Lesson 13: Nehemiah, the Faithful Governor

Nehemiah 11-13
Ezra-Nehemiah

Ezra
(1-6) Zerubbabel’s Rebuilding Project {539 BC}
(7-10) Ezra’s Rebuilding Project {457 BC}

Nehemiah
(1-7) Nehemiah’s Rebuilding Project {444 BC}
(8-13) Culminating Section
A Pattern Repeated in Ezra 1-6; Ezra 7-10; and Nehemiah 1-7

- In captivity God stirs hearts for a return and a rebuilding project.
- The return and rebuilding project are threatened by many obstacles.
- All obstacles are overcome.
- The rebuilding project results in success.
Nehemiah 11

• Jerusalem Residents (vv. 1-19)
  • Judahites: 468
  • Benjamites: 928
  • Priests: $822 + 242 + 128$
  • Levites: 284
  • Gatekeepers: 172

• Additional Notes (vv. 20-24)

• Residents of Other Towns in Judah (vv. 25-36)
Nehemiah 12:1-26

• “The priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel” (1-9)
• Succession of High Priests (10-11)
• Priests “in the days of Joiakim” (12-21)
• Records kept “in the days of Darius the Persian,” and “in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and in the days of Ezra, the priest, the scribe.” (22-26)
Nehemiah 12:27-13:31

• Dedication Ceremony for the Walls  (12:27-43)
• Temple Provisions Organized  (12:44-47)
• The People Separate from Foreigners  (13:1-3)
• Nehemiah’s Return  (13:4-31)
  – Tobiah’s Room Cleansed  (4-9)
  – The Levites’ Tithe Enforced  (10-14)
  – Sabbath Enforced  (15-22)
  – Separation Enforced  (23-29)
  – Summary of Reforms Enforced  (30-31)
“Remember me...”

- Nehemiah 13:14
- Nehemiah 13:22
- Nehemiah 13:31
- Nehemiah 5:19
- Luke 23:42