

Better City, Better Life

Nehemiah Chapter 11

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Luke 19:41 (GW)

[41] When he came closer and saw the city, he began to cry.

Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NLT)

[4] This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: [5] "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. [6] Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! [7] And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

Nehemiah 7:4-5a (NLT)

[4] At that time the city was large and spacious, but the population was small, and none of the houses had been rebuilt. [5] So my God gave me the idea...

Nehemiah 11:1-2 (NKJV)

[1] Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths were to dwell in other cities. [2] And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

Acts 16:5 (NIV)

[5] So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Nehemiah 11:3-18 (NKJV)

[3] These are the heads of the province who dwelt in

Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities--Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon's servants.) [4] Also in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin. The children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; [5] and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. [6] All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men. [7] And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshai; [8] and after him Gabbai and Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. [9] Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city. [10] Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin; [11] Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the leader of the house of God. [12] Their brethren who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, [13] and his brethren, heads of the fathers' houses, were two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, [14] and their brethren, mighty men of valor, were one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer was Zabdiel the son of one of the great men. [15] Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; [16] Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, had the oversight of the business outside of the house of God; [17] Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah,

the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. [18] All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

Nehemiah 11:19-36 (NKJV)

[19] Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, were one hundred and seventy-two. [20] And the rest of Israel, of the priests and Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. [21] But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. [22] Also the overseer 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 in charge of the service of the house of God. [23] For it was the king's command concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day. [24] Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's deputy in all matters concerning the people. [25] And as for the villages with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages; [26] in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet, [27] Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages; [28] in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages; [29] in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, [30] Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom. [31] Also the children of Benjamin from Geba dwelt in Michmash, Aiya, and Bethel, and their villages; [32] in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; [33] in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; [34] in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; [35] in Lod, Ono, and the Valley of Craftsmen. [36] Some of the Judean divisions of Levites were in Benjamin.

Here are several ways to apply these ideas:

- 1. God's Genesis mandate still holds today. We're still charged with creating and cultivating.**
- 2. Love your families. Care for their needs, spiritually, emotionally and financially.**
- 3. Build God's Kingdom. Christ-followers are to pursue God's will on earth as it is in heaven.**