

THE OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

- I. The rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (Neh. 1-6).
 - A. Nehemiah's call (1:1-2:8)
 1. Hanani's bad report to Nehemiah about the condition of the Jews in Jerusalem (1:1-3).
 2. Nehemiah's prayer (1:4-11).
 3. Artaxerxes' permission for Nehemiah to go to Jerusalem (2:1-8).
 - B. Nehemiah's arrival in Jerusalem (2:9-20).
 1. Israel's enemies (2:9-11),
 2. Nehemiah's secret survey of the city, and revelation was to why he had come, followed by the reaction he received, good and bad (2:12-20).
 - C. The workers rebuilding the wall (3:1-32).
 - D. Opposition to the work (4:1-6:14).
 1. From the enemies in the land (4:1-23).
 2. Criticism of the Jewish people for their Jewish leaders (5:1-19). Note the exemplary behavior of Nehemiah in verses 14-19.
 3. More opposition from the enemies in the land (6:1-14).
 - E. The work completed. (6:15-19).
- II. The registration of the people who returned under Zerubbabel (7:1-73).
- III. The revival among the Jews (8:1-10:39).
 - A. Ezra and the reading of the Law followed by the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles (8:1-18).
 - B. More reading of the Law followed by the confession of the sins of the nation (9:1-38).
 - C. The covenant made by the people with the Lord to live according to the Law (10:1-39).
- IV. The distribution of the people in Jerusalem and throughout the land, especially in Judah and Benjamin (11:1-36).
- V. The registration of the priests and Levites (12:1-47).
- VI. More reforms during which time Nehemiah had returned to King Artaxerxes, and then went back to Jerusalem (13:1-31).
 - A. Regarding the separation from the mixed multitude (13:1-3).
 - B. Regarding the provisions for the Levites (13:4-14).
 - C. Regarding the Sabbath (13:15-22).
 - D. Regarding intermarriages (13:23-29).
 - E. Nehemiah's summary (13:30-31).