

# WELCOME TO THE STUDY OF NEHEMIAH!

*The name Nehemiah in Hebrews means “Jehovah  
has comforted”.*

## Just as a review:

- Some scholars believe Ezra and Nehemiah were one book
- Indeed, some scholars contend that 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah were all one book!
- It is difficult to say which of Ezra and Nehemiah came first chronologically.
- These four books should be considered as one book when we are looking for their message to us.

***Just the facts***  
***please Chuck!***

The author was probably Nehemiah with some parts written by Ezra after Nehemiah's death.

Probably written about 420 BCE.

Time span: twenty to twenty-five years

Key words to remember are :  
"goal", "rebuild"  
and "walls"

You will hear and read of Ezra in this book as well

## An outline of the book looks like this:

1. NEHEMIAH REBUILDS JERUSALEM'S WALLS (1:1-6:19)

2. EZRA READS THE LAW TO THE PEOPLE (7:1-10:39)

3. LAWS AND REFORMS ARE OBEYED (11:1-13:31)

- Open your Bibles to Nehemiah, Chapter 1.
- It says:
  - *“The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:*
  - *In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.*
  - <sup>3</sup> *They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”*

“I WAS  
CUPBEARER TO  
THE KING.”  
(VERSE 1:11B)





- Opposition arises quickly to the building of the walls! Of course. No building campaign goes on without opposition!

- Look at verses 2:10 and verses 2:19-20.

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01

Chapter 3 shows  
that everybody  
helped build the  
wall!

02

Even the women!

03

Look at Verses  
3:12

Chapter 5 shows the internal problems the Jews were having within their own community.

- Verse 6: Charging interest to their fellow Jews was a hinderance.
- Verse 9 -11: Shows this practice was stopped! The rich listen and made things better for poor!



- Sanballat –the opposer- conspires to oppose the rebuilding!
- Look at:
- Chapter 6:1-8
- And verses 6:14.
- No good work goes unpunished!!



*Despite everything,  
the wall is  
completed in fifty-  
two days as  
recorded in  
Chapter 6: 15.!!!  
Celebration!!*

The definite high point of this book occurs in Chapter 8 with the reading of the law to the people!



Turn to Chapter 8 now, please.



Look at verses 8:4-6.



Look at verses 8:9-11



The Jews were back and protected in the city of Jerusalem!

**Worship continues in  
Chapter 9 with fasting  
and confession of  
their sins.**



**Note the beautiful  
prayer that begins in  
verse 6 of chapter 9.**



**Amazing!**

◦Chapter 10 contains the list of the persons making an agreement to worship in, take care of Jerusalem and keep their responsibilities to it. Look at verse 32.



CHAPTER 11 RECORDS HOW  
NEW RESIDENTS WERE  
ALLOWED INTO JERUSALEM.



- Chapter 12:
- Mostly a list of names but look at the dedication of the wall in verse 27.



The “Wailing Wall”  
in the modern city  
of Jerusalem.



◦ Another image of the western wall in Jerusalem. Notice the Dome of the Rock in the far-left side.

CHAPTER 13 ENDS  
WITH A LIST OF  
NEHEMLIAH'S  
VARIOUS  
REFORMS. THE  
MOST IMPORTANT  
HAD TO DO WITH  
MARRIAGE.



My favorite  
verse is the  
very last verse.

Nehemiah 13:  
30b reads:

“Remember  
me with favor,  
my God.”

What is your  
favorite verse?

QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
WHAT DID I  
MISS?

