

**“Priests, Levites and...”: a shorthand for “the people of God”  
in some late Hebrew Bible texts**

2 Chronicles 23.6	Do not let anyone enter the house of YHWH except <b>the priests and ministering Levites</b> ; they may enter, for they are holy, but all the <b>other people</b> shall observe the instructions of YHWH.
2 Chronicles 34.30	The king went up to the house of YHWH, with all the people of Judah, <b>the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small</b>
Ezra 6.16	The <b>people of Israel, the priests and the Levites</b> (also, 9.1)
Nehemiah 8.13	On the second day the heads of ancestral houses of <b>all the people, with the priests and the Levites</b> , came together to the scribe Ezra in order to study the words of the law.