

# Nehemiah 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

## Analysis

---

**And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.**

This verse within Nehemiah 6 addresses themes of deception, completing the work, steadfastness, discernment. Enemies shift tactics from open opposition to subtle deception, requiring spiritual discernment to complete the wall in 52 days. 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**

---

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

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

## **Study Questions**

---

1. How does Nehemiah 6:7 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

---

וְגַם	נְבִיאֵי יָם	הָעַמִּים דָּת	עַל יָבִי לְקַרְא	
H1571	prophets	And thou hast also appointed	to preach	H5921
	H5030	H5975	H7121	
	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	יֹאמַר ר	לֵךְ לָךְ	בְּיְהוּדָה ה
of thee at Jerusalem	saying	There is a king	in Judah	H6258
H3389	H559	H4428	H3063	
	וְשִׁמְרָה	לֵךְ לָךְ	כַּדְבָרֵי יָם	הֵאָלָה
and now shall it be reported	There is a king	according to these words		H428
H8085	H4428	H1697		
לָכֵן ה	וְעַתָּה ה	וְנִשְׁמָע ה	יַחְדָּו:	
H6258	H1980	now therefore and let us take counsel	together	
		H3289	H3162	