

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –03/29/21

Lesson 13

Nehemiah 6:17-8:18

1. Read Nehemiah 6:17-19. In the previous two verses the wall was completed and their enemies were afraid and had lost their self-confidence recognizing the work had been done with the help of Israel's God. Yet, what continual opposition did Nehemiah still face?
2. Read Nehemiah 7:1-5. What provisions did Nehemiah make for the security of Jerusalem? Why did he choose to put Hanani and Hananiah in charge? (vs. 1-3) In light of v. 4, what might have been the purpose for Nehemiah's actions in v. 5?
3. Read Nehemiah 7:73-8:8, Deut. 31:10-13. The seventh month is one of the most important of the Jewish year because it contains the Festival of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Festival of Tabernacles. As chapter 8 begins, who was assembled? Where? For what?
4. List the major points of this early "Bible Conference." (Also look for any parallels to our worship services today.)
5. Read Nehemiah 8:9-12. Why were the people weeping as they listened to the words of the Law read and explained? (v. 9) Verse 10 is considered by many to be the key verse of the book of Nehemiah. What enabled their weeping to turn into great joy?
6. Try to think of examples (personal life or in general) when God turns sorrow into joy through the knowledge and perspective of biblical truth?
7. Read Nehemiah 8:13-18. What happened on the second day? (v. 13) What did the people find written in the Law? (v. 14-15) What was their response? What was the result of their obedience?