



## “A Postlude to Nehemiah”

### Selected Scriptures from Nehemiah

Part 22 in the message series: “Nehemiah”

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#### Review Points

- Nehemiah was written by Nehemiah in 445 B.C.
- It is the last historical book in the Old Testament.
- It recounts the Israelites’ third return to Jerusalem following a Babylonian takeover.
- Chapters 1-7 focus on rebuilding the wall.
- Chapters 8-13 focus on the reformation of the Israelite faith community.
- Nehemiah was a dynamic leader because he was a man of the Word and a man of prayer.

#### The Christology of Nehemiah

1. Nehemiah left his comfortable position as **cupbearer** to the King in order to help his countrymen rebuild the wall. Jesus left his place at the **right hand** of God to become fully human—ultimately dying on the cross for the sins of humanity. (2 Corinthians 8:9)
2. God used Nehemiah to **begin** a reformation amongst His people. God used Jesus to **secure** our redemption for all of eternity. (Romans 5:6-11)

3. Nehemiah faced opposition from sinful men—and **lived**. Jesus faced opposition from sinful men—and was **crucified**. (Matthew 27:35)
4. Nehemiah knew his calling as he said, “I am carrying on a great project and I can’t come down.” Jesus knew his calling when He said, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” The cross was His calling! (Matthew 26:39)
5. Nehemiah **built** a wall. Jesus **tore** down a wall. (Ephesians 2:13-19)
6. Nehemiah/Ezra **renewed** the covenant. Jesus **established** the new covenant. (Hebrews 8:6-13)
7. Nehemiah continually dealt with corrupt and ungodly **high priests**. Jesus Christ **is** the Great High Priest. (Hebrews 4:14-16)
8. Nehemiah was a **servant** to the King. Jesus was a **King** that served. (Philippians 2:5-8)

#### Family Time Q & A:

- 1) What made the biggest impact on you from the series in Nehemiah?
- 2) What surprised you the most from the series in Nehemiah?
- 3) Why is it important to know that every single text of Scripture points to Jesus Christ?

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