

Nehemiah 7:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 7 addresses themes of organization, genealogy, remembrance, continuity. With physical security established, Nehemiah organizes administration and records genealogies, showing continuity with God's promises. 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 spiritual reforms under Ezra and Nehemiah shaped Judaism for centuries, establishing Scripture's centrality and patterns of worship continuing into the intertestamental period and beyond. 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. These 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 7:43 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

הַלְוִיִּם	לְבָנֵי י	יֵשׁוּעַ	לְקַדְמִיָּא ל	לְבָנֵי י
The Levites	and of the children	of Jeshua	of Kadmiel	and of the children
H3881	H1121	H3442	H6934	H1121
הַהוֹדָוִיָּה	שִׁבְעִים	וָאַרְבָּעָה:		
of Hodevah	seventy	and four		
H1937	H7657	H702		

Additional Cross-References

Ezra 2:40 (Parallel theme): The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.