

Nehemiah 7:5

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. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 7:5 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

וַיִּתֵּן	אֱלֹהֵי	אֵל	לִבִּי	וַאֲקַבֵּץ	אֶת	הַחֹרִים
put	And my God	H413	into mine heart	to gather together	H853	the nobles
H5414	H430		H3820	H6908		H2715

וְאֶת	הַסֹּגְנִים	וְאֶת	הָעָם	לְהִתְיַחַשׁ
H853	and the rulers	H853	and the people	that they might be reckoned by genealogy
	H5461		H5971	H3187

וַאֲמַץ	סֵפֶר	הִנֵּחַשׁ	הָעוֹלָם	בְּרִאשׁוֹן
And I found	a register	of the genealogy	of them which came up	at the first
H4672	H5612	H3188	H5927	H7223

וַאֲמַץ	כָּתוּב	בּוֹ:
And I found	written	H0
H4672	H3789	

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