

Book 16: Nehemiah

Rebuilding Jerusalem

- Chronologically, Nehemiah is the last of the Old Testament historical books.
- Various forms of the words “build”, “built”, or “builders” appear 20 times in this book, which tells about rebuilding Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah is filled with examples of prayer – both long and short – a total of twelve instances.

Nehemiah: Outline

	Chapter
1. Return to Jerusalem	1 – 2
2. Rebuilding the Walls	3 – 7
3. Repentance	8 – 12
4. Obedience	13

Nehemiah: A Fun Fact

- The decision of Artaxerxes in 2:8 to send Nehemiah back to rebuild is the starting point of the prophecy of “seventy weeks” in Daniel 9:25-27.
- This prophecy literally numbers the days leading up to the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – His public presentation as Messiah.

Nehemiah: Introduction

- Zerubbabel went to Jerusalem after the decree of King Cyrus of Persia in about 538 B.C.
- Ezra followed with another group some 80 years later.
- This book begins another 14 years after Ezra returned.
- At this time Nehemiah received a report of how things were going – and they were not going well.
- The people were discouraged and the project was at a standstill.
- Nehemiah’s powerful leadership would help turn things around.

Nehemiah: Key Passages

- Nehemiah’s Calling 1 – 2
 - A Lesson on Prayer

- The Walls Rebuilt 6:15-16
 - A Lesson in Getting Things Done

- Mourning and Joy 8:8-12
 - A Lesson on Joy

- Nehemiah’s Strong Leadership 13
 - Obedience is Serious Stuff