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Ending of the 70 years' "indignation" reconfirmed

During reconstruction of the temple, "In the fourth year of king Darius..the word of Yahweh came unto Zechariah....saying, Speak unto all the people...saying, When ye fasted...even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me?" (Zechariah 7:1,4,5). With the people having now begun to obey the law and "Execute true judgment" (verse 9), and Yahweh's "indignation" having now ended, it was confirmed in "the fourth year of king Darius...in the fourth day of the ninth month", that "I (Yahweh) am returned unto Zion" to "save my people" (7:1; 8:3,7).

The new temple's 24 "courses" of priests

On completion of the new temple, the Levites resumed the services which had ceased at the time of the captivity. The 24 weekly "orderings" or "courses" were established by king David for distributing the Levites' temple duties (I Chronicles 24:7-19; cf. Luke 1:5), where each priest would "come in on the sabbath" and "go out on the sabbath" (2 Chronicles 23:8), meaning they shared the sabbath: That is, "one course should minister to God eight days, from Sabbath to Sabbath" (Antiquities VII,xiv,7). Thus although the normal 7-day week was naturally being observed, each outgoing priest worked an extra day by sharing the duties of the next priest's first day.

Structure of the weekly courses

Sabbath	Outgoing Priest & Priest A	Day 8 & Day 1
Sunday	Priest A	Day 2
Monday	Priest A	Day 3
Tuesday	Priest A	Day 4
Wednesday	Priest A	Day 5
Thursday	Priest A	Day 6
Friday	Priest A	Day 7
Sabbath	Priests A & B	Day 8 & Day 1
Sunday	Priest B	Day 2
Monday	Priest B	Day 3
Tuesday	Priest B	Day 4
Wednesday	Priest B	Day 5
Thursday	Priest B	Day 6
Friday	Priest B	Day 7
Sabbath	Priests B & C	Day 8 & Day 1
Sunday	Priest C	Day 2
etc.	etc.	etc.