

Bible Study 7 - Family history - Nehemiah 7

In 444 BC Nehemiah returned from Susa in Babylon to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The people were allocated to rebuild various sections of the walls and gates. All kinds of people worked together in unity. When they faced external opposition, Nehemiah prayed, posted guards and armed the workforce. When they faced poverty, Nehemiah rebuked the wealthy. When Nehemiah was intimidated by his enemies, he opposed their threats and temptations, he prayed and he kept working on the project until the wall was finished.

PART 1 Read Nehemiah 7

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| Delegation (v.1-3) | How did Nehemiah make the city secure? |
| Genealogical record (v.4-7) | What did the city lack? |
| Israelites (v.8-60, 66-68, 73) | Approximately how many men returned from exile with Zerubbabel in 538 BC? |
| Lacked genealogy (v.61-65) | What happened to those with no evidence of ancestry? |
| Collection (v.70-72) | Who contributed materials for rebuilding the temple? |

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.

2. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words.

3. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

4. Are you proud or embarrassed by your family history? Why?

5. What can we learn from our ancestor's mistakes and successes?

6. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

7. How do you feel you need to change in order to live as a person of God?

