

NEHEMIAH - CHAPTER 7

NOTES FROM LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

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GOD KEEPS RECORDS OF HIS PEOPLE!

- V1-ORDER IS ESTABLISHED AND DELEGATION BEGINS
- V2-HE PLACES HIS BROTHER AND GOVERNOR OF THE CASTLE IN CHARGE
 - SAME BROTHER FROM CHAPTER 1 THAT MAKES 4 MONTH TREK TO GIVE REPORT TO NEHEMIAH IN SUSAN
 - THEY FEARED GOD MORE THAN MOST-BEST LEADERSHIP QUALITY OF ALL
- V3- THE GATES ARE NOT TO OPEN UNTIL MID DAY
- V4-WE SEE NO HOUSE HAVE BEEN REBUILT
 - THE PEOPLE WE LIVING IN SURROUNDING CITIES
 - A CITY ON A HILL WITHOUT WALLS IS A VERY VULNERABLE PLACE
- V5-GOD ASKS FOR A CENSUS
 - NEHEMIAH FINDS THE ORIGINAL RECORD OF THOSE WHO RETURNED TO BUILD THE TEMPLE "CAME UP AT THE FIRST"

Lists of names matter. YOUR name matters!

God himself is about the work of making a name for himself.

These people are the descendants of the promised land people-inheritors like us!

Descendants from whom THE descendant who all will be saved.

If you are in Christ, your name is written on a list. In a book. A holy book. The Lamb's book of LIFE.

Just like this one-a list of God's people who He has chosen, redeemed, loved. Lists of names are very important to God.

I don't care if my name is mispronounced on important lists.... I care that it is THERE.

We have been called to enter a city of ETERNAL security and glory.

And take notice that there are always those who want in-even if they were never really God's people

- V6-38-IS THE RECORD OF ISREALITE MEN WHO RETURNED (BEGINNING WITH LEADERS):
 - V39-42 THE PRIESTS
 - V43-44 THE LEVITES
 - V45 THE GATEKEEPERS
 - V46 THE TEMPLE SERVANTS
 - V57-60 THE SONS OF SOLOMAN'S SERVANTS
 - V61-65 THOSE WHO COULDN'T PROVE THEIR DECENT
 - URIM & THUMMIM
 - RECORD DOES NOT SAY THEY WERE WITH ARTICLES RETURNED
 - RECORDINGS OF JOSEPHUS SAY THEY WERE HIDDEN UNDER THE CITY
 - NO RECORD AS TO IF THEY WERE USED HERE-OLD WRITING
 - LAST TIME THEY ARE REFERENCED BIBLICALLY
- V66-68 RECORDS THE TOTALS

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- V70-72 RECORDS THE TREASURY
- V73 EXPLAINS THEY LIVED OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM-THEY SETTLED IN ESTABLISHED CITIES
 - THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SEVENTH MONTH: REST!
 - GOD MEETS US AS WE REST IN HIM AND RECENTER OUR LIVES ON HIS WORD
 - OUR SOULS HAVE NEEDED TO BE RESTORED IN REST FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
 - RECORDING THE NAMES OF HIS PEOPLE BRINGS HIM JOY.
 - ENROLLED AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS ACCORDING TO THE PSALMIST.
 - NOT “BLOTTED OUT” AS MOSES ONCE HOPED FOR IN EXCHANGE FOR FORGIVENESS OF GOD.

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