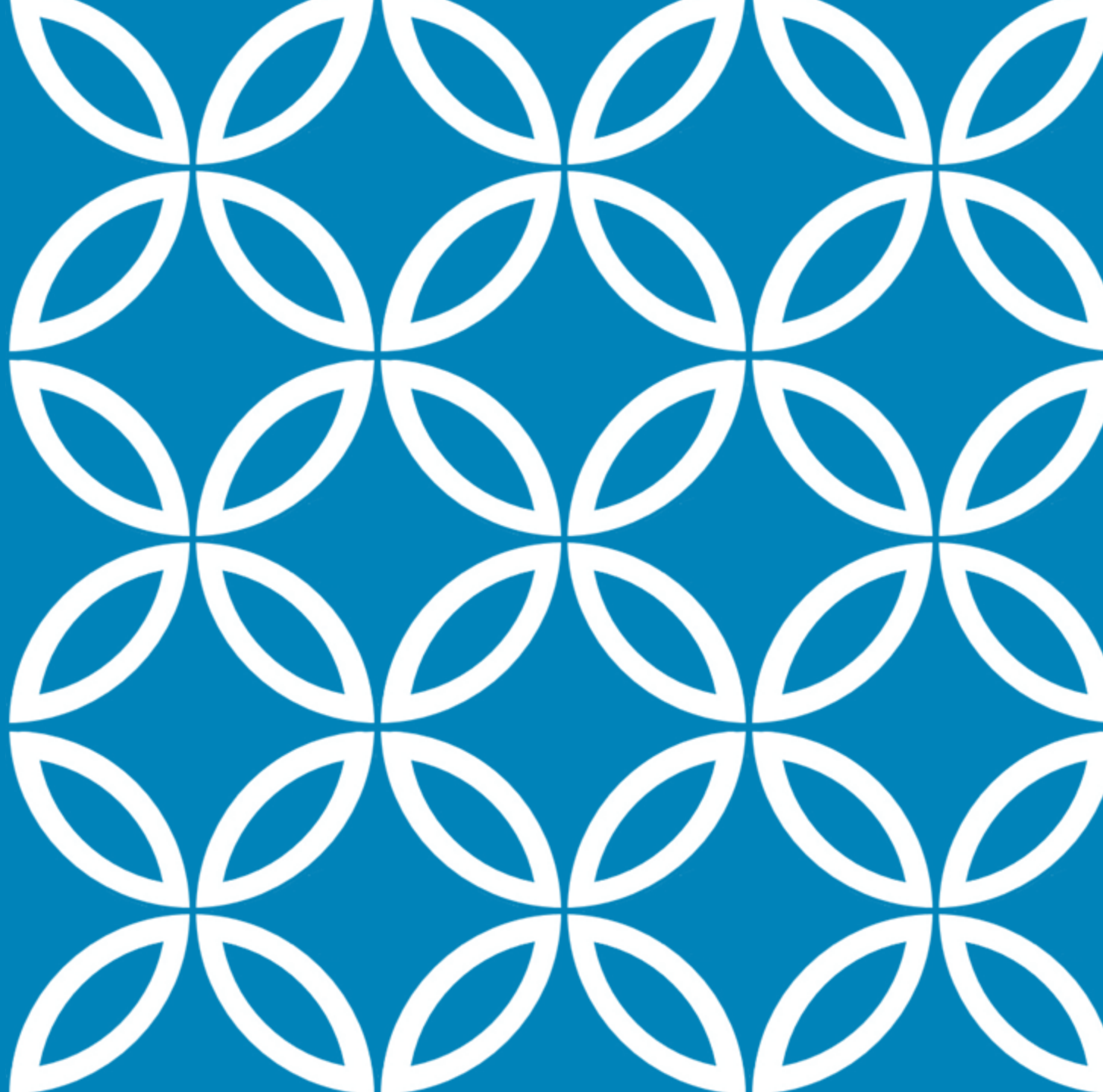
## WORK DOES NOT END WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPLE

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Need workers to maintain the temple and walls.

**What role are we playing to maintain the temple (local church)?**

**Colossians 4:17** And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.



# #2

## WILL YOU LEAVE THE COMFORTS TO REBUILD A CITY IN RUINS?

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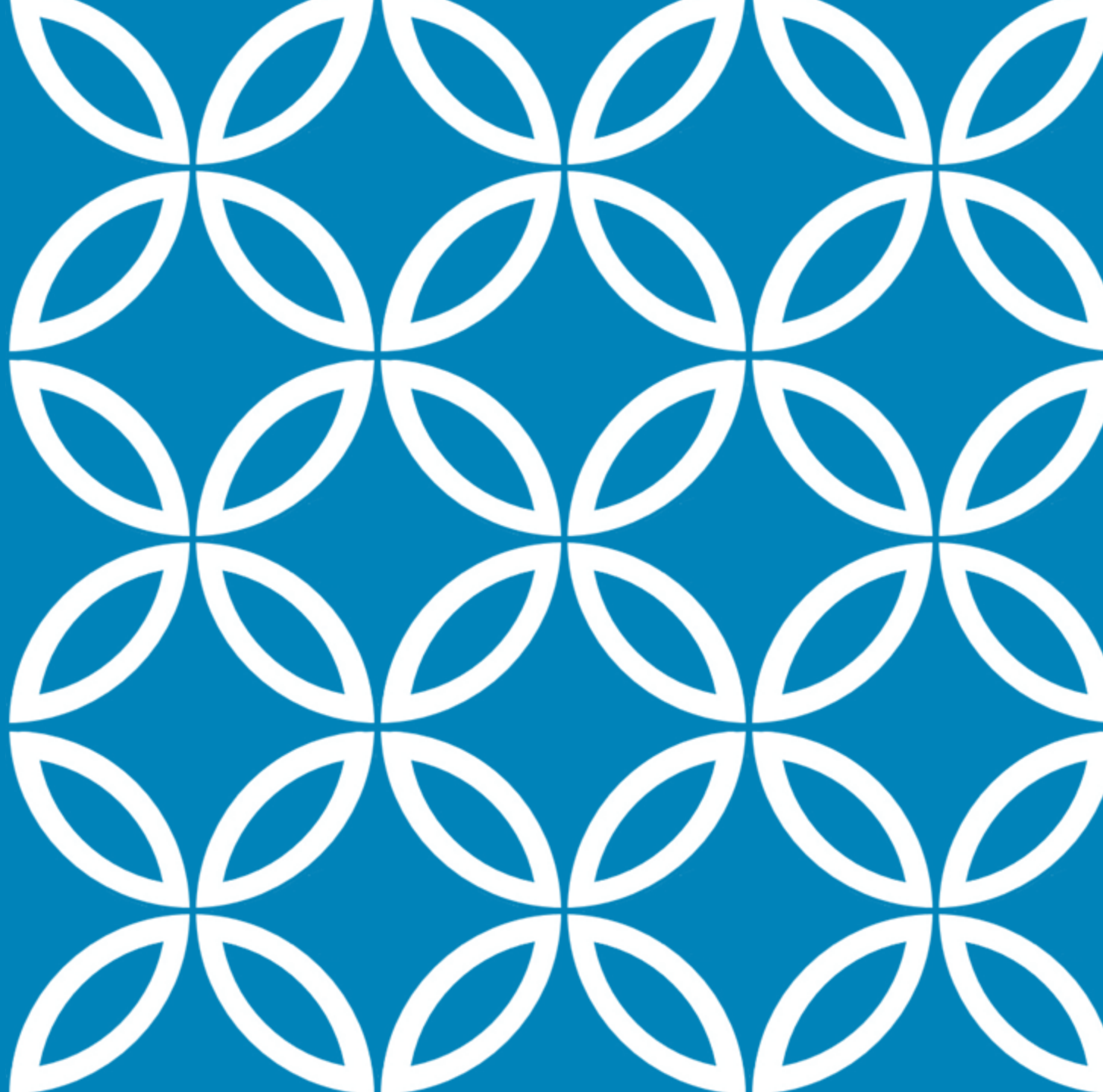
Disciples did

**Mathew 4:20** And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Rich young man did not

Mark 10:22 And **he** was **sad** at that saying, and **went away** grieved: for **he** had great possessions.

Building God's work requires sacrificing comforts. Missionaries have done it.



#3

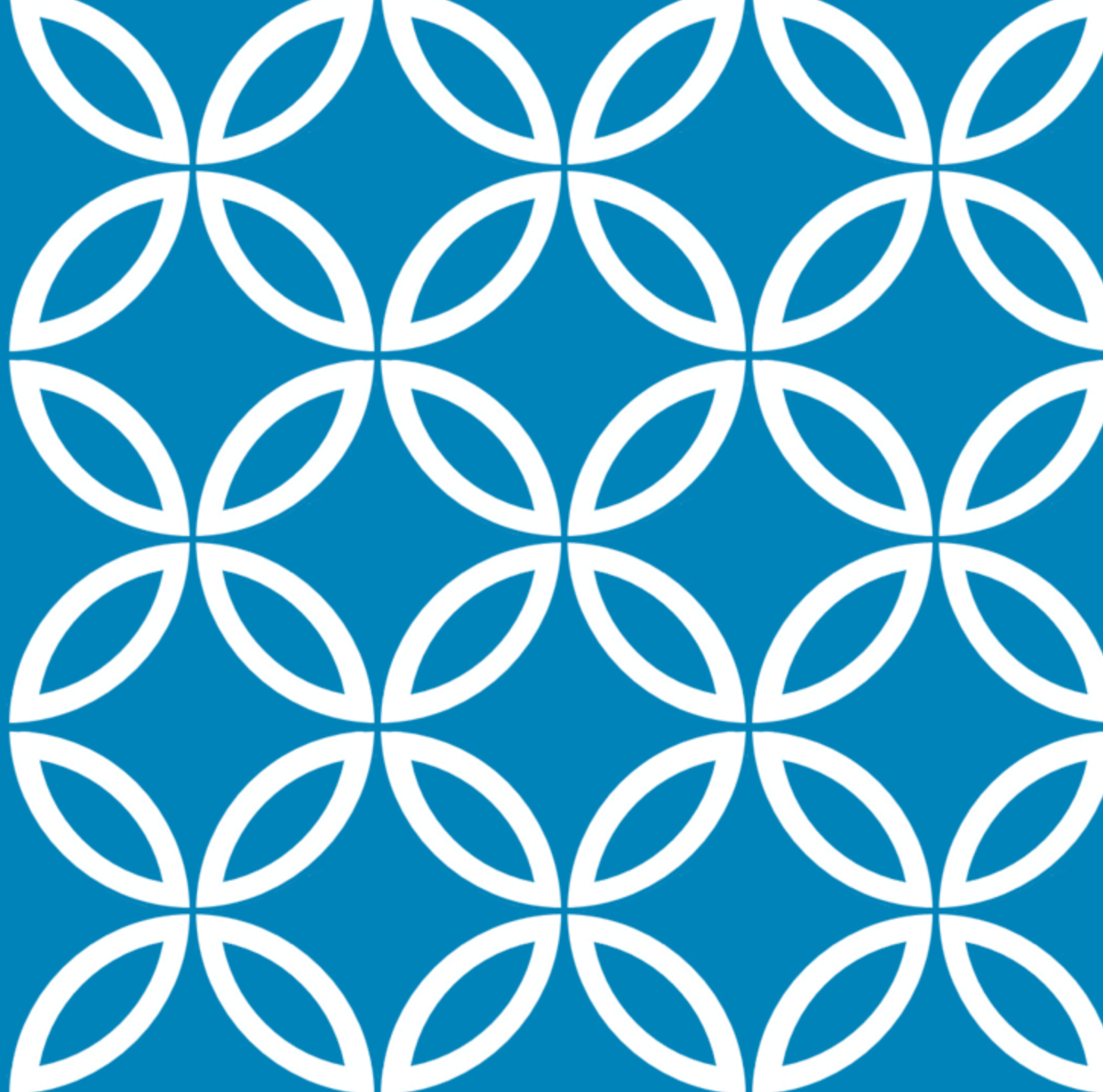
10% WENT & WORKED,  
90% STAYED BACK

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Often 'minority' do 'majority' of  
the work.

How about us? 10% or 90%

In local church ministries,  
Burdens are lighter when "shared"





#4

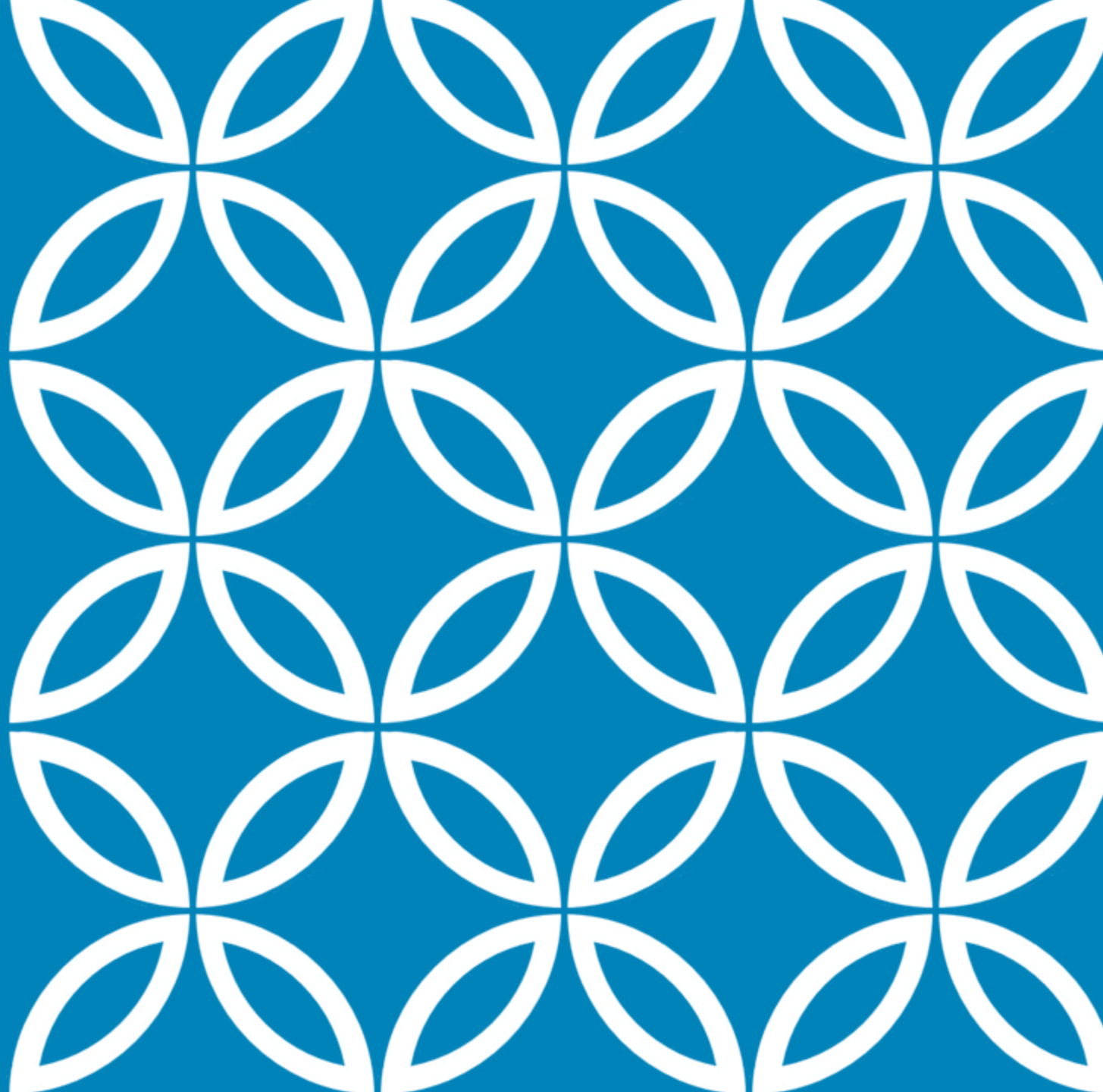
## PRIESTS, LEVITES, AND PEOPLE COMPLETE THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

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Body is one but has many  
members (I Corinthians 12)

The body is complete & healthy  
when each member is present and  
connected.

Each member is equally precious.



#5

NEW JERUSALEM  
WILL BE A PREPARED  
PLACE FOR THE  
PREPARED!

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OUR FUTURE IS  
BRIGHT!

