

# Nehemiah 1:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.**

This verse within Nehemiah 1 addresses themes of prayer, burden, intercession, confession. Nehemiah's prayer demonstrates model intercession rooted in covenant theology, confessing corporate sin while claiming covenant promises. This passage demonstrates biblical principles applicable across both testaments—God's sovereignty combined with human responsibility, faith expressed through obedient action, and the necessity of both individual and corporate commitment to covenant faithfulness. Nehemiah models leadership that combines vision, prayer, courage, integrity and perseverance amid sustained opposition.

## Historical Context

Nehemiah's account occurs during Persian imperial dominance (539-331 BC), specifically 445-433 BC under Artaxerxes I. The post-exilic community had returned to Judah but remained politically subject to Persia, living under imperial administration while attempting to rebuild covenant identity. Archaeological evidence confirms Persian-period occupation of Jerusalem and the wall's route. The Persian period was crucial transitional time when Jewish identity shifted from monarchical nationalism to Torah-centered covenantal community. Without

political independence, the people's cohesion depended on shared scripture, temple worship, and covenant obedience. This established patterns persisting through the Second Temple period into New Testament times. Understanding this context illuminates Jesus's ministry among a people shaped by these reforms and challenges.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 1:7 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call you to make in your walk with God?
3. How can the principles demonstrated in this passage inform your response to current challenges in your life or church?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁם רָנוּ	רָנוּ	לֹא	לְךָ	לְךָ	לְךָ	לְךָ	לְךָ
We have dealt very	We have dealt very						
H2254	H2254	H0	H3808	against thee and have not kept			
H8104							
אַת	פְּמַצּוֹת	אַת	פְּמַצּוֹת	אַת	פְּמַצּוֹת	אַת	פְּמַצּוֹת
H853	the commandments	H853		H2706		H4687	
H4687							
מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה	מֹשֶׁה
H834	which thou commandedst	H853	Moses	H4872	thy servant	H6680	H5650
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Daniel 9:11** (Word): Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

**Daniel 9:13** (Word): As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

**Psalms 106:6** (Parallel theme): We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

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