

# Nehemiah 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.**

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

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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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 3:7 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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וְעַל H5921	יָדָם H3027	קִיְּמוּ יִקְן H2388	מְלִטָּה ה H4424	הַגִּבְעֹנִי י H1393	וְיָדֹן H3036
And next unto them	repaired	Melatiah	the Gibeonite	and Jadon	
הַמֵּרֹנְתִי H4824	אֲנָשִׁי H376	גִּבְעֹן וּן H1391	וְהַמִּצְפָּה ה H4709	לְכֶסֶד א H3678	
the Meronothite	of Gibeon	and of Mizpah	unto the throne		
פַּחַת H6346	עַל בָּר H5676	הַנָּהָר: H5104			
of the governor	on this side	the river			

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 21:2** (Parallel theme): And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

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