

# Nehemiah 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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

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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 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

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נְבִיא יְמִינָם

H1571

prophets

H5030

הָעֵמֶד תִּמְשָׁל

H5975

And thou hast also appointed

עַל יְבָל לְקַרְא

H7121

to preach

H5921

בְּרוּשָׁלָם

of thee at Jerusalem

H3389

לֹאמֶר

H559

saying

לֹאמֶר

H4428

There is a king

בְּיֹהוּדָה

H3063

in Judah

וְעַתָּה

H6258

and now shall it be reported

וְשָׁמַע עַ

There is a king

according to these words

לֹאמֶר

H4428

פְּנַבְּרִים

בָּא לָה

H428

לְכָה וְעַתָּה

H6258

H1980

now therefore and let us take counsel

וְנִנְאַצֵּה

H3289

וְחַדְדָּוָן

H3162

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