

# Nehemiah 11:7

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

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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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאֵלֶּה

H428

And these are the sons

H1121

בְּנֵי

H1144

בְּנֵי בְּנַיִם |

סָלָל אֶ

H5543

And these are the sons

H1121

בְּנֵי

מַשְׁלָל מִ

of Meshullam

H4918

בְּנֵי

And these are the sons

H1121

יְוֹעֵד

H3133

בְּנֵי יְוֹעֵד

בְּנֵי

פְּדַיָּה

of Pedaiah

H6305

בְּנֵי

And these are the sons

H1121

בָּנֵי קָוְלָיָה

H6964

בְּנֵי

And these are the sons

H1121

בָּנֵי מָאָשֵׁה

H4641

בְּנֵי

And these are the sons

H1121

בָּנֵי אִתְּהֵיל

H384

בְּנֵי

And these are the sons

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בָּנֵי יְשָׁעִיָּהוּ

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