

Israel is making a public declaration of commitment to God in chapter 10.

Israel's Pledge

- Keep the Law and obey the Word (vs. 29)
- Not marry foreigners (vs. 30)
- Keep the Sabbath (vs. 31)

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- Contribute to the temple (vs. 32-33)
- Contribute to the priesthood (vs. 34-39)

A large portion of the covenant was Israel's pledge to give back to God to support His work in the land.

10 Reasons to Give to God

- 1. It is a tried and true pattern of giving (Malachi 3:7-15).
- 2. It will help you revere God more in your life (Deuteronomy 14:23).
- It will help you harness the dragon of materialism (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

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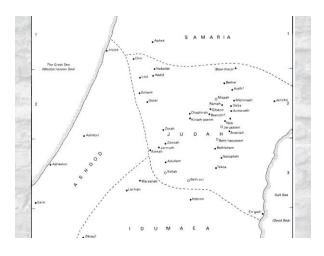
- 4. It will serve as a practical reminder that God is the Owner of everything (Haggai 2:8).
- 5. It will allow you to experience God's provisions in incredible ways (Luke 6:38).

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- 6. It will encourage you to trust in God (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- 7. It will ensure you of treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20).
- 8. It will strengthen the ministry and outreach of your local church (2 Corinthians 9:12).

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- 9. It will support church staff and missionaries (Galatians 6:6).
- 10. It will help accomplish needed building projects(1 Chronicles 29:2-10).



Israel Broke the Covenant By:

- Allowing Tobiah into the temple (vs. 4-9)
- Not contributing to the care of the temple (vs. 10-14)
- Not keeping the Sabbath (vs. 15-22)

Israel Broke the Covenant By:

- Giving themselves to mixed marriages (vs. 23-29).
- Not contributing to the priesthood (vs. 30-31).
- This final episode from Nehemiah shows just how vulnerable we are to slip into complacency
- What keeps us close to God is a steadfast commitment to His Word and the confession of our sins.

The cross of Jesus Christ is God's promise to us that He keeps His Word.