

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

הַנָּשֶׁכַּח וְעַל אֲנָשֵׁי יָם הָהוּא וּבַיּוֹם וַיִּקְדָּם
appointed **And at that time** H1931 H376 H5921 **over the chambers**
H6485 H3117 H5393

וְלִמַּעֲשָׂרוֹת וְלִפְרִי אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְתִרְוּמוֹת לֹא וְצָר וְלִקְבוּצָה
for the treasures **for the offerings** **for the firstfruits** **and for the tithes** **to gather**
H214 H8641 H7225 H4643 H3664

הַתּוֹכָה מִן הַחֵטִי וְהַחֲרִיטִים וְהַחֲרִיטִים וְהַחֲרִיטִים וְהַחֲרִיטִים
H0 **into them out of the fields** **of the cities** **the portions** **of the law**
H7704 H5892 H4521 H8451

וְעַל הַכֹּהֲנִים וְעַל יְהוּדָה שִׂמְחָה כִּי וְהַלְוִיִּם וְהַכֹּהֲנִים
for the priests **and Levites** H3588 **rejoiced** **for Judah** H5921 **for the priests** H5921
H3548 H3063 H8057 H3548

וְהַלְוִיִּם וְהַכֹּהֲנִים
and Levites **that waited**
H3881 H5975