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Bible Study Schedule May – Jul 2021		
Date	Study Title	Scriptures
5/5/2021	Depending on God	Nehemiah 1
5/12/2021	The Planning Process	Nehemiah 2
5/19/2021	Working Together	Nehemiah 3
5/26/2021	Opposition from the Outside	Nehemiah 4
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6/9/2021	Facing Intimidation	Nehemiah 6
6/16/2021	Family History	Nehemiah 7
6/23/2021	Revival	Nehemiah 8
6/30/2021	Confession & Commitment	Nehemiah 9 – 10
7/7/2021	Break	No Study
7/14/2021	Big Decisions	Nehemiah 11
7/21/2021	Service & Integrity	Nehemiah 12
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This Week's Lesson – July 21, 2021

Nehemiah: The Courage to Face Opposition

Lesson 11:

Service & Integrity

Nehemiah 12



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Introduction to Nehemiah

Author: Traditionally, Nehemiah. The book may have been the sequel to the Book of Ezra.

Date of Writing: 445 - 420 B.C.

Purpose of Writing: Chronicles Israel's return from Babylonian captivity and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.

Practical Application:

- To experience the spiritual revival of the Israelites (Neh. 8:1-8), we must begin with God's Word.
- Believers should have genuine compassion for others.
- Oftentimes, prayer must also be followed up with action in order to see God's will come to pass.



Nehemiah - Governor
Of Jerusalem

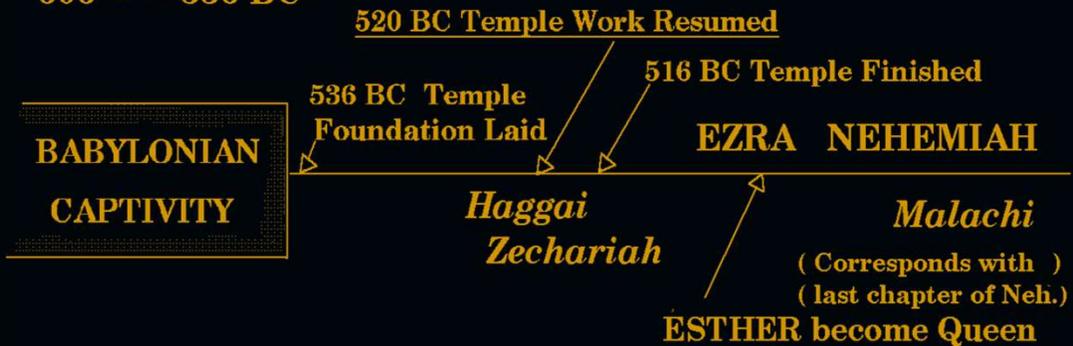


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Overview Of Nehemiah

RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

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Read Nehemiah 12

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1. Why do you think the author mentions so many people in this chapter?

- **Importance of Community:** It takes many jobs to build the family, community, and the church.
- **Importance of Contribution:** To see that all work is important to the building of God's kingdom.
- **Importance of Cooperation:** Contributing to the whole is more important than independence.

...God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. I Cor 12:24 (NIV)



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2. How do you generally appreciate the support roles of the people in your church or fellowship group?

- **Recognition:** Acknowledging the work and effort of those who make the sacrifice for service of the church.
- **Reassurance:** Encouraging those who serve – especially when they are serving under duress (even after failure).
- **Reinforcement:** Provision and our presence for and toward those who serve (“We got your back!”).

Note: It took many people to make the temple and the religious practices function well. The music leader and the person in the nursery are just as important.



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3. How would you feel if you were Meshullam in verse 25 and were recognized for guarding the storerooms?

- **Respected:** Getting attention from the governor shows the he is respected for who he is and what he does.
- **Appreciated:** When the work is done for the day – it gives him/us a sense of purpose and accomplishment.
- **Dedicated:** He would be even more passionate to continue in the behind the scenes work with excellence and integrity.



Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12 (NIV)

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4. Consider verses 8 and 24. Do you think most people would have wanted these jobs? Why or why not?

Why most people would have wanted these jobs?

- **Personal Attention:** Some people like to have attention on themselves - rather than on the Lord
- **People's Accolades:** Some folks love to receive praise from others when serving in a public way.
- **Praise & Adoration (for the Lord):** There are those who desire to give their all to praise the One who has given all to them.



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4. Consider verses 8 and 24. Do you think most people would have wanted these jobs? Why or why not?

Why most people would not have wanted these jobs?

- **Short of Ability:** Many people can sing in the congregation, but not in worship leading
- **Scared of Responsibility:** People fail to step up because of the cost to be in public leadership.
- **Sincere Humility:** There are those who have genuine humility –but solely out of love and obedience.



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5. Would you see being in the choir as an important ministry? Explain.

- **Uniquely Important:** The music ministry is important to the mission and purpose of the Church – to give God the best worship we can.
- **Uniformly Important:** While the choir ministry is one of the most visible, it is not the most important. Everything great or small makes a difference.

“From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Eph. 4:16 (NIV)



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6. Notice verse 43. From what you have read in Nehemiah so far, what is the reason for this great rejoicing?

- **The Greatness of God:** God showed His greatness by overruling the king that held them captive and setting them free
- **The Grace of God:** They were restored with the newly repaired and beautified state of the city.
- **Their Gratitude Toward God:** They were thankful to God for the rebuilt city, families, lives and worship.

Note: The events of the day, and the repaired city, raised the enthusiasm of the people, and their rejoicings was spread far and near.



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7. How important do you think the collection of these goods was to the worship and celebration represented (vv. 44-47)?

- **Exuberance:** Every is excited about seeing God's vision and purpose for them come to pass in their lives.
- **Sustenance:** The giving provided resources enable the servants of God to keep the worship of God going.
- **Obedience:** The main importance is to obey God's commands in His Word.

Note: When experiencing unity and vision Christians are prone to give gladly. When people do not give freely, the work of God struggles forward.



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8. How could you give to sustain the supporting people in your church or fellowship life?

- **Pray:** Above all, your church workers need prayer. Pray for these workers and let them know you are doing so.
- **Give Financial Support:** Support your church workers in this time of financial strain with an extra donation to your church
- **Mail/Email/Text:** Write a note to your pastor or church worker.
- **Record A Video Message:** Record a short video of you or your family sharing words of encouragement and thanks.



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Keys For Living

- All we do, especially the work done for the church, ought to be done with consistency, excellence and integrity (I Cor 10:31).
- Those who work behind the scenes and without much visibility are just as important as the ones whose gifts and talents place them out front.
- God gets glory and we receive unspeakable joy when the people of the local church worship, work, and serve as one.



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