

Brief Review Book of Nehemiah



Background



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■ Timelines

- **3 Waves of Jewish Returns From Babylon**
 - **537 BC Zerubbabel Led Group of 50,000 to Jerusalem**
 - Altar and Temple Completed
 - **468 BC Ezra Arrives with Second Group in Jerusalem**
 - Religious Reformation
 - **444 BC Nehemiah Arrives with Third Group in Jerusalem**
 - Additional Religious Reformation

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■ Overview

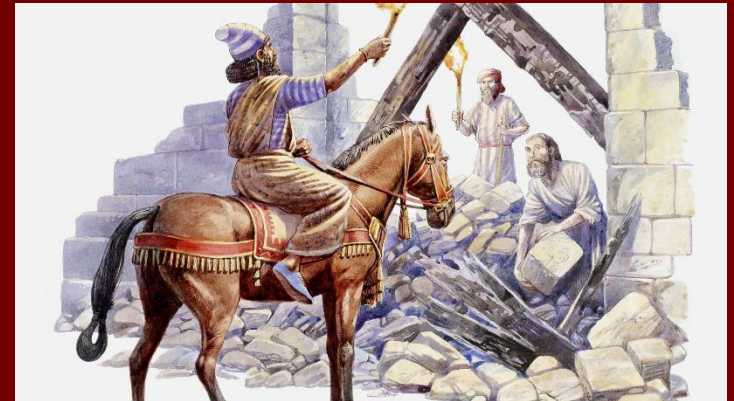
- **At God's direction, the Book of Nehemiah is a continuation of an imperial orders to restore Jerusalem after the seventy-year desolation of Jerusalem and the account of the work done, despite obstacles, to achieve this. (Isaiah 44:24-28).**
- **God purpose was to fulfilled his promises to restore Israel from captivity to Babylon / Perisa and reestablish true worship in Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 29:10-15)**



Highlights

■ Theme

- **The book of Nehemiah is an account of how the walls of Jerusalem (its protection / reliance on God) and how God's worship was reestablished despite opposition and the imperfection of God's people. The account is of great interest to us because we too are living in a time of restoration. (Jeremiah 3:14-17).**



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■ Importance of Nehemiah

- **Nehemiah's zealous devotion should be an inspiration to us of right worship.**
- **He left a favored position to become a humble overseer among God's people. He even refused the material contribution that was his right, and he roundly condemned materialism as a snare.**
- **Nehemiah was an example unselfishness and discretion, a person of action, fearless for righteousness in the face of danger. (4:14, 19, 20; 6:3, 15).**

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■ Importance of Nehemiah

- He had the proper fear of God and was interested in building up his fellow servants in the faith. (8:9; 13:14).
- He vigorously applied the law of God, especially as it related to true worship and the rejection of foreign influences (13:8, 23-29).
- Nehemiah's complete reliance on God and his humble petitions should encourage us to develop a like attitude of prayerful dependence on God (1:4-11; 4:14; 6:14; 13:14, 29, 31).

Rebuilding, Revival and Reform

The Book of Nehemiah

Focus	Rebuilding				Revival		Reform	
Divisions	Construction of the Walls		Completion of the Walls		Revival Within the Walls		Resettlement Within the Walls	
	1	2	3	7	8	10	11	13
Topics	Renewed Walls				Renewed Covenant		Renewed Nation	
	Civil Reform				Religious Reform		Political Reform	
Place	Jerusalem							
Time	About 25 Years (445-420 B.C.)							
Author	Ezra / Nehemiah							