

# Nehemiah 7:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.**

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

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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. 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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 7:45 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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הַשְּׂעָרִים	בְּנֵי י	שָׁלֹוֹם	בְּנֵי י	אַתֵּר	בְּנֵי י	
<b>The porters</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>of Shallum</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>of Ater</b>	<b>the children</b>	
H7778	H1121	H7967	H1121	H333	H1121	
טַלְמַן	בְּנֵי י	עַקְוֹב	בְּנֵי י	חַטִּיטָא	בְּנֵי י	שׁוֹבַי
<b>of Talmon</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>of Akkub</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>of Hatita</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>of Shobai</b>
H2929	H1121	H6126	H1121	H2410	H1121	H7630
מֵאָה	שְׁלֹשִׁים	וְעֶשְׂרִים				
<b>an hundred</b>	<b>thirty</b>	<b>and eight</b>				
H3967	H7970	H8083				