

# Nehemiah 12:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

## 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

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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

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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בְּנֵי	הַכֹּהֲנִים יִם	בַּחֲצֹצֵר וְתֹ	זִכְרְיָה ה	בְּנֵי	יֹנָתָן ו
sons	And certain of the priests	with trumpets	namely Zechariah	sons	of Jonathan
H1121	H3548	H2689	H2148	H1121	H3129

בְּנֵי	שִׁמְעִיָּה ה	בְּנֵי	מַתַּנְיָה	בְּנֵי	מִיכָיָה ה	בְּנֵי	זַכּוּר ור	בְּנֵי
sons	of Shemaiah	sons	of Mattaniah	sons	of Michaiah	sons	of Zaccur	sons
H1121	H8098	H1121	H4983	H1121	H4320	H1121	H2139	H1121

אַסָּף:

of Asaph

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 6:4** (Parallel theme): And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.