

~ASAPH 4 (27)

(A'saph) [He, God, Has Gathered]

- The keeper of the park for King Artaxerxes at the time of Nehemiah's return to Jerusalem, **455 B.C.E.**
- Also a letter to **Asaph** the keeper of the park that belongs to the king, that he may give me trees to build with timber the gates of the Castle that belongs to the house, and for the wall of the city and for the house into which I am to enter. So the king gave them to me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. **(Nehemiah 2:8)**
- The park was a wooded area, perhaps in Lebanon, which was also under Persian control. The park keepers Hebrew name may indicate that he was a Jew occupying this official position, even as Nehemiah had served in the relatively important position of the kings cupbearer.
- Ah, Yehowah, please, let your ear become attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take delight in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king. **(Nehemiah 1:11)**