



# NEHEMIAH

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TOGETHER WE BUILD

Chapter 11

Rebuilding & Revival; What Could Be!

**11** Now the **leaders** of the people **lived in Jerusalem**. And the rest of the people **cast lots** to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem the holy **city**, while nine out of ten remained in the other **towns**. <sup>2</sup> And **the people blessed** all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> These are the chiefs of the **province** who lived in Jerusalem; but in the **towns** of Judah everyone **lived on his property** in their **towns**: Israel, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of Solomon's servants. <sup>4</sup> And in Jerusalem lived certain of the sons of Judah and of the sons of Benjamin. Of the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, son of Zechariah, son of Amariah, son of Shephatiah, son of

Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez; <sup>5</sup> and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, son of Col-hozeh, son of Hazaiah, son of Adaiah, son of Joiarib, son of Zechariah, son of the Shilonite. <sup>6</sup> All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 **valiant men**.

<sup>7</sup> And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, son of Joed, son of Pedaiiah, son of Kolaiah, son of Maaseiah, son of Ithiel, son of Jeshaiiah, <sup>8</sup> and his brothers, **men of valor**, 928. <sup>9</sup> Joel the son of Zichri was their **overseer**; and Judah the son of Hassenuah was **second over the city**.

<sup>10</sup> Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, <sup>11</sup> Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, ruler of the **house of God**, <sup>12</sup> and their

brothers who did the work of **the house**, 822; and Adaiiah the son of Jeroham, son of Pelaliah, son of Amzi, son of Zechariah, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah, <sup>13</sup> and his brothers, heads of fathers' **houses**, 242; and Amashsai, the son of Azarel, son of Ahzai, son of Meshillemoth, son of Immer, <sup>14</sup> and their brothers, **mighty men of valor**, 128; their overseer was Zabdiel the son of Haggadolim.

<sup>15</sup> And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, son of Bunni; <sup>16</sup> and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who were over the outside work of the **house of God**; <sup>17</sup> and Mattaniah the son of Mica, son of Zabdi, son of Asaph, who was the leader of the

praise, who gave thanks, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and Abda the son of Shammua, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun. <sup>18</sup> All the Levites in the holy **city** were 284.

<sup>19</sup> The gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon and their brothers, who kept watch at the **gates**, were 172. <sup>20</sup> And the rest of Israel, and of the priests and the Levites, were in all the **towns** of Judah, every one **in his inheritance**. <sup>21</sup> But the temple servants lived on Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were over the temple servants.

<sup>22</sup> The overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, son of Hashabiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the work of the **house of God**.

<sup>23</sup> For there was a command from the king concerning them,

and a **fixed provision** for the singers, as every day required.  
<sup>24</sup> And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's side in all matters **concerning the people.**

## **Villages Outside Jerusalem**

<sup>25</sup> And as for the **villages**, with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath-arba and its **villages**, and in Dibon and its **villages**, and in Jekabzeel and its **villages**, <sup>26</sup> and in Jeshua and in Moladah and Beth-pelet, <sup>27</sup> in Hazar-shual, in Beersheba and its **villages**, <sup>28</sup> in Ziklag, in Meconah and its **villages**, <sup>29</sup> in En-rimmon, in Zorah, in Jarmuth, <sup>30</sup> Zanoah, Adullam, and their

**villages**, Lachish and its **fields**, and Azekah and its **villages**. So they encamped from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom. <sup>31</sup> The people of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash, Aija, Bethel and its **villages**, <sup>32</sup> Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, <sup>33</sup> Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, <sup>34</sup> Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, <sup>35</sup> Lod, and Ono, the **valley of craftsmen**. <sup>36</sup> And certain divisions of the Levites in Judah were assigned to Benjamin.

We began 2022 with this series in Nehemiah and the big idea of **REBUILDING**.

- After 120+ years of destruction & uninhabited by God's people
- 52 days to rebuild wall
- Applicable take-aways include return to prayer, repentance, obedience, worship, Scripture reading, community and leadership.



## Recap – Chapters 1 – 10

Chapter 1-3 – ***Preparation, call, and commitment*** to rebuild

Chapter 4 - Rebuilding through ***oppression & opposition***

Chapter 5 - Rebuilding through our ***generosity***

Chapter 6 - Rebuilding through ***distractions***

Chapters 7-8 - Rebuilding our ***service & worship***

Chapter 9 - Rebuilding our ***repentance***

Chapter 10 - Rebuilding through ***covenant***

God cares about and maintains an interest in His people and places.

Throughout our passage in chapter 11, we continue to see the names and descriptions of people. We read of various areas of the region being named, (city, town village), helping to understand that in God's Word, context matters.

# V 1

Distinction between “leaders” & “rest of the people”

Throughout Scripture – the recognition of roles for humans

Trusting God as a gamble?

A people of God assigned to the city of God, as well as the surrounding towns and villages.

**Isaiah 6:<sup>8</sup>** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

**Psalms 96:<sup>3</sup>** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**Mark 16:<sup>15</sup>** And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

## **V2 The Sent & The Senders - We all have a part/role to play.**

**1 Timothy 5:**<sup>17</sup> Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

**Philippians 4:**<sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.



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## v 3-6

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Community leaders

Ownership/skin in the game

Submitted/surrendered to The Lord's will for all aspects of life

*“My Lord died for my sins and all I got was this lousy circumcision.”*

**“468 valiant men” Quality not quantity**

**“Cha eel” men = men of power, strong, armed forces**

**Then v 7 – 9 The sons and brothers, and their overseer.**

**“men of valor”**

***What could God do with our valiant children? Who would lead them?***

**v 10-21** More lists of names and functions.

Nehemiah's work was ultimately focused on the people of God. The places, the roles, these were **IMPORTANT** but **SECONDARY** to the people themselves.

God named names through Nehemiah, in His Word. The person/people come first, then context, calling and function.

In the name of ..... **CHRIST!**



Roles & Functions are related to  
character, integrity AND (v21)  
inheritance or  
OWNERSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY.

**Luke 12:**<sup>47</sup> *And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. <sup>48</sup> But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.*

**James 4:**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.



**v 22-24** Various roles and ways to serve in THE HOUSE of GOD

MUSIC – ARTS – TECH – CHILDREN - MEN/WOMEN

Beginning with HOUSE of THE LORD, then moving out  
BEYOND THE WALLS

## VILLAGES – 9x

Where the people live! God is about people!

God has designed us and called us to be people people.

From the beginning, not wanting Adam to be alone (it is not good), to Jesus sending out His disciples to go, to Revelation and God's promise to bring healing to the nations (of people).

**Revelation 22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.