

## THE THIRD RETURN UNDER NEHEMIAH

### Nehemiah 1 - 13

After Ezra's group returned to Judah, thirteen years passed before anyone else came back from the land of the captivity. Then, in 444 B. C., Nehemiah returned. Read now to discover the circumstances connected with his return, and the results of his work in Judah:

#### A. Nehemiah's Journey to Jerusalem: Read Nehemiah 1:1-2:20

1. Who was Nehemiah? Nehemiah 1:11b  
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2. When men returned to Babylon from Jerusalem, what report did they bring about conditions in Judah? Nehemiah 1:3  
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3. What did Nehemiah do when he heard this report? Nehemiah 1:4, 5, 11  
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4. After four months, when the king noticed his sadness, what did Nehemiah ask the king to let him do? Nehemiah 2:5  
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5. Why were Nehemiah's requests granted? Nehemiah 2:8b  
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6. Who accompanied Nehemiah on his journey? Nehemiah 2:9b  
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7. What did Nehemiah do shortly after he reached Jerusalem?  
Nehemiah 2:12-16  
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8. What did the rulers say when Nehemiah suggested that they build the walls of the city?  
Nehemiah 2:18  
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9. Who opposed their work? Nehemiah 2:10, 19  
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#### B. The Building of the Gates and Walls: Nehemiah 3-7

1. After the work was begun, what did their enemies say about their wall? Nehemiah 4:3b  
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2. What did the people do after this? Nehemiah 4:4, 5  
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3. When the wall was half built, what did their enemies do? Nehemiah 4:8  
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4. Then what did the people of Judah do? Nehemiah 4:9  
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5. How did the people work from then on? Nehemiah 4:16-18a  
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6. When the enemies tried to get Nehemiah to meet with them, what did he answer?

Nehemiah 6:3a

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7. How long did it take them to complete the building of the walls?

Nehemiah 6:15b

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8. What did the enemies know about the work when it was done?

Nehemiah 6:16b

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9. Describe the city after Nehemiah's work was completed. Nehemiah 7:4

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**C. The Law Taught to the People:** Read Nehemiah 8-13

1. After the walls were completed, what did the people ask Ezra to do? Nehemiah 8:1-3

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2. What did the people do as a result of this? Nehemiah 8:9b, 9:2

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3. What did they promise to do from then on? Nehemiah 10:29

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4. This is the end of the Old Testament story. Does it seem complete to you?

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. For what purpose did God make it possible for His people to return to their own land and rebuild their capital city? What did He yet plan to accomplish through them? (See Genesis 12:2, 3, 28:14b; Galatians 3:16)

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2. For what purpose does God show His infinite mercy and love toward me today? (See 2 Corinthians 9:8)

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