

Nehemiah 3:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

Analysis

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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. Jerusalem's wall (chomah, חֹמָה) provided security, dignity, and testimony to God's faithfulness. 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 3:27 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

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| הַמִּגֶּד־ל | מִן־גֹּד | שֵׁנִי יֵת | מִדֵּה | הַתְּקַע־יֵם | הִחְזָ יְקוֹ | אַחֲרֵ יוֹ |
| tower | another | piece | them the Tekoites | repaired | After | |
| H4026 | H8145 | H4060 | H8621 | H2388 | H310 | |
| הַעֲפֹל־ | חֹמֶת | וְעַד | הַיֹּצֵא אֶ | הַגָּדוֹל | | |
| of Ophel | even unto the wall | | that lieth out | over against the great | | |
| H6077 | H2346 | H5704 | H3318 | H1419 | | |

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 3:5 (Parallel theme): And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

