

Nehemiah 7:72

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 7:72 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

וְאֵשׁ רַ	נָתַנוּ	שְׂאֵר יֵת	הָעָם	זָה ב	דְּרַכְמוֹנִים	
H834	gave	And that which the rest	of the people	of gold	drams	
	H5414	H7611	H5971	H2091	H1871	
שְׁתֵּי י	רַב וְא	וְכֶסֶף	מִן יֵם	אַלְפֵי יֵם	וְכִתְנֵי ת	כֹּהֲנֵי יֵם
was twenty	thousand	of silver	pound	and two thousand	garments	priests
H8147	H7239	H3701	H4488	H505	H3801	H3548
שֵׁשׁ יֵם	וְשִׁבְעָה:					
and threescore	and seven					
H8346	H7651					
