

THE TEMPLE

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

SOLOMON FINISHED THE TEMPLE	(959 BC)?
DESTROYED BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR	(586 BC)?

ZERUBBABEL'S TEMPLE

RECONSTRUCTION UNDER CYRUS	(536 BC)?
BUILDING CEASES UNDER ARTAXERXES	(17 YEARS)?
BUILDING CONTINUES UNDER DARIUS	(519 BC)?
TEMPLE COMPLETED UNDER DARIUS	(516 BC)?
	(516-458 BC)?

HEROD'S TEMPLE

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN	(20 BC)?
COMPLETED 46 YEARS (JOHN 2:20)	(64 AD)?

CHRONOLOGY OF BOOKS

OBADIAH	(605-585 BC)?
EZEKIEL	(593-571 BC)?
DANIEL	(605-530 BC)?
EZRA	(538-457 BC)?
ZECHARIAH	(520-480 BC)?
ESTHER	(479-478 BC)?
NEHEMIAH	(445-432 BC)?
MALACHI	(440-430 BC)?

BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

NEBUCHADNEZZAR	DANIEL 1:1	(539 BC)?
CYRUS	EZRA 1-3	(538-537 BC)?
AHASUERUS	EZRA 4 (7 MONTHS)	(537 BC)?
DARIUS	EZRA 5-6	(536-516 BC)?
QUEEN ESTHER	ESTHER 2-10	(479-478 BC)?
ARTAXERXES LONGIMANUS		(465-424 BC)?
	EZRA 7-10	(458-457 BC)?
	NEHEMIAH 1-13	(445-432 BC)?

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

NEBUCHADNEZZAR - DESTROYED JERUSALEM (586 BC)?

ARTAXERXES - KING OF PERSIA 465-425 BC?

LONGIMANUS - SON OF XERXES

NEHEMIAH - COMFORTED OF YAHWEH

SON OF HACHALIAH - BROTHER OF HANANI 445-433 BC?

ADVERSARIES OF NEHEMIAH

SANBALLAT THE HORONITE - GOVERNOR OF SAMARIA

TOBIAH THE AMMONITE - JOINT GOVERNOR WITH SANBALLAT

GESHEM THE ARAB - CHIEF OF THE ARABS IN SAMARIA

ELIASHIB THE HIGH PRIEST

EZRA THE PRIEST - THE SCRIBE

OUTLINE NEHEMIAH CHAPTER THIRTEEN

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| THE LAW CONDEMNS ALL MIXED MARRIAGES | v. 1-3 |
| TOBIAH IS CAST OUT OF THE TEMPLE | V. 4-9 |
| THE PEOPLE BRING THEIR TITHES | V. 10-14 |
| THE SABBATHS HAD BEEN PROFANED | V. 15-22 |
| LIST OF THOSE WHO HAD FOREIGN WIVES
PRIEST WHO MARRIED SANBALLAT'S DAUGHTER | V. 23-29 |
| THE PEOPLE ARE CLEANSED AND
NEHEMIAH PRAYS FOR GOD'S MERCY | V. 30-31 |

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

1 On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people, and in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of God,

2 Because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 So it was, when they had heard the Law, that they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

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WHAT WAS READ FROM THE BOOK OF MOSES?

WHO WERE THE AMMONITES AND THE MOABITES?

WHAT WERE THEY NOT PERMITTED TO DO? WHY?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

WHAT WAS READ FROM THE BOOK OF MOSES?

READ: DEUTERONOMY 23:3-6

3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the congregation of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the LORD forever,

4 Because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.

6 You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. (NKJ)

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

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WHAT DID THE PEOPLE DO?

HOW DID THEY SEPARATE THEM FROM ISRAEL?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

HOW DID THEY SEPARATE THEM FROM ISRAEL?

READ: EZRA 10:2-3

2 Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this.

3 Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

HOW DID THEY SEPARATE THEM FROM ISRAEL?

READ: EZRA 10:10-12

10 Then **Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have transgressed and have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Israel.**

11 Now therefore, **make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives."**

12 Then **all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, Yes! As you have said, so we must do.**

EZRA 10:44

44 **All these had taken pagan wives, and some of them had wives by whom they had children. (NKJ)**

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:4-5

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, was allied with Tobiah.

5 He had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests.

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WHO IS THIS ELASHIB? HIGHPRIEST?
HOW WAS HE 'ALLIED' WITH TOBIAH?

READ: NEHEMIAH 6:17-19

18 For many in Judah were pledged to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

WHO WAS SCHECHANIAH? ELIASHIB'S GRANDSON

QUESTIONS:

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WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN? 'NOW BEFORE THIS'

WHAT HAD ELIASHIB DONE?

WHERE WAS NEHEMIAH?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:6-9

6 During all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. After certain days I obtained leave from the king,

7 I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God.

8 It grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room.

9 I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

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WHY DID NEHEMIAH GO BACK TO BABYLON?

WHEN DID HE RETURN TO JERUSALEM?

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WHAT DID HE FIND WHEN HE RETURNED?

WHAT WAS THE 'EVIL' THAT ELISHAIB HAD DONE?

HOW DID NEHEMIAH RESPOND TO THIS?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:10-12

10 I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field.

11 I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" I gathered them together and set them in their place.

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WHAT ELSE DID NEHEMIAH DISCOVER?

WHERE DID THE LEVITES AND SINGERS GO?

WHY DID HE CONTEND WITH THE RULERS?

HOW WAS THE HOUSE OF GOD 'FORSAKEN'?

HOW DID HE PUT THINGS IN ORDER?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:10-12

HOW WAS THE HOUSE OF GOD 'FORSAKEN'?

READ: NEHEMIAH 10:39

39 For **the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God. (NKJ)**

WHAT HAD THEY PROMISED TO DO?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:13-14

13 I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

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WHO DID HE APPOINT AS 'TREASURERS'?

PRIEST? SCRIBE? LEVITES?

WHY DID HE APPOINT THESE MEN?

WHAT WAS THEIR TASK?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:13-14

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WHAT DID HE WANT THE LORD TO REMEMBER?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:15-16

15 In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. I warned them about the day on which they were selling provisions.

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WHO WAS TO 'KEEP THE SABBATH'?

READ: EXODUS 31:16

16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. (NKJ)

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:15-16

HOW WERE THEY TO KEEP THE SABBATH?

READ: EXODUS 20:8-10

- 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,**
- 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. (NKJ)**

WHEN IS 'THE SABBATH'?

THE SEVENTH DAY?

QUESTIONS:

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WHAT WERE THEY DOING ON THE SABBATH?

WHAT DID NEHEMIAH WARN THEM ABOUT?

WHAT WERE THE MEN OF TYRE DOING?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:17-19

17 I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.

19 So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

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WHAT DID **NEHEMIAH** SAY TO THE NOBLES?

WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY?

WHAT DID **NEHEMIAH** ACCUSE THEM OF?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:17-19

WHAT DID JEREMIAH SAY TO THEIR FATHERS

READ: JEREMIAH 17:21-25

21 **Thus says the LORD: Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;**

22 **Nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.**

23 **But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction. (NKJ)**

HOW DID THEY RESPOND TO HIS ADMONITION?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:17-19

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HOW DID NEHEMIAH SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:20-21

20 The merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

21 I warned them and said to them, Why do you spend the night around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you! From that time on they came no more on the Sabbath.

22 I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy!

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HOW DID THE MERCHANTS RESPOND TO THIS?

WHAT DID NEHEMIAH TELL THEM?

DID THEY HEED HIS WARNING?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:20-21

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WHAT DID NEHEMIAH TELL THE LEVITES TO DO?
WHAT DID NEHEMIAH WANT THE LORD TO DO?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

23 I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.

24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.

25 I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves.

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NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

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WHAT HAD SOME OF THE JEWS DONE?
WHO WERE THESE WOMEN?

READ: JOSHUA 13:3

3 From Sihor, which is east of Egypt, as far as the border of Ekron northward (which is counted as Canaanite); the five lords of the Philistines-- the Gazites, the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites; (NKJ)

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

WAS THIS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAD DONE THIS?

READ: EZRA 9:1-3

1 When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass. (NKJ)

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

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WHAT DID MALACHI SAY JUDAH HAD DONE?

READ: MALACHI 2:11

11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the LORD'S holy institution which He loves: he has married the daughter of a foreign god. (NKJ)

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.

**HOW DID THIS EFFECT THEIR CHILDREN?
WHAT LANGUAGE SHOULD THEY HAVE SPOKEN?**

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

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WHAT DID NEHEMIAH DO TO THEM?

WHAT DID EZRA DO?

READ: EZRA 9:3

3 When I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished. (NKJ)

WHAT DID HE MAKE THEM SWEAR TO GOD?

READ: DEUTERONOMY 7:2-4

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:23-24

WHAT DID GOD TELL THE ISRAELITES?

READ: DEUTERONOMY 7:2-4

- 2 When the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.
- 3 Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.
- 4 For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. (NKJ)

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:26-28

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin.

27 Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?

28 One of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I drove him from me.

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:26-18

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DID THESE JEWS KNOW ABOUT SOLOMON?

READ: 2 CHRONICLES 1:11-12

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:26-18

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READ: 2 CHRONICLES 1:11-12

11 God said to Solomon: Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life-- but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king

12 Wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.

(NKJ)

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WHAT WAS SOLOMON'S SIN?

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:26-18

WHAT WAS SOLOMON'S SIN?

READ: 1 KINGS 11:1-4

- 1 **King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites--**
- 2 **From the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love.**
- 3 **He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.**
- 4 **It was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David. (NKJ)**

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:26-18

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US TODAY?

READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:39

39 **A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. (NKJ)**

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14

14 **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? (NKJ)**

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WHAT DID NEHEMIAH ASK THEM?

WHAT DID NEHEMIAH DO TO ELIASHIB'S GRANDSON?

WHY?

READ: NEHEMIAH 13:29-31

29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

30 Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I also assigned duties to the priests and the Levites, each to his service,

31 And to bringing the wood offering and the firstfruits at appointed times. Remember me, O my God, for good! (NKJ)

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WHAT DOES NEHEMIAH WANT GOD TO REMEMBER?

QUESTIONS:

NEHEMIAH 13:29-31

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**HOW DID HE WANT THE LORD TO REMEMBER HIM?
WHAT DO YOU WANT THE LORD TO REMEMBER?**

QUESTIONS: NEHEMIAH 13:29-31

WHAT DOES THE LORD REMEMBER?

READ: HEBREWS 6:10

10 God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

READ: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-4

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father (NKJ)

