

One In Ten

Nehemiah 11-12

1-2 The call to a unique living

Nehemiah 11:1-2

One in Ten – expansion and density by draft

This chapter can read a little like going to a graduation ceremony, *names that can be forgotten as quickly as they are read* – but NOT TO GOD!

To God, these are individuals who committed their lives to the Lord, who labored for king and country, who gave of themselves for the work of their Heavenly Father. **When our name is called in heaven, it will mean something to God.**

Their central driving **force** was around worship at the temple and thankfulness to the God of Gracious restoration and powerful revival, who has watched over, helped, and blessed them back into the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Baseball fight, but not your own team.

The work of God and organization to move it forward are not enemies but necessary, like a right and left foot. Driving down the field toward the goal of glorifying God above all things.

- Gift of leadership
- Gift of admin. – helmsman
- *If you are all Bible you will dry up, if you are all Spirit you will blow up, if you are both you will grow up.*

Nehemiah 11:1a Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem;...

Beware when a society wants to live and be where everyone does what is right in their own eyes – disorder, becomes difficulty, becomes contentious, and finally anarchy.

Judges 17-19 Son has mother's money, commits it to the Lord but makes idols, traveling Levite comes along and becomes a priest in Micah's house of carved images, then is taken to be the priest of a conquered city renamed Dan, then a traveling man staying in a guest's house is subjected to a cultural evil much like Sodom and Gomorrah.

I just want the Spirit of God to lead... good! He usually leads through His leaders.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

- Family
- Business
- Bee Hive (worker, soldier, queen) buzzing about doing their roll.

An old foundation became a temple, rubble became a wall, a deserted and broken city began to buzz, lively and vibrant again with community, opportunity, and worship of God almighty.

Like many accounts of powerful acts of God, He starts with what is common or plain. Even humanity – it was not anything other than dirt! If God made something so wonderful, living, capable, able to multiply within themselves, creative, with the capacity for emotion, creativity, sympathy, and the depth to understand sacrifice out of dirt. Pretty sure there is not anyone alive today that God could not clean up and use powerfully.

Remember how the houses were... not rebuilt

Nehemiah 7:4 Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it were few, and the houses were not rebuilt.

Fixer Upper

Extreme Makeover Home Edition “Buss driver, move that buss.”

God had brought His people back, & now was breathing new life into the city.
It was not only difficult work but also dangerous work. *An enemy focal point.*

Valiant: strength, ability, wealth – influential

1:6 Men of substance (4-6), wealth, strength, ability

- Perez: The family was well respected, as evidenced by this blessing pronounced upon Boaz when he committed to redeem Ruth
- **His descendants were valiant men.**

Q: Your children are a message you will launch out into the world – what message are you sending?

Q: Your children are also a message you will send to a generation you will never meet. What are you going to say to them?

Soft or gentle parenting – The antithesis is not harsh parenting.

(1) The way, (2) The rod, (3) the blessing

(No news is good news – don't parent like that)

Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6,

Proverbs 13:24, Hebrews 12:11, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 12:1,
Proverbs 3:11-12

Blessing: honor or to pronounce goodness upon another.

Q: Where did you get your outlook on self, marriage, and children from?

- Some random philosopher or university professor?
- An intellectual-sounding youtuber?
- “Higher Education?”

*“A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”
- Theodore Roosevelt*

- Highest Education - I'll take God Almighty EVERY DAY!

Leaders and Overseers

Signs of the End Times is a resistance to authority and submission.

2 Timothy 3 *lovers of themselves, proud - unyielding, disobedient to parents, headstrong & haughty.*

- 1 leaders of the people
- 3 heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem (neighborhood watch)
- 9 Overseer & Second over the city
- 11 Leader of the house of God
- 14 Zabdiel was the overseer of the mighty men of valor
- 16. Shabbethai and Jozabad (of the heads of the levites) had the oversight of the business outside the house of God.
- 17 Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren
- 21 Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim
- 22 Uzzi overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem
- 24 Pethahiah reported the progress and the state of Jerusalem to king Artax.

Like Mr. Mioggie, just paint the fence. Mr. Mioggi – have them paint the fence.
More Daniel Son...

God gives grace to the humble but resists the proud

MEN OF VALOR

***14 mighty men of valor still did valorous things well after the reign of David.**

- **Josheb – Basshebeth – overcame 800 men in a single battle (2 Sam 23)**
- **Eleazar – Fought alongside David against the Philistines when everyone retreated, his hand cramp to the sword (2 Sam. 23)**
- **Shammah – Defended an entire farm field from the enemy and single-handedly fought back when all the other Israelites fled. (2 Sam 23)**
 - **Loyal, fierce commitment, sacrificial, immense trust in the Lord.**
 - **Always credit the Lord with the victories**
 - **Diverse backgrounds**
 - **Human courage + Divine Favor = Men of Valor**

Overseer - ***14 Zabdiel the son of one of the great men.**

If you are not a son of one of the great men, will your kids be the children of a great man?

There is an attempt coming, remember the enemy does not retreat, he re-organizes.
November School Board Elections.

Bill: Meat Market Bill – Child Trafficking Bill

Man of Prayer

***17 Mattaniah the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer**

Great, powerful worshipers should be powerful prayer warriors.

The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

- EM Bounds, Power Through Prayer

17 Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren

Servant and Leader

- Bakbukiah
- Timothy, a help to Paul but called to establish leadership
- Pricilla & Aquilla moved home and country to support Paul in his work and to establish a local church that Paul had founded (Romans 16:3)
- *Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you*

Men of Worship

Asaph and Jeduthun go back to David's founding of the Temple choirs and bands (2 Chronicles 5:12) – [see 11:22-24](#)

Worship was too important to be left unplanned – Derek Kidner

Jappa – the unloading city of the cedars of Lebanon

*25 on Dwelling places

Villages with fields

Kirjath Araba – Hebron (Abraham lived here and buried his wife Sarah here, David ruled here before moving to Jerusalem.

Dibon

Jekabzeel – hometown of Jekabzeel (One of David's Might men)

Jeshua

Moladah

Beth Pelet

Hazar Shual

Beersheba – Abraham's covenant with Abimelech (Gen 21), Isaac's encounter with God (Gen 26), Jacobs vision before going to Egypt (Gen. 46)

Ziklag – where David was before becoming king (1 Sam 27)

Meconah

En rimmon

Zorah – Birth place of Samson

Jarmuth

Zanoah

Adullam – Famous for the cave where David hid from Sual and gathered his mighty men.

Lachish – and it's fields

Azekah – Near the valley where David fought Goliath

Michmash

Aija

Bethel – one of Abraham's altars, Jacob's dream of the ladder.

Anathoth – hometown of Jeremiah

Nob

Ananiah

Hazor

Ramah – home of Samuel

Gittaim

Hadid

Zeboim
Neballat
Lod

Ono – where they tried to lure Nehemiah to come down to.

The Valley of Craftsmen

Benjamin - Produced King Saul, Jonathan, Mordecai, and the Apostle Paul. Tribe was known for skilled warriors and archers

FROM BEERSHEBA TO THE VALLEY OF HINNOM

BE IN STAR – THE HISTORY OF STAR

To prepare and keep ready the city of the coming King

Community is not a group of people concerned about you, it is you being concerned about a group of people.

The list was made, people were identified, names have been recorded that they would be remembered. As God is writing the history of the church, right now today. We know who they were, where they were, and what they did. **How about today, who you are, where you are, and what you are doing?**

They were all different, but they were all something... space and grace to be who they are in the Lord, narrow with self that we don't fall short of who we are called to be.

Graduation names being read off... mean something to someone. **When our name is called in heaven, it will mean something to God. When God's name is called now, does it mean something to you?**

Who is Paul, who is Apollos? ONLY CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!