

Nehemiah 11:22

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וּפְקֵן יָד	הַלְוִיִּם	בִּיר וּשְׁלָם	עֶזְרָא	מִבְּנֵי י	בְּנֵי
The overseer	also of the Levites	at Jerusalem	was Uzzi	Of the sons	of Bani
H6496	H3881	H3389	H5813	H1121	H1137
מִבְּנֵי י	חֲשַׁבְיָה ה	מִבְּנֵי י	מַתַּנְיָה ה	מִבְּנֵי י	מִיכָא
Of the sons	of Hashabiah	Of the sons	of Mattaniah	Of the sons	of Micha
H1121	H2811	H1121	H4983	H1121	H4316
מִבְּנֵי י	אַסָּף	הַמְּשִׁיכִים	לָנָה גָד	מְלֵאכֶת	בֵּית
Of the sons	of Asaph	the singers	were over	the business	of the house
H1121	H623	H7891	H5048	H4399	H1004
הָאֱלֹהִים:					
of God					
H430					

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 12:42 (Sin): And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.