

Nehemiah 11:13

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וְאֶחָיו	רֹאשׁ יָם	לְאָב וֹת	מֵאֵת יָם	אַרְבַּע יָם	וּשְׁנֵי יָם	
And his brethren	chief	of the fathers	hundred	forty	and two	
H251	H7218	H1	H3967	H705	H8147	
וְעַמְשַׁי	בֶּן	עֲזַרְיָא ל	בֶּן	אַחֲזִי	בֶּן	מֶשִׁלֵּמוֹת
and Amashai	the son	of Azareel	the son	of Ahasai	the son	of Meshillemoth
H6023	H1121	H5832	H1121	H273	H1121	H4919
בֶּן	אִמֶּר:					
the son	of Immer					
H1121	H564					