

Nehemiah 7:71

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 7:71 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific contribution can you make to building up Christ's church in your local community?
3. How does understanding your work as part of God's larger purposes transform your approach to daily responsibilities?

Interlinear Text

וּמֶרְאֵשׁ י' And some of the chief H7218	הָאָבֹת וְ of the fathers H1	נָתַנוּ gave H5414	לְאוֹצַר to the treasure H214	הַמְּלָאכָה of the work H4399	זָהָב of gold H2091
דְּרַכְמוֹן יִם drams H1871	שְׁתֵּי י' twenty H8147	רַב וְ thousand H7239	וְכֶסֶף of silver H3701	מִן יִם pound H4488	אֶלֶף וְ and two thousand H505
וּמֵאָתָיִם: and two hundred H3967					
