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Text: Nehemiah 7:1-4

Title: Occupied Judah

Outline:

I. The Jerusalem leadership ----- vs. 1-4

Their qualifications

1. Faithfulness
2. God fearing

Their responsibility

1. Man the gates
2. Man the watches

II. The Judean census ----- vs. 5-67

The remnant who returned – 5-38 - thousands

The temple help

Priests – 39-42 – 4289 priests

Levites – 43-45 – 74 Levites (probably those having taken the Levirate vow)

* 148 singers (worship team)

* 138 porters (keepers of the gates)

Temple workers – 46-56 – Named, not counted

The descendants of Solomons servants – 57-62 (maybe only significant in marking faithfulness)

Unregistered priests – 63-65

III. The material inventory ----- vs. 68-73

The animal resources: donkeys, mules, horses, camels

The donations to the project: gold, silver, priests clothes, basins,

Conclusion:

* If this passage does nothing else, it chronicles the blessing of God after the construction has ended. He is always faithful.