

# Nehemiah 7:6

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

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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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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 7:6 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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מִשְׁבֵּן אֶלְהָן בָּנִים בְּנֵי הַמִּדְיָן  
These are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity

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תְּבִכְדְּצָא רַבְגָּל הַגָּל הַאֲשֶׁר  
of those that had been carried away had carried away whom Nebuchadnezzar

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אֲשֶׁר וְיְהוָה לִירוּשָׁלָם וְבָבָל וְבָבָל  
the king of Babylon and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah every one

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לְעִירָן  
unto his city

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezra 5:8** (Kingdom): Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

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