

Nehemiah 10:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 10 addresses themes of covenant renewal, specific commitments, accountability. General confession leads to specific commitments regarding temple support, Sabbath observance, and separation from paganism. 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 spiritual reforms under Ezra and Nehemiah shaped Judaism for centuries, establishing Scripture's centrality and

patterns of worship continuing into the intertestamental period and beyond. 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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does regular engagement with Scripture transform understanding of God and His will for your life?
2. What specific commitments do you need to make (or renew) regarding Bible reading, worship, and obedience?
3. How can the principles demonstrated in this passage inform your response to current challenges in your life or church?

Interlinear Text

ישָׁרָא לְ בָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי
H3588 H413 unto the chambers shall bring For the children of Israel

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הַתִּיר וְשָׁבֵן וְלֹא אֶת תְּרוּם תְּרַוֵּם
For the children of Levi the offering of the corn of the new wine

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וּבְזָבְבָנִים וּבְמִזְבֵּחַ שְׁכָל וְשָׁם וּבְזָבְבָר
and the oil where are the vessels of the sanctuary and the priests

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נַעֲזֵב בְּלֹא וּבְמִשְׁרָרֵי מִם וּבְשֹׁעַרְיִם הַמִּשְׁרָרְיִם
that minister and the porters and the singers and we will not forsake

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אֶל־הַיּוֹנָה בְּבֵית אֶת
the house of our God

H853 H1004 H430

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 10:25 (Parallel theme): Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

2 Chronicles 31:12 (Sacrifice): And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.