

STRENGTHENED

O GOD, STRENGTHEN MY HANDS

NEHEMIAH 6:9

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Message Title: Willing Volunteers

Message Text: Nehemiah 11

Introduction:

Jerusalem had been a city in reproach, but now was well on its way to being a shining city on a hill once again. This was the work God had put into Nehemiah's heart. The walls had been rebuilt providing them security and the hearts of the people were being revived by the Word of God providing them stability. While these steps were vital and in many way miraculous, Nehemiah still needed to lead another important step in the restoration of Jerusalem. In order to do so, he needed willing hearted volunteers. Many gladly gave of themselves to meet the need. May the Lord help us to do the same so that His work can go forward for His glory.

1. The _____ of the Leaders (1a)

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Nehemiah 11:1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem...

DEFINITION—RULERS: official; a person who holds or is invested with an office.

NOTE — Rulers are mentioned _____ times in the book of Nehemiah.

B. The _____ of the Leaders (1a)

Nehemiah 11:1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem...

DEFINITION—DWELT: to inhabit or live in; be an inhabitant of

NOTE — These leaders joined with Hanani and Hananiah in leading the way to repopulate the city. (Nehemiah 7:2)

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in

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one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

2. The _____ of the People (1b-2)

A. Their _____ (1b)

Nehemiah 11:1 ...the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

DEFINITION—CAST LOTS: refers to small stones cast to produce a decision.

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap; But the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.

ONE OF TEN — Ten percent of the Jewish population would take up residence in Jerusalem.

HOLY CITY — A city set apart to God {see also in v. 18; Daniel 9:24}

B. Their _____ (2)

Nehemiah 11:2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

DEFINITION—BLESS: to invoke divine favor

DEFINITION—WILLINGLY OFFERED: to volunteer; to offer willingly or freely to give something or do something.

QUOTE: Never underestimate the importance of simply being physically present in the place where God wants you. You may not be asked to perform some dramatic ministry, but simply being there is a ministry. — Weirsbe

2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

3. The _____ of the Repopulation (3-36)

A. In the City of _____ (3-24)

Nehemiah 11:3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwell in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwell every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

NOTE —The men who moved to Jerusalem were described as valiant men, men of valour and great men (11:6,14).

THE TRIBE OF JUDAH — 468 (4-6)

THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN — 928 (7-9)

THE PRIESTS — 1,192 (10-14): A sub-section of the tribe of Levi and descendants of Aaron.

Ezekiel 44:23 And they [Priests] shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

THE TRIBE OF LEVI — 456 (15-19): oversight of the outward business of the House of God. They provided support to the priests.

Nehemiah 11:16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

TEMPLE SAFETY — the porters, gatekeepers

Nehemiah 11:19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two.

TEMPLE SERVANTS — the Nethinims, served along side of the Levites

Nehemiah 11:21 But the Nethinims dwell in Ophel: and Zitha and Gishpa were over the Nethinims.

TEMPLE SINGERS — overseeing prayer, thanksgiving and singing

Nehemiah 11:17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

Nehemiah 11:22-23 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the

sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God. 23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

NOTE — The number of people in Jerusalem would be 3,044 out of 30,447 (7:6-71).

Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

B. In the Region of _____ (25-36)

NOTE — About 30 cities and villages that are noted throughout Judea and also on the east side of Jordan.

THE TRIBE OF JUDAH (25-30)

THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN (31-36)

QUOTE: [The tribes of Judah and Benjamin] 'had stayed with David's heirs, to form the kingdom of Judah when the rest had broken away; now the future of Israel lay with them and with those who had rallied to them from the other tribes'.—Kidner

NOTE — The Levites dwelt among the tribes of Judah and Benjamin enabling them to see to the spiritual wellbeing of the people.

Nehemiah 11:36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

Conclusion

QUOTE: Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. —John F. Kennedy

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

