

Review Questions

1. Who led the first group of Jews back to Judah with the permission of King Cyrus? *Zerubbabel.*
2. What priest led the second group of Jews to Judah? *Ezra.*
3. Who led the third group of Jews to Judah? *Nehemiah.*
4. Who rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem: Zerubbabel, Ezra, or Nehemiah? *Zerubbabel.*
5. Who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem? *Nehemiah.*
6. Name one of the enemies of the Jews who sent messengers to Nehemiah asking him to meet.
Sanballat, Geshem.
7. What was Sanballat and Geshem's real reason for asking Nehemiah to meet? *They wanted to harm him. They wanted to distract him and stop the work on the walls.*
8. In his letter to Nehemiah, what did Sanballat accuse the Jews of doing: not paying taxes, leaving the city, or rebelling against the king? *Rebelling against the king.*
9. What did Sanballat say Nehemiah was trying to become: a king, a nobleman, or a priest? *A king.*
10. How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's letter? *He said he was making it up, and he would not meet with him.*
11. Which Jewish prophet did Sanballat and Tobiah hire to try to trap Nehemiah: Shazam, Shecaniah, or Shemaiah? *Shemaiah.*
12. Where did Shemaiah say Nehemiah should go to hide from enemies who planned to kill him? *The temple; the house of God (the Holy Place).*
13. Why would it be wrong for Nehemiah to hide in the temple? *He was not a priest, so he wasn't allowed to go inside.*
14. What was the purpose of Shemaiah's message? *He wanted Nehemiah to sin by entering the temple. He wanted Nehemiah to show fear and a lack of respect for God's house.*
15. What did Nehemiah do when his enemies kept trying to trap him: offer sacrifices, write letters to the king, or pray for help? *Pray for help.*
16. Who was responsible for keeping many of the Jews in debt and slavery? *Jewish nobles and officials.*
17. Why were the people desperate for help? What had been taken from them? *Their houses and land, their money and food, and their sons and daughters (sold into slavery).*
18. What did Nehemiah do to help the people who were in debt and having to sell their children into slavery? *He called the nobles and officials and confronted them with their sin against their own people. He told them to return what they had taken (houses, land, and food/money).*
19. How did the nobles and officials respond to Nehemiah? *They agreed to return what they'd taken.*
20. Why did Nehemiah gather all the people with Ezra and the Levites? *So they could hear and understand the law of God.*
21. How did the people respond when they heard the law and understood their sin? *They wept. They repented.*