

SETTLEMENT OF THE PEOPLE
(Nehemiah 11:1-36)

- I. Repopulation of JERUSALEM (Neh. 11:1-24)
 - A. The general ARRANGEMENTS (11:1-2)
 - 1. Jerusalem is called “the HOLY city”
 - 2. The LEADERS of the people ALREADY lived there
 - 3. TEN PERCENT would be REQUIRED to move to Jerusalem
 - 4. They were selected by “CASTING LOTS”
 - 5. The people COMMENDED those who VOLUNTEERED
 - B. The GENERAL population (11:3-9)
 - 1. Representatives of the PERSIAN GOVERNMENT lived there
 - 2. From JUDAH 468 “ABLE men” moved there
 - 3. From BENJAMIN 928 moved there
 - 4. From them were selected an OVERSEER and his SECOND
 - C. The PRIESTS (11:10-14)
 - 1. A group of 822 came to “perform the work of the TEMPLE”
 - 2. A group of 242 came with UNSPECIFIED duties
 - 3. A group of 128 came who were “VALIANT WARRIORS”

4. Their OVERSEER was Zabdiel, “son of the GREAT ONES”

D. The LEVITES and GATEKEEPERS (11:15-24)

1. Some were responsible for “the OUTSIDE WORK” of the temple

2. Identified those who led in “beginning the THANKSGIVING at prayer”

3. Those who “KEPT WATCH at the gates” were 172

4. The Nethinim ALREADY lived in Jerusalem

5. Their OVERSEER was from among the temple SINGERS

6. Pethahiah was “the KING’S representative”

II. Settlement of OUTLYING Cities (11:25-36)

A. The cities of JUDAH (11:25-30)

B. The cities of BENJAMIN (11:31-36)

III. Lessons

A. The importance of DELEGATING LEADERSHIP responsibilities

B. The importance of seeking the LORD’S DIRECTION

C. The importance of FOLLOWING THROUGH on the Lord’s leading