

Review Questions

1. How many groups of Jews had already returned to Judah by the time of Nehemiah: one, two, or three? *Two.*
2. Who led the first group of Jews back to Judah with the permission of King Cyrus? *Zerubbabel.*
3. Who led the second group of Jews back to Judah with the permission of King Artaxerxes? *Ezra.*
4. What bad news did Nehemiah hear about the Jews who were in Jerusalem? *They were in trouble and shame because the walls were broken down and the gates were destroyed.*
5. What did Nehemiah do when he heard the report about Jerusalem? *He wept, fasted, and prayed, confessing his sins and the sins of the people.*
6. What was Nehemiah's job for the king of Persia? *Cupbearer; he tasted and served the king's drinks.*
7. The king noticed that Nehemiah looked what? *Sad.*
8. What did the king give permission for Nehemiah to do? *Return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls.*
9. What did Nehemiah do at night when he got to Jerusalem? *He inspected the walls.*
10. What did God put in Nehemiah's heart to do? *Rebuild the walls.*
11. What did the Jews say when Nehemiah shared his plan to rebuild the walls? *They agreed to do it.*
12. Name one of the three men who opposed the building. (Allow several students to answer.) *Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem.*
13. How did Nehemiah divide up the work on the walls? *He assigned sections to different groups and families.*
14. How did Sanballat and Tobiah try to discourage the Jews? *They mocked them and their work on the wall.*
15. When the wall was connected and built to half its height, what did the enemies of the Jews plan to do? *Attack them and cause confusion (to stop the work).*
16. What did Nehemiah and the Jews do to show their trust in God? *They prayed.*
17. What plan did Nehemiah use to make sure the work could continue, even with the threat of attack? *He had half the people stay armed with weapons and half do the work. He had builders keep swords at their sides and others work with one hand while holding a sword in the other.*
18. What did Nehemiah use to rally the people to one place in case of attack? *Trumpet.*
19. Thanks to God's protection and Nehemiah's plan, how long did it take the people to complete the walls: 52, 72, or 102 days? *52 days.*
20. What is the reference of our new memory verse? *Jeremiah 33:7–8.*

Bonus: How many years after Ezra's return to Jerusalem was Nehemiah's return? *13 years later.*