

Nehemiah

1 – Nehemiah 1—Nehemiah’s Prayer

Why was Nehemiah so upset? What does this tell us about him? What is it that upsets us? What did he do about? (v.4) Is this also how we handle what upsets us? Note the confession and remembrance in his prayer. God does not need to be reminded; so why did he pray this way?

2 – Nehemiah 2—Nehemiah Goes To Jerusalem

Why was he afraid to be sad in the king’s presence? How is this so very different from our day? Note how Nehemiah is a man of prayer! Note, v.8, 18 “because the gracious hand of my God was upon me...” – when might we use this phrase? Who are the “Sanballot and Tobiah” in your life? In the life of the church?

3 – Nehemiah 3—Builders Of The Wall

Why the names for all the gates? Note – this is a re-build.

4 – Nehemiah 4—Opposition To Building

How did Nehemiah deal with the bullies? Note the first response was always prayer. How is that a great first response? Why also “post the guard”?

5 – Nehemiah 5—Help For The Poor

What additional source of trouble did Nehemiah have to deal with? (v.8) Why would people do this? How is this happening also today? How serious was making a promise? Has this changed? Or is it the same today? Why? (Note – 12 years! V.14 – see again the question the king asked Nehemiah at the beginning – 2:6) Was v.19 a proper prayer?

6 – Nehemiah 6—Completion Amidst Opposition

What additional intrigue do the enemies try? What does this teach us about how to deal with threats? What prayers did Nehemiah pray?

7 – Nehemiah 7—Leadership And Resettlement

What is the purpose for the list of names? How important were the “family records” at that time? Why was this? What does this have to say to us today?

8 – Nehemiah 8—Ezra Reads The Law

All the people listened how long? How and why did they do this? Why did they stand? Why did they prostrate themselves? Why were the people weeping? Why did they build and live in booths? Why was this time so special?

9 – Nehemiah 9—Repentance By Israel

How did the people react? Does this still happen today? Note the public review of God’s covenants with them by the Levites. Why is this important? How do we do this today / or do we?

10 – Nehemiah 10—Sealed Promise

What was the promise they “sealed”? How does this compare to church membership today?

11 – Nehemiah 11—New Residents Of Jerusalem

Why would anyone want to live in Jerusalem? Why did they cast lots? Remember the importance of living on their “ancestral property”? ([Numbers 34:2](#); [1 Kings 21:1-3](#))

12 – Nehemiah 12—Dedication Of The Wall

What is the significance of David in v.24, 36-37, 45? What was involved in their celebration of the dedication? How would the Levites “purify themselves, the people and the walls”? (see [Leviticus 16](#); [Numbers 8:5-14](#); [Numbers 19:17-22](#) – look ahead also to [Nehemiah 13:8-9](#))

13 – [Nehemiah 13](#)—Final Reforms

What is “the Book of Moses”? (see [Deuteronomy 23:3](#)) Who should not be “admitted to the assembly of God” today? What had happened during Nehemiah’s absence? (v.4-5) How did Nehemiah correct them? (Another prayer from Nehemiah - v.14f) Was this a selfish prayer? (v.14, 22, 31) How is this similar to [John 2:13-16](#)? What “guarding of the gates” (v.19-22) must we also be doing in our day today? Why was it important for the children to “speak the language of Judah”? What does this say about marriage? Does this still apply today? ([2 Corinthians 6:14-18](#))