

Nehemiah 10

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Those Who Sealed the Covenant

- ¹ Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,
- ² Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
- ³ Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
- ⁴ Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
- ⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
- ⁶ Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
- ⁷ Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
- ⁸ Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.
- ⁹ And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
- ¹⁰ And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
- ¹¹ Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
- ¹² Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
- ¹³ Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.
- ¹⁴ The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,
- ¹⁵ Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

- 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.
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The Obligations of the Covenant

- 28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;
29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;
30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:

35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

CROSS REFERENCES

Nehemiah 10:1 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 1:1; 8:9; 9:38

Nehemiah 10:14 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 7:8; 7:15

Nehemiah 10:28 **Sin:** Nehemiah 9:2

Nehemiah 10:29 **Judgment:** Psalms 119:106; Ezekiel 36:27. **Parallel theme:** John 15:14; Romans 12:9. **Word:** 2 Kings 23:3; 2 Chronicles 34:31

Nehemiah 10:30 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 34:16; Deuteronomy 7:3

Nehemiah 10:31 **Holy:** Leviticus 23:3. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 20:10

Nehemiah 10:32 **References God:** Genesis 28:22

Nehemiah 10:33 **Sacrifice:** 2 Chronicles 2:4. **Sin:** Hebrews 10:11

Nehemiah 10:34 **Sacrifice:** Nehemiah 13:31; Isaiah 40:16

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References Lord: Exodus 23:19; 34:26; Numbers 18:12; Deuteronomy 26:2

Nehemiah 10:36 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 13:2

Nehemiah 10:37 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 23:17; Numbers 18:21; Deuteronomy 18:4.
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Nehemiah 10:39 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 10:25. **Sacrifice:** 2 Chronicles 31:12

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