

CREATING A GODLY LEGACY

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- I. Anticipating the future: After recommitment, some came to live in Jerusalem as others returned home (Nehemiah 11:1-35).

- A. People were needed to populate Jerusalem (11:1-19).
1. The leaders lived in Jerusalem – setting the example (1).
 2. Some were drafted (10%); but volunteers were commended since exiles desired to live on family land (2).
 3. List of families who lived in Jerusalem (3-19).

Trusting God: Am I willing to step out of my comfort zone and sacrifice my desires to benefit others?

- B. Other exiles returned to their ancestral towns (11:20-35).
- Those in their own towns must resist temptations (10:28-31).
 - A couple decades later Judah was living sinfully (Malachi).

Leaving a legacy: Do my children have a godly example to follow?

- Some in Malachi repented like their parents (Malachi 3:16).

- II. Appreciating the past: Spiritual leaders of the past stood as a challenge to continue their godly legacy (Nehemiah 12:1-26).

- A. List of priests and Levites who returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel 94 years before (12:1-21; Ezra 2:1-2).
- B. List of spiritual leaders who were contemporaries of Nehemiah (12:22-26).

Living out a godly legacy: Do you live grateful for the examples of godliness in your family tree?