

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022
NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 7 (NLT) – THE WALL GUARDED

1. What work had been accomplished at this point?

ANSWER: The wall had been built, the gates were put in place and certain people were appointed” (Vs. 1).

2. Who was appointed immediately after the walls were finished and the gates were set up?

ANSWER: The gatekeepers, singers and Levites (Vs. 1).

3. What are the names of the men that were given the responsibility to govern the city of Jerusalem?

ANSWER: Nehemiah’s brother Hanani, and Hananiah “Commander of the fortress.” (Vs. 2).

- *Psalm 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend*
- *Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.*
- *Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

4. What is the point of Nehemiah's plans in verse 3?

ANSWER: To put things in place to protect the city. The gates were to be opened late and closed early – it was a time for high security. The city gates were not to be opened until clear daylight in order to avoid an ambush. Read Judges 9:32-33.

5. Who were appointed to act as guards? Where were they posted?

ANSWER: Residents of Jerusalem were appointed to act as guards. Some served at sentry posts and some served in front of their own homes (Vs. 3).

6. What did God direct Nehemiah to do, and what did he find when he did?

ANSWER: God prompted Nehemiah to check the lineage of the inhabitants of Jerusalem for registration (Census) and Nehemiah found a written record of the lineages (genealogical record) of those who had first returned to Judah (Vs. 5).

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7. How did this "census" help Nehemiah?

ANSWER:

- The population was low and there were many abandoned houses in the city (Vs. 4). Nehemiah wanted to determine who was in the city and perhaps where their homes would be if they would rebuild.
- Nehemiah took a census and reviewed the previous registry (Vs. 6-69); Ezra Chapter 2).
- Nehemiah also determined who was eligible to minister in the temple and receive funds from the people for full time ministry. He was rebuilding the spiritual leadership of the country. Some of those assembled could not show their genealogy. They couldn't prove that they were really Jews. Even some of those serving as priests couldn't prove their ancestry, and had to actually be removed from the priesthood. (Vs. 61-65).

8. How many people returned in the first wave?

ANSWER: 42,360 (Vs. 66)

- There were also male and female slaves who numbered 7,337. There were also 245 male and female singers. And there were 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys. (Vs. 67-69).

9. Who gave gifts for the work?

ANSWER: The Governor, some family leaders and other leaders made voluntary offerings for the work (Vs. 70-72).

10. What kind of things did they donate?

ANSWER: Some of the family leaders gave gifts for the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold coins,^[1] 50 gold basins, and 530 robes for the priests. The other leaders gave to the treasury a total of 20,000 gold coins^[u] and some 2,750 pounds^[v] of silver for the work. ⁷²The rest of the people gave 20,000 gold coins, about 2,500 pounds^[w] of silver, and 67 robes for the priests (Vs. 70-72).