

Revitalizing the City Nehemiah 7

I. Organizing the City – 7:1-4

1. With the wall built, city must be rebuilt – 1-4
Organization needed to restore city life
2. Workers needed to serve the city - 1
Porters needed to man the Temple gates
Singers & Levites needed for Temple worship
3. Leaders appointed to govern the city - 2
Hanani & Hannaniah to govern Jerusalem
Hanani (Nehemiah's brother who shared his burden)
Hannaniah (governor of the castle)
More faithful & God-fearing than many
4. Regulations for protection of the city – 3
Gates not open until the sun is hot
Guards to shut & bar gates before they leave
Appoint guards from among those living in city
Some who live next to the gates
5. Plan to repopulate the city – 4
City was large & wide but few people lived there
Only a few houses scattered in the city
Plan to repopulate the city is in Neh. 11:1-2
“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 ten⁹ remained in the other towns. ²
And the people blessed all the men who willingly
offered to live in Jerusalem.”

II. List of Returned Exiles – 5-68

1. People gathered, enrolled by family – 5-6
Census list is compiled of returnees – 6
This list is from the 1st return under Zerubbabel
List will provide families to populate city – 11:1-2
2. Those listed by families – 8-25; 34-38
Sons of (name of father)
3. Those listed by their town – 26-33
Towns within the province of Judah
4. Those who were priests – 39-42
5. Those who were Levites – 43
6. Singers – sons of Asaph – 44
7. Porters – gate keepers of Temple – 45
8. Temple servants – 46-56
9. Sons of Solomon's servants – 57-60
10. Those not knowing genealogy – 61-65
11. Sum of all the people – 66-67
42,360 plus 7,337 servants plus 245 singers
12. Number of their animals – 68
Horses 736, mules 245, camels 435,
donkeys 6,720

III. Gifts Given to God's Work – 70-73

1. Heads of Families gave to the work – 70
2. Governor's gifts (Nehemiah) - 70
3. Heads of Families gifts totaled – 71
4. Rest of the people gifts – 72
5. But majority did not live in Jerusalem – 73
Both religious leaders & the people
Lived in their towns

IV. Return to God Needed to Revitalize - 8-10

They had a Temple and a wall around their city
They had workers and they had givers to the work
But spiritual awakening is still the key to revitalization

