

Resettlement and Celebration Nehemiah 11-12

I. Distribution of Population – 11:1-36

1. Need to resettle the land
Under Joshua the land was divided by tribes
Those returning from exile were mostly 3 tribes
Judah, Benjamin and Levi
To govern and have stability people must be there
2. Jerusalem must be repopulated – 7:4
Until the wall was built few people lived there
3. Plan for repopulation of the city – 11:1-2
Government & Religious leaders to live there
Seat of government & Temple worship
Lots cast to bring 1 of 10 to live there
Other nine tenths to live in other cities
4. People blessed those who agreed – 2
Either volunteered or submitted to God's choice
5. List of chiefs (leaders) in Jerusalem – 3
Others lived in their towns in Judah & Benjamin
6. Families of Judah listed – 4-6
Total 468 valiant men
7. Families of Benjamin – 7-9
Total 928 men of valor
With Joel as overseer of city & Judah as second
8. List of Priests – 10-14
Family of Ahitub, ruler of Temple - 822
Family of Malchijah – 242
Family of Immer – 128 – Zabdiel was overseer
9. List of Levites – 15-18
Listed by families with their duties
10. List of gatekeepers – 19
Families of Akkub & Talmon -172
11. Rest of Israel, priests & Levites – 20
Lived in their family inheritance
12. Except Temple servants – 21
Who lived on hill of Ophel (near the Temple)
Note Nehemiah 3:2
They were under leadership of Ziha & Gishpa
13. Provision for the Singers – 22-24
King (Artaxerxes) provided for daily support
Pethahiah (as their agent) reported to the king
14. Villages listed outside Jerusalem – 25-36
Villages in Judah listed – 25-30
Villages in Benjamin listed – 31-36

II. Priests and Levites – 12:1-26

1. List of priests & Levites – 1-11
Those who returned with Zerubbabel
Priests who returned – 1-7
Levites who returned – 8-11
2. Listed in time of Joiakim – 12-21
Various orders serving in the Temple
3. In days of Eliashib – 22-26
According to orders organized by David

III. Dedication of the Wall - 12:27-43

1. Gathering worship leaders – 27-30
It was time to celebrate & worship God
They gathered Levites, Priests & Musicians
Priests & Levites were purified – 30
Then they purified the people, gates & the wall
2. Formed 2 choirs on the wall – 31-42
Half the leaders of Judah followed a choir
Procession was led by Ezra a Priest & Scribe – 36
Second choir followed by Nehemiah – 38
3. Sang praises & offered sacrifices – 43
Joy of Jerusalem was heard far away

IV. Worship Continued at the Temple - 44-47

1. People brought their gifts - 44-45
Tithes, firstfruits and offerings
Provided for the leaders of worship
2. Songs of praise & thanksgiving to God - 46