

# NEHEMIAH

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## 1. TITLES:

- A. Nehemiah = consolation or Jehovah is comfort
- B. The Book of Restoration
- C. The Book of Reconstruction

## 2. AUTHOR:

Written by Nehemiah. It is mainly his autobiography.

## 3. DATE:

- A. Covers a period of about 16 years, beginning about 12 years after the close of Ezra.
- B. Probably written between 440 and 400 B.C. It was the last Old Testament historical book to be written.

## 4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. Gate (s) - 41 | D. Build (ed, ers, est, t) - 24 |
| B. Wall (s) - 36 | E. Work (s) - 23                |
| C. Repaired – 35 | F. Pray (ed, er) - 8            |

## 5. KEY VERSES: 4:6, 9

## 6. PURPOSE:

- A. To show how that under Nehemiah, the walls and 12 gates of Jerusalem were repaired and rebuilt, and the people were revived.
- B. To give to the church principles of restoration.

## 7. MESSAGE:

- A. God's purpose is to restore that which has been lost and to reconstruct that which has been broken down.
- B. The conditions for successful work for God are prayer, pain, and perseverance.

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## 8. OUTLINE:

- I. Rebuilding of the Walls - Ch. 1-7
- II. Revival of Religion - Ch. 8-12
- III. Reformation of the People - Ch. 13

## 9. SUMMARY:

Nehemiah sets before us an example of Godly character and leadership. At the call of God he renounced his life of luxury and high position in the palace of Shushan for a life of toil, danger, hardship, and opposition from false brethren within and without in the work of restoration. He was a man of faith, wisdom, courage, and perseverance; a man of prayer and energy, able to inspire others to work as well as work himself.

NOTE: Ezra and Nehemiah together show the fulfillment of certain areas of the notable "Seventy Week Prophecy" given to Daniel in Babylon. "From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem (Ezra) ... the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublous times." (Nehemiah) (Daniel 9:25).

## 10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Governor of Judah (Mt. 2:6) who left heaven's palaces (Ps. 45:8), and is revealed as the Man of Prayer and Work (Jn. 17 Mt. 6:18) in the Spiritual Restoration of Jerusalem.