

A close-up photograph of an ancient stone wall, likely made of mud-brick or fired clay. The wall shows signs of significant wear and damage, with many bricks missing or crumbling. A central opening or niche is visible, partially obscured by a white rounded rectangle containing the text 'Ezra - Nehemiah'. The overall appearance is that of an old, weathered structure.

Ezra - Nehemiah

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Conditions of the Covenant– Nehemiah 10

What do they commit to do?

- Not intermarry with foreigners (v. 30)
- Not work on the Sabbath (v. 31)
- Provide what is needed for worship at the temple (v. 32-39)

The problem with making promises void of God's Spirit is that they don't address the main problem: our hearts.

Configuring the Covenant—Nehemiah 11-12

What are all these lists for?

- 11:1-2—Distribution of leaders in and out of Jerusalem
- 11:3-9—Leaders of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem
- 11:10-18, 22-23—Priests and Levites who work in the temple
- 11:19-21—Gatekeepers at the temple and temple servants

Configuring the Covenant—Nehemiah 11-12

What are all these lists for?

- 11:24—A man who worked at the King's side in Persia
- 11:25-35—Villages outside of Jerusalem where Jews lived
- 12:1-26—Family lines of priests

Configuring the Covenant–Nehemiah 11-12

Celebration at the Temple (12:27-47)

- Dedication of the wall (12:27-43)
- Celebration and contribution for the temple (12:44-47)

High mountaintop experiences and emotions are not great indicators for long-term faithfulness to God.

Collapse of the Covenant–Nehemiah 13

How had they broke the covenant they made?

- They neglected and desecrated the house of God (13:4-14)
- They worked on the Sabbath (13:15-22)
- They intermarried with foreigners (13:23-29)

Long-lasting change only comes through the imputation of Jesus' righteousness (Romans 8:1-5)

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