

The Book of Nehemiah

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book continues the history of the exiles Jews who returned to Jerusalem. Nehemiah was cupbearer to King Artaxerxes but gave up that job to become governor of Jerusalem. He went to Jerusalem almost a hundred years after the first exiles returned. He led the people in repairing the walls and together with Ezra gave leadership to the people. Nehemiah stressed the importance of prayer

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was Nehemiah when men came from Jerusalem and told him what was happening there? _____. Verse _____
2. What was Nehemiah's reaction to the news from Jerusalem? _____. Verse _____
3. Whose sins did Nehemiah confess before the Lord? _____. Verse _____
4. Where had God chosen as a dwelling for his name? _____. Verse _____
5. What job did Nehemiah have at this time? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The exiles were in great trouble and disgrace but had finished the walls of the city.
7. _____ Was Nehemiah aware that God would scatter the people far and wide if they disobeyed?
8. _____ Was Nehemiah aware that God would gather his people together if they repented?
9. _____ Nehemiah said that there were those who revered the name of the Lord.
10. _____ Nehemiah prayed for success with the king.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were those who came from Jerusalem Nehemiah's brothers?
12. _____ Was fasting a part of the mourning process for Nehemiah?
13. _____ Was Nehemiah aware that the blessings of God are conditional?
14. _____ Does returning to God involve obeying him?
15. _____ Were there others who were in prayer also?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why was Nehemiah sad before the king? _____. Verse _____
2. What 2 things did Nehemiah ask of the king? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Who was disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Nehemiah do at night? _____. Verse _____
5. Who was aware of what Nehemiah intended to do when he first arrived? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The king only asked 2 questions of Nehemiah when he was before him.
7. _____ Army officers and cavalry accompanied Nehemiah to Jerusalem.
8. _____ Nehemiah first told the people, not the officials, what he intended to do.
9. _____ Some people thought they were rebelling against the king when they started rebuilding the wall.
10. _____ No one but a Jew had any claim nor share in Jerusalem.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Nehemiah always present a happy face to the king before this?
12. _____ Did King Artaxerxes object to Nehemiah's request?
13. _____ Was Nehemiah afraid when he made his request to the king?
14. _____ Was Nehemiah going to build a house for himself?
15. _____ Was Nehemiah confident that God was with him?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who rebuilt the Sheep Gate and how far did they rebuild the wall? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. List the towers mentioned in this chapter. _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Make a list of all of the gates mentioned in this chapter. _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Who repaired a part of the wall with the help of his daughters? _____ . Verse _____
5. Under whose leadership did the Levites repair a part of the wall? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Only those living in Jerusalem worked on the wall.
7. _____ Some nobles refused to put their shoulders to the work.
8. _____ Even a perfume maker worked on the wall.
9. _____ Many who lived next to the wall repaired a section close to them.
10. _____ On the wall there was a room above the corner.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Did each gate have bolts and bars that were put in place?
12. _____ Did men under the governor of Trans-Euphrates work on the wall?
13. _____ Was there an artificial pool within the city?
14. _____ Were priests also involved in the rebuilding of the wall?
15. _____ Were goldsmiths also helping to rebuild the wall?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who became angry when he saw that the wall was being rebuilt? _____. Verse _____
2. How tall had the wall become when opposition came? _____. Verse _____
3. How did Nehemiah respond to the threat? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did half the people do while the others worked? _____. Verse _____
5. Where did all the workmen sleep at night? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The people of Samaria had an army.
7. _____ A guard was posted by day and by night to meet the threat.
8. _____ Those who carried material had a weapon in one hand.
9. _____ A trumpet was used to alert everyone if an attack came.
10. _____ The people wore their clothing day and night.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were the surrounding people angry that the wall was being rebuilt?
12. _____ Was there a lot of prayer going on by the Jews?
13. _____ Did the Jews living outside Jerusalem give warning of the threat?
14. _____ Were half the people posted as guards all day while the others worked?
15. _____ Do you know what is meant by "even when he went for water"?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. 'What did the poor in the city of Jerusalem have to do with their daughters? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who did Nehemiah accuse of wrongdoing? _____ . Verse _____
3. What did Nehemiah tell the leaders to do to make things right? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Nehemiah fail to do as governor that the governors before him had done? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Who ate at Nehemiah's table? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Among those who had returned to Jerusalem the rich were taking advantage
_____ of the poor.
7. _____ The poor paid their taxes by selling their children into slavery.
8. _____ The rich Jews were lending money to the poor Jews without interest.
9. _____ Nehemiah was given food as governor by the people.
10. _____ Because he was working on the walls, Nehemiah was given land.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were the poor Jews having a lot of children?
12. _____ Was it right for the rich Jew to lend money to the poor Jew with interest?
_____ (See Leviticus 25:35-36)
13. _____ Did the nobles and the officials do what Nehemiah asked?
14. _____ Did Nehemiah act like the governors who came before him?
15. _____ Was Nehemiah a rich man?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. When Nehemiah had finished rebuilding the wall what was left undone? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Why was Sanballat wanting to have a meeting with Nehemiah? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What advice did Shemaiah give to Nehemiah? _____ . Verse _____
4. What prophetess tried to intimidate Nehemiah? _____ . Verse _____
5. To whom were the men of Judea under oath to? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Sanballat and Tobias were enemies of Nehemiah.
7. _____ All of the prophets in the land were from God.
8. _____ The wall was finished in less than 2 months.
9. _____ Some of the prophets did their work for money.
10. _____ The surrounding people were afraid once the wall was finished.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were there any gaps left in the wall?
12. _____ Was Nehemiah plotting a revolt against the king of Persia?
13. _____ Did the people realize that God's hand was involved in rebuilding the wall?
14. _____ Were ALL of the nobles of Judah behind Nehemiah?
15. _____ Did Nehemiah get reports of the good that his enemies were doing?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 7
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Nehemiah do once the gates were set in place? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who was put in charge of Jerusalem and why? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What restriction was put on those who could not find their records? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. How people many were there ALL TOGETHER? _____ . Verse _____
5. Where did the rest of the Israelites settle? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Once the gates were set in place they were to be opened at dawn.
7. _____ Some of the guards were stationed close to their own homes.
8. _____ The city was filled to capacity with people.
9. _____ Even the servants of Solomon were listed.
10. _____ ALL of the heads of families contributed to the work.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Once the walls were finished was God still directing what Nehemiah did?
12. _____ Do you think that the gatekeepers were on duty at night?
13. _____ Were there less than 200 from Bethlehem and Netophah?
14. _____ Were some of the priest NOT able to find their family records?
15. _____ Were animals counted as well as people?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did all the people do when Ezra opened the Book of the Law? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Where was Ezra standing when he opened the Book? _____ . Verse _____
3. What were the Levites doing as the Law was being read? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Where were the people supposed to live during the feast of the seventh month? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. How long had it been since there had been a feast like this one? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Ezra was both a priest and a scribe.
7. _____ Only adults were permitted to listen to the reading of the Law.
8. _____ The entire week was to be a sacred day.
9. _____ Tree branches were to be used during this feast.
10. _____ Ezra read from the Law every day for seven days.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the entire nation gathered in front of the Eastern Gate?
12. _____ Were women allowed in this assembly?
13. _____ Was Ezra the ONLY one who read from the Book of the Law?
14. _____ Were some people living on top of their houses?
15. _____ Was this festival a happy time?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 9
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How has the mood changed from the previous chapter? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did the Israelites do for a quarter of the day? _____ . Verse _____
3. With what event did the Levites begin their prayer? _____ . Verse _____
4. How did the Lord guide the people as they wandered in the wilderness? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. With what lament did they finish their prayer? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ When the Israelites gathered to confess their sins there were no foreigners among them.
7. _____ There are multitudes in heaven.
8. _____ The Israelites admit to being stiff necked in this prayer.
9. _____ God is called a God of compassion several times in this chapter.
10. _____ The Israelites considered themselves slaves even though they were back in Jerusalem.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were the people in mourning as they wore sackcloth and had dust on their heads?
12. _____ Is the mention of a golden calf out of sequence to the actual facts?
13. _____ Did God ever completely abandon them?
14. _____ Is God called mighty and awesome in this chapter?
15. _____ Were the people trying to make this confession a binding agreement?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Those who sealed the agreement were priests, Levites, leaders of the people and who else? _____ . Verse _____
2. How did they bind themselves to follow what they had agreed upon? _____ . Verse _____
3. On what days would business NOT be conducted with anyone? _____ . Verse _____
4. Where were the tithes from the people to go? _____ . Verse _____
5. Where were the tithes from the Levites to go? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The entire family, all with an understanding of what it meant was involved.
7. _____ The men vowed not to marry foreign women but the women made no such promise.
8. _____ They promised to work the land for 5 years then give it a rest.
9. _____ The first born sons were to be brought as an offering as well as other firstfruits.
10. _____ They promised not to neglect the house of God.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the people bind themselves with a curse AND an oath to obey the Law?
12. _____ Were debts to be cancelled every year?
13. _____ Firewood was to be furnished by the people as a punishment.
14. _____ Every firstborn son is to be redeemed (See Exodus 13:13)
15. _____ Are the priests the ones who are to collect the tithe?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 11
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why was it necessary to cast lots to get people to live in Jerusalem? (See 2 Chronicles 36:17) _____. Verse _____
2. What four groups of people came to live in Jerusalem? _____. Verse _____
3. Who was over the second district of the city? _____. Verse _____
4. Who was the chief officer of the Levites in Jerusalem? _____. Verse _____
5. Where did some of the Levites of Judah settle? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Besides those chosen by lot, there were also volunteers who came to live in Jerusalem.
7. _____ One tenth of the entire population was to live in Jerusalem.
8. _____ There were two heads of the Levites who were in charge of the outside work of the house of God.
9. _____ Each family went back to their own ancestral home.
10. _____ The rest of the people occupied the entire country.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Is Jerusalem called the holy city in this chapter?
12. _____ Did the leaders of the people stay in Jerusalem also?
13. _____ From the description given in this chapter were there any from the Kingdom of Israel to the north included in those who returned?
14. _____ Was there a large number of Levites living in Jerusalem also?
15. _____ Did ALL of the Levites settle in Jerusalem?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 12
SHORT ANSWERS

1. When were the names of the family heads of the Levites and the priests recorded? _____. Verse _____
2. How is David described in this chapter? _____. Verse _____
3. What group of people were sought out and brought to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication of the wall? _____. Verse _____
4. After the Levites and priests had purified themselves, what did they do? _____. Verse _____
5. Who led the first procession and who led the second? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ This list is the same as the one in Ezra chapter 2.
7. _____ Ezra was called both a priest and a scribe.
8. _____ Two choirs were to go on top of the wall in different directions and meet at the Sheep Gate.
9. _____ Only half of the officials went into the temple.
10. _____ Everyone performed their duties to Nehemiah's satisfaction.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were only the priests and Levites listed in this chapter?
12. _____ Were there three places where the people were listed?
13. _____ Did the singers have to come a long way to help celebrate the dedication?
14. _____ Did Nehemiah also go into the temple?
15. _____ Did each group give a tithe to the next in line until the descendants of Aaron got theirs?

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - Chapter 13
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was Nehemiah when Tobias (who was NOT an Israelite) was given a room in the courts of the house of God? _____. Verse _____
2. Where were the singers when Nehemiah returned? _____. Verse _____
3. What other verses are similar to verse 14? _____. Verse _____
4. What was happening on the Sabbath day? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. How had some of the men of Judah been disobeying the commands of God? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The people did not know that an Ammonite or Moabites should not be allowed into the temple.
7. _____ Tobias's household goods were left in the room until the next week.
8. _____ The men of Judah treated the Sabbath day like any other day of the week.
9. _____ The city gates were to be left open all week end.
10. _____ One of the priest's sons was driven away because of who he married.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was it the reading of the law of Moses that made people realize they had sinned?
12. _____ Did Eliashib the priest also make a mistake in what he did?
13. _____ Were the Levites suffering when Nehemiah returned?
14. _____ Did the trading on the Sabbath day finally stop?
15. _____ Were the priests and Levites given special duties right away without anything else being done?

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