

Nehemiah 12:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 12 addresses themes of worship, dedication, celebration, generational continuity. The wall dedication features joyful worship and thanksgiving, celebrating God's faithfulness in enabling the work's completion. 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

אֵלֶּה	וּבְיָמֵי	יְהוֹיָקִים	בֶּן	יֵשׁוּעַ	בֶּן	יֹזָאדָן
H428	These were in the days	of Joiakim	the son	of Jeshua	the son	of Jozadak
	H3117	H3113	H1121	H3442	H1121	H3136

וּבְיָמֵי	נְחֻמְיָה	הַכֹּהֵן	וְעֶזְרָא	הַכֹּהֵן
These were in the days	of Nehemiah	the governor	and of Ezra	the priest
H3117	H5166	H6346	H5830	H3548

הַסּוֹפֵר:

the scribe
H5608

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 8:9 (Parallel theme): And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

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