

1:1, 2, 3, 4 - 2:1, 2 - 8  
 NENE IN 3, 8, 10, 11 "WE"  
 4:13, 15 - 8:9 "NEHEMIAH" - IN  
 5:16, 7 3rd person

NEHEMIAH "The words..." - includes deeds. Much written in first person. ↑

"With this book Old Testament history ends" (Scroggie, Know Your Bible, p. 98).

Three important dates to remember:

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 PERIOD -  
 C. 100 YRS.

- 1) The return under Zerubbabel and Jeshua: 536 B.C. It ~~started~~ <sup>began with</sup> the 1st year of Cyrus.
- 2) The return under Ezra: 458 B.C. It began with the 7th year of Artaxerxes. Cf. Ezra 7:7, 8.
- 3) The return under Nehemiah: 445 B.C. It began in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. ENDS ABOUT 433 B.C.

So Nehemiah begins in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. The last date mentioned in the book is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of Artaxerxes when Nehemiah returned to Art., but evidently got permission to go back to Jerusalem. Cf. 13:6.

WHAT HAGGAI  
 + ZECH. WERE  
 TO EZRA -

Outline: I. Nehemiah's Call From God (1:1-2:8; cf. 2:12). It had to do with conditions in Jerusalem. Artaxerxes grants him permission to go, and makes him governor, or Tirshatha (cf. 5:14; 8:9).

## II. The Building of the Walls of Jerusalem (2:9-6:19).

This was a time marked by opposition from without and from within.

- 1) Sanballat and Tobiah: { 2:10, 19.

SCORN + RIDICULE { 4:1, 3, 7.  
 DECEIT { 6:1, 2, 5.

INTIMIDATION { 6:12, 14, 17, 19.

INTRUSION { 13:4, 7, 8.  
 13:28.

THIS CAN ALWAYS  
 BE EXPECTED WHEN  
 THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
 ARE DOING THE WILL  
 OF GOD.

- 2) Within: 4:1-15.  
 4:19, 20.  
 5:1-13.

Notice Neh's testimony: 2:12, 20 (also 2:8, 18); 4:14, 20; 6:11.

Much emphasis is placed upon two things about Nehemiah:

- 1) His work.
- 2) His prayers - 1:4-11; 2:4b; 4:4, 5, 9; 5:19; 6:9b, 14.  
 And in the last section: 13:14, 22b, 29, 31b.

## III. The Spiritual Restoration of the People (7:1-13:31).

The priests, Levites, worship, and the Temple are prominent in 7:39-73; 8:13-10:39; 12, 13.

Note the prayer of the Levites in ch. 9. Cf. vv. 31-38, followed by their covenant.

See the emphasis, too, on the reading of the Word: at the beginning of chapters 8, 9, and 13. Also 8:18.

Separation is also a must: chs. 9 and 13 (beginning and end of 13).

Note also the joy: 8:10, 17b.