

# NEHEMIAH

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #16



AUTHOR: NEHEMIAH



WRITTEN: 425-400 BC

Covering the time period of 450 – 430 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

## BOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

One of the few books of the Bible written in the first person. It covers the last piece of history recorded in our Old Testament.

### KEY STORIES:

- Nehemiah oversees the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem.
- Everyone seemed to get involved in the rebuilding of the wall, including women and children.
- Everything in Judea is restored except the king.

### KEY VERSES:

And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. **Nehemiah 1:3**

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. **Nehemiah 4:6**

## Important Points about the Book:

- Nehemiah was not a priest or a prophet, he was a guy who worked in the world. He served the king of Persia and then led a group of Jews to Jerusalem with the task in his heart to rebuild and fortify the city walls.
- The walls were built in spite of great opposition, mocking and adversity.
- Nehemiah continued to help until the people were resettling in Jerusalem.
- In Chapter 13 Nehemiah oversees the laws being reestablished and the temple organized.

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Nehemiah is a continuation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. It records the rebuilding of the walls, the internal hindrances by frustrated people during the rebuilding and the economic and spiritual reforms. Malachi records the apostasy and apay during this time.

The book is a doctrinal picture of the rebuilding of the nation of Israel after 1948. The main adversaries are Arabs and Edomites (who rejected the truth that the Abrahamic Covenant was inherited by Isaac, Jacob and their children (**Nehemiah 4:7**)).



## BREAKDOWNS

Nehemiah 1	Nehemiah Prays For God's Attention
Nehemiah 2	Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem
Nehemiah 3	Naming the Contributors to the Wall
Nehemiah 4	Opposition to Rebuilding the Wall
Nehemiah 5	Nehemiah Helps the Poor
Nehemiah 6	The Opposition Spreads
Nehemiah 7	List of the Remnant Returning from Exile
Nehemiah 8	Ezra Leads the Reform
Nehemiah 9	The People Confess to a History of Sins
Nehemiah 10	The People Sign A Pledge
Nehemiah 11	New Leaders of Jerusalem Listed
Nehemiah 12	Naming the Priests and Dedication of the Wall
Nehemiah 13	Final Reforms of Nehemiah

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NEHEMIAH:

- Chapters: 13
- Verses: 406
- Words: 10,480
- Ezra deals with the religious restoration of Judah, Nehemiah is primarily concerned with Judah's political and geographical restoration.
- Nehemiah takes readers to the end of the historical account in the Old Testament, some 400 years before the birth of Christ.

- Nehemiah is governor of Jerusalem for 14 years (444-432B.C.)
- The return under Nehemiah takes place 13 years after the return led by Ezra, and some 94 years after the return led by Zerubbabel.
- The first seven chapters deal with the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem.
- When opposition arose from without, the people prayed (4:9).
- Nehemiah met all opposition with PRAYER and ACTION.
- The work of rebuilding the wall took 52 days (6:15).

***Nehemiah 4:18—For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.***