

Nehemiah 3:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

Analysis

Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

This verse within Nehemiah 3 addresses themes of community, cooperation, diligence, stewardship. The detailed listing of builders demonstrates organized community effort where each person contributes according to ability and opportunity. 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. The 52-day wall completion represents remarkable achievement given opposition and limited resources. Excavations have confirmed portions of Nehemiah's wall and various gates mentioned in the text. 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 3:11 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call you to make in your walk with God?
3. How can the principles demonstrated in this passage inform your response to current challenges in your life or church?

Interlinear Text

שָׁנָה יְהִי מִזְבֵּחַ	מֶלֶךְ הַקְּרָבָה	בֶּן	בֶּן	וּמִשְׁׁבֵב	בֶּן		
piece	the other	repaired	Malchijah	the son	of Harim	and Hashub	the son
H4060	H8145	H2388	H4441	H1121	H2766	H2815	H1121

פְּנֵי תְּמִזְבֵּחַ מִזְבֵּחַ לְמִזְבֵּחַ תְּמִזְבֵּחַ	פְּנֵי תְּמִזְבֵּחַ		
of Pahathmoab	and the tower	of the furnaces	
H0	H853	H4026	H8574

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 12:38 (Parallel theme): And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

Ezra 2:6 (Parallel theme): The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

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