

Outlines of the Bible: Nehemiah

THEME:

Rebuilding the walls

OUTLINE:

1. Rebuilding the Walls under Nehemiah (1-7)
2. Revival of the People under Ezra (8-10)
3. Reinforcement of the Work under Nehemiah (11-13)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1-2 Nehemiah's prayer, Artaxerxes' decree, Nehemiah visits Jerusalem
3-7 Work on and completion of walls, opposition, census.

KEY PASSAGE

8:4-8

Presentation of the Law by Ezra to the people. "And they read from the book of the Law... give the sense"

KEY PEOPLE

Artaxerxes: Persian King, Xerxes son. Allowed Jews to rebuild the walls w/ Nehemiah

Nehemiah: Artaxerxes' cup bearer; governor, foreman

Sanballat: Samaritan who tried to end the construction & assassinate Nehemiah

Ezra: Reformer, expert in law/led Israel, Instructed Israel's leadership to put away their foreign wives.