



# BUILDING UNITY

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## STUDY GUIDE

### CHAPTER 7

## INTRODUCTION

Nehemiah 7 marks a significant turning point in the story of Jerusalem's restoration. With the wall completed in the previous chapter, the focus now shifts from construction to consolidation—establishing leadership, securing the city, and reestablishing God's people for His glory. Nehemiah begins organizing Jerusalem both practically and spiritually, showing that rebuilding the physical structure was just one part of God's greater plan.

This chapter emphasizes the importance of godly leadership, faithful stewardship, and remembering the people God has called and brought back. By recording the genealogies of the returning exiles, Nehemiah connects the present generation with God's covenant faithfulness in the past. It's a powerful reminder that every person plays a role in God's mission.

## READ: NEHEMIAH 7:1-4

### Discussion 1

1. **Why do you think Nehemiah appointed both gatekeepers and singers at the same time? What does this suggest about the balance of worship and protection?**
2. **What qualities did Nehemiah look for in leaders? How can we apply that when choosing leaders today?**
3. **What does Nehemiah's attention to detail say about his leadership style and his concern for the people?**

After completing the wall, Nehemiah appoints gatekeepers, singers, and Levites. He entrusts Jerusalem's leadership to Hanani (his brother) and Hananiah, described as faithful and God-fearing. Nehemiah also gives instructions to keep the city gates secure until the sun is hot and to post guards.

There are some key themes that come out in this short section that are worth our focus:

- Delegation and trust in godly leadership
- Prioritizing security and order in God's work
- Recognizing spiritual and civic responsibilities

## **READ: NEHEMIAH 7:5-73**

God puts it on Nehemiah's heart to assemble the people and register them by families. He finds the genealogy of those who returned from Babylon with Zerubbabel. This section lists names, numbers, roles (priests, Levites, gatekeepers, etc.), and gifts given toward rebuilding.

Nehemiah's detailed records help us to see the community involvement in the project. Without a large group of people bought in to the work there was no way it would be accomplished. It is the same in the church today that the mission of God calls for the many hands of His body to step up, step in, and step forward together.

### **Discussion 2**

1. **Why was it important to record and remember the names and roles of those who returned?**
2. **How does this list reflect God's care for individual people and their contributions?**
3. **What does this passage teach us about the importance of generosity and shared responsibility?**

## **CHALLENGE**

**Take time this week to reflect on the roles God has given you—whether at home, in church, or in your community. Ask God how you can serve faithfully like Hananiah or the returning exiles. Make a list of three small but specific ways you can contribute to the spiritual “rebuilding” of your church or community this week.**