

Nehemiah

Raising Godly Generations

- They swore unto Tobiah, because of marriages with some of the families of Jerusalem —6:18
 - Arah — see Ezra 2:5
 - Meshul’lam — see Neh. 3:4, 30
- They gave glowing reports of Tobiah to Nehemiah — 6:19a
- Tobiah tried to create fear in Nehemiah —6:19b

(6) Nehemiah's Poll —Neh. 7

- This was a census according to genealogy.

• *Neh. 7:*

1. Those who were put in charge of Jerusalem —7:1–4

- Hana’ni and Hananiah —Cf. 1:2
- Their qualifications for leadership —7:2

(1) The time —7:1

- When three things were done:
 - 1. When the wall was built ...
 - 2. When he had set up the doors ...
 - 3. When the porters, the singers and the Levites were appointed.
- The walls were completed and the doors needed to be guarded.

(2) Appointment of a faithful, God-fearing man —7:2

- Did we ever hear anyone say, “Let’s elect him/her to an office, and maybe he/she will be more faithful”?
- I Cor. 4:2 “Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful”
 - I Tim. 1:12
 - II Tim. 2:2
- The importance of having the fear of God.
 - Exod. 18:21
 - Col. 4:1

(3) Rules for opening the doors to the city —7:3

(4) Problem of few people to dwell in the city —7:4

2. The record (register) of the people —7:5–73

(1) Guidelines for the reckoning —7:5–7

- 1. Who were reckoned. —7:5a
- 2. How they were reckoned. —7:5b
- 3. Who these people were. —7:5c–7a
- 4. With whom they had gone up. —7:7

(2) The reckoning of the people recorded —7:8–65

- 1. Compare this list with Ezra 2.
 - It compares almost word for word.

“Salting the Oats”

Nehemiah 7:1–4 — What qualifications allowed Nehemiah to appoint these men as leaders?

Why are qualified leaders so important?

Nehemiah 7:5–73 — What does this genealogy confirm about God’s knowledge of us?

