

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

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

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

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

וְאֵלֶּה	בְּנֵי	בִּנְיָמִן	סָלּוּ	בְּנֵי
H428	And these are the sons	of Benjamin	Sallu	And these are the sons
	H1121	H1144	H5543	H1121
מֶשֶׁלָּם	בְּנֵי	יוֹעֵד	בְּנֵי	פְּדִיָּה
of Meshullam	And these are the sons	of Joed	And these are the sons	of Pedaiah
H4918	H1121	H3133	H1121	H6305
בְּנֵי	קוֹלָאִיָּה	בְּנֵי	מַעֲשִׂיָּה	
And these are the sons	of Kolaiah	And these are the sons	of Maaseiah	
H1121	H6964	H1121	H4641	
בְּנֵי	אִיתִיָּה	בְּנֵי	יֵשַׁעְיָה	
And these are the sons	of Ithiel	And these are the sons	of Jesaiah	
H1121	H384	H1121	H3470	