

Nehemiah Rebuilding the Walls & the Community



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<p>THE "MISERY" OF JERUSALEM REPORTED (1:1-3) Nehemiah's Confession & Intercession (1:4-11)</p> <p>NEHEMIAH SENT TO JERUSALEM BY THE KING (2:1-20) Nehemiah petitions the King (2:1-8) Nehemiah inspects the walls (2:9-16) {Opposition by Sanballat & Tobiah} Nehemiah challenges the people to rebuild (2:17-20) {Ridicule by Sanballat, Tobiah & Geshem}</p>		<p>RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WALLS BEGINS Listing the workers by project (3:1-32)</p>	<p>RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WALLS ADVANCES External Ridicule of Neighboring Leaders (4:1-3) The Faithful Response of the People (4:4-6) External Threats of Neighboring Leaders (4:7-9) The Faithless Response of the People (4:10-12) Nehemiah's Inspiring Response (4:13-23)</p>		<p>RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WALLS COMPLETED Internal Strife between Rich and Poor (5:1-5) Nehemiah's Just and Generous Solution (5:6-19) Further Opposition from Neighboring Leaders (6:1-19) Completion of the Wall & Safeguarding the City (7:1-3)</p>		<p>THE REVIVAL OF THE PEOPLE The List of the Inhabitants of Jerusalem (7:4-73) Ezra's Exposition of the Law (8:1-8) The Response & Comforting of the People (8:9-12) <i>Observation of the Feast of Tabernacles (8:13-18)</i></p>		<p>THE CONFESSION OF THE PEOPLE Fasting and Confession (9:1-4) Praise and Adoration (9:5-15) Confession of Their Sin & God's Faithfulness (9:16-31) Pledge of Covenant Faithfulness (9:32-38)</p>		<p>THE COVENANT OF THE PEOPLE WITH GOD The Covenant Participants (10:1-28) The Covenant Stipulation (10:29-39) • Being Subject to the Word of God (10:29) • No Intermarriage with Pagan Nations (10:30) • Observing the Sabbath (10:31) • Stewardship of the Temple (10:32-38)</p>		<p>SETTLEMENT OF THE CITIES The Residents of Jerusalem (11:1-19) The Residents outside Jerusalem (11:20-36) The Priests & Levites (12:1-26)</p> <p>THE DEDICATION OF THE WALLS Cleansing (12:27-30) Thanksgiving & Rejoicing (12:31-43) Appointment of Storekeepers (12:44-47)</p> <p>NEHEMIAH'S FINAL REFORMS (13:1-31) Marriages (13:1-9) • Temple Support (13:10-14) Sabbath Observance (13:15-22) • Marriages (13:23-30)</p>	
444 BC			52 DAYS								432 BC			
1:1 Return (92 years after First Return)		2:20 Rebuilding (72 years after Temple Reconstruction)		7:3 Revival (14 years after Ezra's Earlier Revival)		7:4 Revival (14 years after Ezra's Earlier Revival)		10:38 Revival (14 years after Ezra's Earlier Revival)		11:1 Reforms (After Nehemiah's Return from Persia)		13:31 Reforms (After Nehemiah's Return from Persia)		



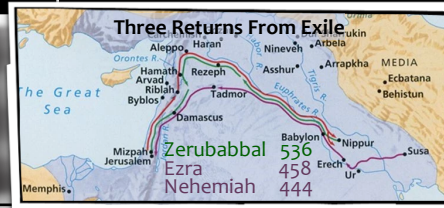
Nehemiah in Persia (433-432)

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LEADERS of THE CONSTRUCTION

Nehemiah (*Cupbearer in Persia*): Governor of Jerusalem
Hanani (*Nehemiah's Brother*): The Civil Leader
Eliashib: The High Priest



LEADER of THE REVIVAL

Ezra, A Priest & Teacher of the Law
Well Versed in the Law of Moses
The Hand of the LORD Was on Him

The authors, likely Nehemiah & Ezra, recorded the third return to Jerusalem from exile under Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of the city so that the Law could be kept in safety, stressing the faithfulness of God to His people, even though they had been unfaithful throughout their history, and even in this third return, so that the remnant (i.e. the readers) would be faithful to the Covenant and trust God to protect and forgive them as He had promised as a part of His Covenant Plan leading to Christ.