

Nehemiah 12:44

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 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

הנשׁך ות על אֲנָשִׁים הַה וְא בַּיּוֹם
over the chambers
appointed And at that time

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וְאַנְשָׁךְ וְת

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לְכָב וְס וְלְפָעָשָׂרוֹת לְרַאשׁ יִת לְתָרְמוֹת לֹא זָכָר וְת
to gather for the tithes and for the firstfruits for the offerings for the treasures

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בְּבָבָם לְשִׁידִים הַעֲרִים בְּתֹוךְ הַמִּנְאָה וְת
into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law

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וְעַל בְּכָבָנִים מִן יְמִינֵי הַמִּנְאָה וְת עַל יְהוָדָה שְׁמַעַת כִּי
for the priests and Levites rejoiced for Judah the portions

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for the priests

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בְּלֹויִם בְּאַתְּקִים
and Levites that waited

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