

WEEK 39

September 25 - October 1, 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS

MON
EZRA 7-10

- Ezra Comes to Jerusalem
- List of Families Returning
- The Return
- People Put Away Foreign Wives

Is it surprising that God would condone the putting away of wives?

Why or why not?

TUE
NEHEMIAH 1-5

- Praying for God's Attention
- Nehemiah Returns
- Contributor's to the Wall
- Opposition to Rebuilding
- Nehemiah Helps the Poor

Nehemiah was very inspired, or driven by the spirit, to fix the wall.

Have you ever felt inspired by the spirit to do something?

If so, what?

WED
NEHEMIAH 6-7

- The Opposition Spreads
- List of the Remnant Returning from Exile

Bible lists and geneologies can seem dull.

With the discoveries of DNA tracing, how could this all change?

THU
NEHEMIAH 8-10

- Ezra Leads the Reform
- The People Confess to a History of Sins
- The People Sign Their Pledge

The returnees could get sidetracked very easily.

How can we keep understanding God's desires and path?

FRI
NEHEMIAH 11-13;
PSALM 126

- Leaders of Jerusalem Listed
- Naming the Priests
- Dedication of Wall
- Final Reforms of Nehemiah
- Psalm of Petition

This is the only Bible book written in first person narrative, or with an "I" voice.

How did it make Nehemiah's journey very personal to you?

SAT
MALACHI 1-4

- A Problem with Sacrifice
- What Wears the Lord
- When the Lord Responds
- Withholding Tithes
- Arrogance vs. Faith

This book ends with a promise to put the spirit of Elijah the Prophet into John the Baptist.

What makes prophecy so hard to understand?

SUN
LUKE 1; JOHN 1:1-14

- Early stories of John the Baptist & Jesus

What passage struck you most deeply and why?