

**~NETHINIM (266)**  
**(Neth'i-nim) [Given Ones]**

- **Non-Israelite temple slaves or ministers.**
- **And the first inhabitants that were in their possession in their cities were the Israelites, the priests, the Levites and the **Nethinim**. (1 Chronicles 9:2)**
- **Then I gave them a command concerning Iddo the head one in the place Casiphia, and I put in their mouth words to speak to Iddo and his brothers the **Nethinim** in the place Casiphia, to bring to us ministers for the house of our God. (Ezra 8:17)**
- **Representatives of 35 **Nethinim** families were among those returning from Babylonian exile with Zerubbabel in 537 B.C.E.**
- **And these were the sons of the jurisdictional district that went up out of the captivity of the exiled people whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had taken into exile at Babylon and who later returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his own city. (Ezra 2:1)**
- **Those who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel. (Ezra 2:2)**
- **All the **Nethinim** and the sons of the servants of Solomon were three hundred and ninety-two. (Ezra 2:58)**
- **The **Nethinim**, the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth. (Ezra 2:43)**
- **The sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon. (Ezra 2:44)**
- **The sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub. (Ezra 2:45)**
- **The sons of Hagab, the sons of Salmai, the sons of Hanan. (Ezra 2:46)**

- The sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah. (**Ezra 2:47**)
- The sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam. (**Ezra 2:48**)
- The sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai. (**Ezra 2:49**)
- The sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim. (**Ezra 2:50**)
- The sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur. (**Ezra 2:51**)
- The sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha. (**Ezra 2:52**)
- The sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah. (**Ezra 2:53**)
- The sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha. (**Ezra 2:54**)
- The **Nethinim**, the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth. (**Nehemiah 7:46**)
- The sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon. (**Nehemiah 7:47**)
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- All the **Nethinim** and the sons of the servants of Solomon were three hundred and ninety-two. (**Nehemiah 7:60**)
- The sons of Akkub, Hagab, and Asnah, listed by Ezra, are not mentioned by Nehemiah. They may have been combined under other family names. Also, in **468 B.C.E.**, some of the **Nethinim** accompanied Ezra from Babylon to Jerusalem.
- And after these things in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah the son of Azariah the son of Hilkiah. (**Ezra 7:1**)
- The son of Shallum the son of Zadok the son of Ahitub. (**Ezra 7:2**)
- The son of Amariah the son of Azariah the son of Meraioth. (**Ezra 7:3**)
- The son of Zerahiah the son of Uzzi the son of Bukki. (**Ezra 7:4**)
- The son of Abishua the son of Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the chief priest. (**Ezra 7:5**)
- The said Ezra himself went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled copyist in the Law of Moses, which Yehowah the God of Israel had given, so that the king granted him, according to the hand of Yehowah his God upon him, all his request. (**Ezra 7:6**)
- Consequently some of the sons of Israel and of the priests and the Levites and the singers and the gatekeepers and the **Nethinim** went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. (**Ezra 7:7**)
- Thereafter certain **Nethinim** shared in repairing Jerusalem's wall.

- And the **Nethinim** themselves happened to be dwellers in Ophel, they did repair work as far as in front of the Water Gate on the east and the protruding tower. (**Nehemiah 3:26**)
- They also joined with the Israelites in a covenant to keep themselves free from marriage alliances with foreigners.
- As for the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the **Nethinim** and everyone separating himself from the peoples of the lands to the Law of the true God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, everyone having knowledge and understanding. (**Nehemiah 10:28**)
- They were adhering to their brothers, their majestic ones, and coming into liability to a curse and into an oath, to walk in the Law of the true God, which had been given by the hand of Moses the servant of the true God, and to keep and to perform all the commandments of Yehowah our Lord and his judicial decisions and his regulations. (**Nehemiah 10:29**)
- And that we should not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, and their daughters we should not take for our sons. (**Nehemiah 10:30**)
- Likely many of the **Nethinim** were descendants of the Gibeonites whom Joshua had constituted gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the assembly and for Yehowah's altar.
- And now you are cursed people, and a slaves position and being gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God will never be cut off from you. (**Joshua 9:23**)
- Accordingly Joshua constituted them on that day gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the assembly and for Yehowah's altar, down to this day, at the place that he should choose. (**Joshua 9:27**)
- Apparently other **Nethinim** sprang from captives taken by King David and his princes.
- And from the **Nethinim**, whom David and the princes gave to the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim, all of whom had been designated by their names. (**Ezra 8:20**)

- You have ascended on high. You have carried away captives; You have taken gifts in the form of men, yes, even the stubborn ones, to reside among them, O Yah God. ([Psalms 68:18](#))
- The **Nethinim** belonging to the family of Meunim may have been descendants of captives taken by Judean King Uzziah.
- And the true God continued to help him against the Philistines and against the Arabians that were dwelling in Gurbaal and the Meunim. ([2 Chronicles 26:7](#))
- The sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim. ([Ezra 2:50](#))
- The sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim. ([Nehemiah 7:52](#))
- Still another group, the sons of **Nephusim**, **Nephushesim**, may have been descendants of Ishmael through Naphish.
- Now these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their family origins, Ishmael's firstborn Nebaioth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam. ([Genesis 25:13](#))
- And Mishma and Dumah and Massa. ([Genesis 25:14](#))
- Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. ([Genesis 25:15](#))
- The sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim. ([Ezra 2:50](#))
- The sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim. ([Nehemiah 7:52](#))
- In postexilic times, the **Nethinim** resided in Ophel, apparently near the temple area, as well as in other cities.
- And the priests and the Levites and some of the people, and the singers and the gatekeepers and the **Nethinim** took up dwelling in their cities, and all Israel in their cities. ([Ezra 2:70](#))
- And the **Nethinim** themselves happened to be dwellers in Ophel, they did repair work as far as in front of the Water Gate on the

east and the protruding tower. (**Nehemiah 3:26**)

- After him Malchijah, a member of the goldsmith guild, did repair work as far as the house of the **Nethinim** and the traders, in front of the Inspection Gate and as far as the roof chamber of the corner. (**Nehemiah 3:31**)
- And the priests and the Levites and the gatekeepers and the singers and some of the people and the **Nethinim** and all Israel took up dwelling in their cities. When the seventh month arrived, the sons of Israel were then in their cities. (**Nehemiah 7:73**)
- And these are the heads of the jurisdictional district who dwelt in Jerusalem, but in the cities of Judah there dwelt, each one in his own possession, in their cities, Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the **Nethinim** and the sons of the servants of Solomon. (**Nehemiah 11:3**)
- And the **Nethinim** were dwelling in Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. (**Nehemiah 11:21**)
- On account of their temple work, Persian King Artaxerxes exempted them from paying tax, tribute, and toll.
- And to you men it is being made known that, as respects any of the priests and the Levites, the musicians, the doorkeepers, the **Nethinim**, and the workers of this house of God, no tax, tribute or toll is allowed to be imposed upon them. (**Ezra 7:24**)