

Nehemiah 11:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 11 addresses themes of sacrifice, community building, strategic living. Repopulating Jerusalem required sacrifice—willingness to leave comfortable situations to strengthen the covenant community. 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. Nehemiah's final reforms address recurring covenant violations, demonstrating the ongoing challenge of maintaining spiritual commitment across generations. 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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 does understanding your work as part of God's larger purposes transform your approach to daily responsibilities?

Interlinear Text

וְאַחֵיהֶם	עָשָׂה	הַמְלָאכָה	לִבֵּי יֵת	שְׁמוֹנֶה	מֵאֹת
And their brethren	that did	the work	of the house	were eight	hundred
H251	H6213	H4399	H1004	H8083	H3967
עֶשְׂרִים	וּשְׁנַיִם	וְאַדְיָה	בֶּן	יֵרוֹחַם	בֶּן
twenty	and two	and Adaiah	the son	of Jeroham	the son
H6242	H8147	H5718	H1121	H3395	H1121
					פְּלָלְיָהּ
					of Pelaliah
					H6421
בֶּן	אַמְצִי	בֶּן	זְכַרְיָה	בֶּן	פָּשֻׁחַ
the son	of Amzi	the son	of Zechariah	the son	of Pashur
H1121	H557	H1121	H2148	H1121	H6583
					בֶּן
					the son
					H1121
					מַלְכִּיָּהּ
					of Malchiah
					H4441

