

Nehemiah 7:73

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

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 7:73 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

וַיָּשֹׁב ו	הַכֹּהֲנִים יִם	וְהַלְוִיִּם	וְהַשּׁוֹמְרִים	וְהַמְשִׁירִים יִם	וּמִן
dwelt	So the priests	and the Levites	and the porters	and the singers	H4480
H3427	H3548	H3881	H7778	H7891	
וְהָעָם	וְהַנְּתִינִים יִם	וְכָל	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	בְּעָרֵיהֶם:	
and some of the people	and the Nethinims	H3605	and all Israel	in their cities	
H5971	H5411		H3478	H5892	
וָנָע	הַחֹדֶשׁ	הַשְּׁבִיעִי י	וּבְנֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	בְּעָרֵיהֶם:
came	month	and when the seventh	the children	and all Israel	in their cities
H5060	H2320	H7637	H1121	H3478	H5892

