

*Priests*, Levites of the sons of *Aaron*, divided into twenty-four ranks, each rank serving weekly in the temple.

*Levites*, of the tribe of *Levi*, but not of *Aaron's* family; of these there were three orders, *Gershonites*, *Koathites*, and *Merarites*, after the several sons of *Levi*.

*Prophets*, anciently called *Seers*, who foretold future events, and denounced God's judgments.

*Children of the Prophets*, their disciples or scholars.

*Wise Men*, called so in imitation of the eastern *Magi*, or *Gentile Philosophers*.

*Scribes*, *Writers* and *Expounders* of the law.

*Disputers*, that raised and determined questions out of the law.

*Rabbies*, or *Doctors*, Teachers of *Israel*.

*Pharisees*, Separatists, who on the opinion of their own godliness despised all others.

*Sadducees*, who denied the resurrection of the dead, angels, and spirits.

*Samaritans*, mongrel professors, partly Heathen, and partly Jews, the offspring of the *Assyrians* sent to *Samaria*.