

How God Rebuilds His People Nehemiah 7:1-73

As we come to Nehemiah 7 we enter into a new section, which has been called the “second book,” of Nehemiah where the focus shifts from rebuilding the *walls*, to rebuilding the *people*. This process begins by establishing civil and spiritual leaders in the region and establishing who is in and who is out. This sets the stage for populating the city itself which is recorded in chapter 11.

A new section: Rebuilding the People
Chapter 7, Protecting the towns with civil and spiritual leaders
Chapter 8, Bringing the Word of God
Chapter 9, Establishing prayer
Chapter 10, Securing obedience of the people
Chapter 11, Populating a holy city

Three things God does for His church to rebuild her people:

I. He protects His church through appointed God fearing leaders, v1-4

II. He populates His city with called – God appointed Biblically qualified people, v5-73

The lay people, v6-38
Temple personnel, v39-42
Levites, v43-45
Temple workers (Nethinim), 46-56
Solomons servants, v57-60
Those who were unconfirmed – not sure they, v61-65
The total number of the people, v66-67
The animals – economic resources of the people, v68-69
The work was supported by freewill offerings, v70-72
The city was populated, v73

III. He finances His church through free will offerings, v70-72

Words for Kids to Listen for

Rebuilding walls

Rebuilding people

God fearing leaders

Protecting

Gatekeepers

Singers

Levites – Teachers

Hananiah feared God more than many

Citadel

Elders

Deacons

Citizens

Freewill offerings

Church membership

Believe the gospel

Are you in or out?