



So we'll be Ready when the Time Comes

Worship Reference Study

Chapter 6

Occasions that Prompted a Response of Worship

The Following bar graph summarizes occasions in the Bible that prompted a response of worship.



The following table details occasions that prompted a response of worship. It identifies the individuals and groups who offered such a response, its frequency, and the associated scripture references.

In heaven, angels, elders, and living creatures established a unanimous precedent for facedown worship (7 times). On earth, six categorical occasions prompted a response of worship (38 times).

Two accounts refer to worship without describing the act. Prompted by ulterior motives, Saul worshiped God in an unspecified manner at Gilgal in the presence of Israel, its elders, and Samuel. At Jacob's well, a Samaritan outcast announced to Jesus that her relatives had worshiped God in an unspecified way on Mount Gerizim, as an alternative to worshipping Him in Jerusalem.

Occasions that Prompted a Response of Worship					
	Prompt	Times	Hebrew or Greek	Worshippers	Verse
Heavenly Situations	God's Creation	1	Shachah	Heavenly Host	Neh 9:6
	Divine Encounters in Heaven's Throne Room	4	Proskuneo	Elders	Rev 4:10
			Proskuneo	Angels	Rev 5:14
			Proskuneo	Living Creatures	Rev 7:11 Rev 19:4
	Worthy to do so, the Lamb takes the Scroll	1*	Pipto	Living Creatures with Elders	Rev 5:8
Final Trumpet Judgment	1	Proskuneo	Elders	Rev 11:16	
God's Presence On Earth	The Lord Appeared	1*	Naphal	Abram	Gen 17:3
		2	Shachah	Abraham	Gen 18:2-3
			Shachah	Moses	Exo 34:8
	The Resurrected Christ	3	Proskuneo	Mary Magdalene with Another Mary	Mat 28:9
			Proskuneo	Disciples	Mat 28:17
Proskuneo			Luk 24:52		
Supernatural Manifestations On Earth	Pillar and Cloud during Israel's Exodus	1	Shachah	Israelites	Exo 33:10
	Fire and Glory at Solomon's Temple	1	Shachah		2 Chr 7:3
	Captain of the Host	1	Shachah	Joshua	Joshua 5:14
	God's Glory	4*	Naphal	Ezekiel	Eze 1:28 Eze 3:23 Eze 43:3 Eze 44:4
	Jesus Walks on Water	1	Proskuneo	Disciples	Mat 14:33

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Prompt		Times	Hebrew or Greek	Worshippers	Verse
Circumstances Involving Children	Promise of Children	1*	Naphal	Abram	Gen 17:1-3
	Sacrificing Isaac	1	Shachah	Abraham	Gen 22:2,5
	Protection of Firstborn	1	Shachah	Israelites	Exo 12:27
	News of death	2	Shachah	Job	Job 1:20
			Shachah	David	2 Sa 12:20
	Blessing David's Son	1	Shachah		1 Ki 1:47
	Blessing Joseph's Sons	1	Proskuneo	Jacob	Heb 11:21
	Blessing in response to prayer for conception	1	Shachah	Hannah And Elkanah	1 Sa 1:19
	Dedicated to the Lord	1	Shachah	Samuel	1 Sa 1:28
Finding Christ Child	1	Proskuneo	Magi	Mat 2:11	
God's Promises	A Covenant and Fatherhood	1*	Naphal	Abram	Gen 17:1-3
	Burial in Canaan	1	Shachah	Israel	Gen 47:31
	Egyptian Deliverance	1	Shachah	Israelites	Exo 4:31
	Passover Protection	1	Shachah		Exo 12:27
	Military Victory	2	Shachah	Jehoshaphat and Judah	2 Chr 20:18
			Shachah	Gideon	Jud 7:15
Gratitude	Guidance finding bride for Abraham's son	2	Shachah	Eliezer	Gen 24:26
			Shachah		Gen 24:52
	Healing from Leprosy	1*	Pipto	Samaritan Leper	Luke 17:16
	Receiving sight and faith	1	Proskuneo	Healed Blind Man	John 9:38
National Gatherings	Blessing the Lord	2	Shachah	Israelites	1 Chr 29:20
			Shachah		Neh 8:6
	Reading the Law	1	Shachah		Neh 9:3
	Establishing The House of God	1	Shachah	Judah	2 Chr 29: 28-30
Mixed Motives	1	Shachah	King Saul	1 Sa 15:31	
Alternate to Jerusalem	1	Proskuneo	Samaritans	John 4:20	

* Indicates falling or bowing but not translated from a word commonly rendered as worship, such as *shachah* or *proskuneo*.

Heaven's Precedent

Worship Associated with GOD IN HEAVEN (6x's)

1. The Heavenly Host bows down before the Lord, Creator, and Life-giver

Neh 9:6 “You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them. And the heavenly host **bows down** [*shachah*] before You.

2. 24 Elders in heaven fall facedown in response to the eternal attributes of Him who sits on the throne. They praise Him as Creator while 4 living creatures ceaselessly declare the holiness of Almighty God, giving Him glory, honor, and thanks. (Rev 4:8-9)

Rev 4:9 And when the living creatures give **glory** and **honor** and **thanks** to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

4:10 the twenty-four elders will **fall down** [*pipto*] before Him who sits on the throne, and will **worship** [*proskuneo*] Him who lives forever and ever, and will **cast their crowns** before the throne,

4:11 saying, “**Worthy are You**, our LORD and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; **for You created all things**, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

3. Four Living Creatures and 24 Elders fell down before Jesus singing praises, and articulating distinctions about His worthiness. Elders fell down and worshiped Him who sits on the throne as the multitudes praised the Lamb with many angles for His redemptive sacrifice.

Rev 5:8 When He [the Lamb] had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down** [*pipto*] before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the **prayers** of the saints.

5:9 And they **sang** [*ado*, song of praise] a new song, saying, “**Worthy are You** to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the **voice** of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and **thousands of thousands**,

5:12 saying with a **loud voice**, “**Worthy** is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

5:13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be **blessing** and **honor** and **glory** and **dominion** forever and ever.”

5:14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders **fell down** [*pipto*] and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*].

- 4. Angels, elders, and living creatures** fell facedown in response to God sitting on His throne in the presence of a great multitude standing and shouting, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” (Rev 7:9-10 NAS)

Rev 7:11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they **fell** [*pipto*] **on their faces** before the throne and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] God,

7:12 saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

- 5. 24 Elders** fell facedown in heaven. They worshiped God in response to an angel sounding the seventh trumpet after a great earthquake on earth as loud voices in heaven announced, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” (Rev 11:13-15 NAS)

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, **fell** [*pipto*] **on their faces** and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] God,

11:17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.”

- 6.** In response to a loud voice in heaven **24 Elders** fell down and worshiped

Rev 19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures **fell down** [*pipto*] and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] God who sits on the throne **saying**, “**Amen. Hallelujah!**”

Worship Implied in Heaven

On a heavenly sapphire pavement Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders “saw the God of Israel” (Exo 24:9-11).

Ex 24:1 Then He said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall **worship at a distance** [implies an unspecified response of worship].

Angelic Announcements about Worship

1. By an angel flying in mid-heaven, with an eternal gospel to preach (vs. 6)

Re 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; **worship** [*proskuneo*] Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

2. By those victorious over the Beast and his image (vs 2)

Re 15:4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND **WORSHIP** [*proskuneo*] BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

Worship Associated with God's Presence ON EARTH (6x's)

1. The Lord appeared to **Abram** and he fell on his face.

Gen 17:1-2 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, **the LORD appeared to him** and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.”

Gen 17:3 Abram **fell** [*naphal*] **on his face**, and God talked with him, saying,

2. The Lord appeared to **Abraham** and he bowed himself to the earth.

Gen 18:1 Now the Lord appeared to him... [To announce that within one year Sarah will have a son (Isaac)].

Gen 18:2-3 When he [Abraham] lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men [likely a theophany with two angels] were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and **bowed** [*shachah*, the most common Hebrew word translated into English as worship] **himself to the earth**, and **said**, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by.

3. When “all” the LORD’s “goodness” (Ex 33:19) passed before **Moses**, he bowed before the glory of His presence. Without mentioning a response of worship,

the Bible describes the burning bush, the parting of the Red Sea, the Pillar of fire and smoke, God's audible voice, being caught up to meet God on a heavenly pavement, speaking "face to face" with God, and seeing numerous displays of supernatural power, protection, and provision. Only after encountering the goodness of God's glory (at Moses' request) does the Bible record a response of worship from him. As the Lord's goodness (Ex 33:19) passed before Moses, God proclaimed the truth about Himself.

Ex 34:5-7 **The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him** [Moses] as he called upon the name of the LORD. Then **the LORD passed by** in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD [Jehovah = "the existing One", the unpronounced name of the one true God], the LORD God [*'el*, God, the one true God, Jehovah], compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

Ex 34:8 And Moses made haste to **bow low** [*qadad*] toward the earth and **worship** [*shachah*].

Previously, God offered an invitation for Moses and others to worship Him at a distance.

Ex 24:1 Then He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall **worship at a distance** [implies a response of worship to God's presence].

4. In response to the visible presence and audible voice of the resurrected Christ, **Mary Magdalene** and **another Mary** worshiped.

Mat 28:9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and **took hold of His feet** and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him.

5. In response to seeing the resurrected Christ, the **disciples** worshiped.

Mat 28:17 When they saw Him, they **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him; but some were doubtful.

6. In response to Christ's ascension after a blessing, an assembly of eleven Disciples with others (including Cleopas and his companion from the road to Emmaus) worshiped Him.

Luke 24:52 And they, after **worshiping** [*proskuneo*] Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

Luke 24:53 and were continually **in the temple praising** [*eulogeo*] God [rather than worshiping Him].

Worship Associated with SUPERNATURAL MANIFESTATIONS (8x's)

1. In response to seeing the pillar of cloud, the **Israelites** worshiped.

Ex 33:10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and **worship** [*shachah*], each at the entrance of his tent.

2. In response to the presence of the captain of the host of the LORD (possible theophany or Christophany) **Joshua** fell on his face.

Jos 5:14 He said, "No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD [*Jehovah* means existing one]." And Joshua **fell** [*naphal*] **on his face** to the earth, and **bowed down** [*shachah*], and **said** to him, "What has my lord [*'Adonay*, of men or God; title, spoken in place of Yahweh in Jewish display of reverence] to say to his servant?"

NKJ ...Joshua **fell** [*naphal*] **on his face** to the earth and **worshiped** [*shachah*]...

NIV ...Joshua **fell** facedown to the ground **in reverence**...

3. In response to the glory of God as fire from heaven consumed their offering, the **Israelites** bowed in worship.

2 Ch 7:3 And all the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, **bowed down** [*kara`*] on the pavement **with their faces to the ground**, and they **worshiped** [*shachah*] and gave praise to the Lord, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4. In response to the glory of the LORD, **Ezekiel** fell facedown and God spoke to him. These accounts do not use a Hebrew word for worship or mention a motive for falling, whether out of reverence or fear.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of **the glory of the LORD**. And when I [Ezekiel] saw it, I **fell** [*naphal*] **on my face** and heard a voice speaking.

Eze 3:23 So I [Ezekiel] got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the **glory of the LORD** was standing there, like **the glory** which I saw by the river Chebar, and I **fell** [*naphal*] **on my face**. [The Spirit then entered Ezekiel, made him stand on his feet, and He spoke]

Eze 43:3 And it was like **the appearance of the vision** which I [Ezekiel] saw, like the vision which I saw when **He came to destroy** the city. And the visions were [of **the glory of the LORD**] which I saw by the river Chebar; and I **fell** [*naphal*] **on my face**. [Then the glory of the LORD came, the Spirit lifted him into the inner court, the glory of the LORD filled the house, and a voice spoke]

Eze 44:4 Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I [Ezekiel] looked, and behold, **the glory of the LORD** filled the house of the LORD, and I **fell** [*naphal*] **on my face**. [Then the LORD spoke]

5. **The Disciples** worshiped Jesus after He returned with Peter from walking on the water. When they recognized Him as the Son of God, they worshiped Him.

Mat 14:33 And those who were in the boat **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

Worship Associated with CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING CHILDREN (10x's)

1. After receiving news that his ten children had died, **Job** worshiped.

Job 1:20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he **fell to the ground** and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

2. After God appeared to **Abram** promising to make him a father, he fell on his face.

Gen 17:1-2 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And **I will multiply you** exceedingly."

Gen 17:3 Abram **fell** [*naphal*] **on his face**, and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4-5 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be **the father of a multitude** of nations. "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you **the father of a multitude** of nations."

3. **Abraham** considered his act of obedience to sacrifice Isaac an opportunity for worship (as Job did when he received news that his ten children had died).

Gen 22:5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and **the lad** will go over there; and **we will worship** [*shachah*] and return to you."

4. After blessing his grandchildren Manasseh and Ephraim, **Jacob** worshipped by faith as he was dying.

Heb 11:21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*], leaning on the top of his staff.

5. After God promised to pass over all firstborn sons protected by the blood, **the people** worshiped.

Ex 12:27 that you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.'" And the people **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

6. After Eli blessed **Hannah's** prayer for a child, she worshiped with **Elkanah**.

1 Sa 1:19 Then they arose early in the morning and **worshiped** [*shachah*] before the LORD, and returned again to their house in Ramah. And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

7. After Hannah dedicated **Samuel** to the Lord at Shiloh, he worshiped.

1 Sa 1:28 "So I have also dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD." And he [Samuel] **worshiped** [*shachah*] the LORD there.

8. In response to news that his child died, **David** worshiped.

2 Sa 12:20 So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and **worshiped** [*shachah*]. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

9. In response to spoken blessings over his son Solomon, **David** bows.

1 Ki 1:47 "Moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name and his throne greater than your throne!' And the king **bowed** [*shachah*] himself on the bed." [...**bowed in worship** [*shachah*] **on his bed** (NIV)]

10. In response to finding Jesus, the **Magi** fell to the ground and worshiped Him. This account describes the first worshipers mentioned in the NT.

Mat 2:11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they **fell** [*pipto*] **to the ground** and **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him.

According to *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*,¹ the Magi represent a hereditary priesthood holding varying degrees of governmental authority during the Median, Babylonian, Persian, and Parthian empires. One responsibility of their dual office “included the absolute choice and election of the king of the realm.” At the time of Christ’s birth, “it was entirely possible that the Messianic prophecies of the OT, culminating in the writings of Daniel, one of their own chief Magians, [were] of profound motivating significance.”² Educated and well equipped, this “group of Persian-Parthian king makers” followed a compelling celestial sign to fulfill their quest. They relied on astrology, literature, wealth, official influence, and sacerdotal³ arts to find Him who was “born King of the Jews” (Mat 2:2). With a strong tradition in occult power, they wore white robes and tall conical hats, spreading bundles of divining rods (barsoms) while speaking incantations.

“Fire seems to have become the principal element of their worship, which was centered about an altar on which burned a perpetual flame which was believed to have been kindled from heaven.” Being the “mediator between God and man by virtue of a blood sacrifice”, they offered domestic animals on a separate altar. Yet, when this priestly caste encountered Jesus after a 1,000-mile journey, they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Rather than offering sacrifices with fire, their response reflects the heavenly precedent.

Worship Associated with RECEIVING A PROMISE (6x’s)

1. In response to receiving the promise of a covenant and producing abundant offspring, **Abram** fell on his face.

¹ *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, Merrill C. Tenney, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 1976, vol. 4. Quotes are from pages 31-34.

² Nebuchadnezzar appointed Daniel to the office of “*Rab-Mag*” (i.e., Chief Māgian) over the wise men, astrologers, and magicians (all of which were of this priestly caste of Magi).

‘O Belteshazzar, **chief of the magicians** [Rab-Mag, cf. Jer 39:3,13 NAS], since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation. (Dan 4:9 NAS)

“There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him **chief of the magicians**, conjurers, Chaldeans and diviners. (Dan 5:11 NAS)

³ Of or relating to priests or a priesthood. <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sacerdotal> (10-12-08)

Gen 17:1-2 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, **the LORD appeared to him** and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly."

Gen 17:3 Abram **fell** [*naphal*] **on his face**, and God talked with him, saying,

2. In response to Joseph's promise to carry his bones out of Egypt, **Israel** bowed at the foot of his bed.

Gen 47:31 He said, "Swear to me." So he [Joseph] swore to him. Then Israel **bowed in worship** [*shachah* without *qadad*] at the head of the bed.

3. In response to God's promise of deliverance from Egyptian bondage, the **Israelites** bowed low.

Ex 4:31 So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then they **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

4. In response to God's promise of protection through the Passover blood, the **Israelites** bowed low.

Ex 12:27 that you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.'" And the people **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

5. In response to a confirmation of God's promise for victory, **Gideon** bowed in worship.

Jud 7:15 When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation [in the camp of the Midianites, Amalekites, and all the sons of the east], he **bowed in worship** [*shachah*]. ...

6. In response to Jahaziel's prophetic declaration promising victory against Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, **Jehoshaphat** with **all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem** bowed or fell down in worship.

2 Ch 20:18 Jehoshaphat **bowed** [*qadad*] his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem **fell down** [*naphal*] before the LORD, **worshipping** [*shachah*] the LORD.

Worship Associated with GRATITUDE (4x's)

1. In response to God answering a detailed prayer for guidance in finding a wife for Isaac, **Eliezer** (Abraham's servant) bowed low.

Gen 24:26 Then the man [Eliezer] **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*] the LORD.

Gen 24:48 "And I [Eliezer] **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*] the LORD, and **blessed** [*barak*] the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

2. In response to a favorable reply from Laban and Bethuel concerning Rebekah becoming Isaac's wife, **Eliezer** bowed before the Lord.

Gen 24:52 When Abraham's servant [Eliezer] heard their words, he **bowed** [*shachah*] himself to the ground before the LORD. [...worshiped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth. (NKJ)]

3. After receiving his sight and believing in the Son of Man, **a man born blind** worshiped Jesus

John 9:38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he **worshiped** [*proskuneo*] Him.

4. Healed of leprosy, a **Samaritan** fell facedown before Jesus.

Luke 17:16 and he **fell** [*pipto*] **on his face** at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan

Worship Associated with a NATIONAL GATHERING (4x's)

1. An Assembly of **Israelites** bowed in response to David's call to **bless the Lord** after he gave thanks to God for an abundant offering to build the temple

1 Ch 29:20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and **bowed low** [*qadad*] and did **homage** [*shachah*] to the LORD and to the king.

2. **Hezekiah** and his **officials**, the **Levites**, and **all who were present** bowed during a gathering to reestablish service [*abodah*] to the house of the LORD (2 Ch 29:35).

2 Ch 29:28 While the whole assembly **worshiped** [*shachah*], the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29:29 Now at the completion of the burnt offerings, the king [Hezekiah] and all who were present with him **bowed down** [*kara`*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

29:30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the Lord with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with joy, and **bowed down** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*].

- 3. All the people** with **Ezra** bowed in response to **blessing the Lord** before reading and explaining the Book of the Law.

Neh 8:6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they **bowed low** [*qadad*] and **worshiped** [*shachah*] the Lord with their **faces to the ground**.

- 4. Israelites** worshiped in response to the reading of the law

Neh 9:3 While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed [*yadah*, means to thank, praise, or confess sins] and **worshiped** [*shachah*] the LORD their God.