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Remember Me, O My God

THE REFORMS AND THE REQUESTS OF
NEHEMIAH

Key Dates in the Period of the Return and Restoration*

538/37 B.C. first return of the Jews under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-2)

537/36 B.C. the altar built and the foundation laid (Ezra 3)

536-520 B.C. the work on the temple ceases (Ezra 4)

520 B.C. the preaching of Haggai (1-2) and Zechariah (1-6)

520 B.C. the temple construction resumes (Ezra 5)

518 B.C. the preaching of Zechariah (Zechariah 7-14)

516/15 B.C. the temple is completed (Ezra 6)

486 B.C. the Jews opposed in the beginning of Xerxes (Ezra 4:6)

483 B.C. Xerxes holds a feast (Esther 1)

479 B.C. Esther is made queen (Esther 2)

474/73 B.C. Haman plans to kill the Jews (Esther 3-10)

464-423 B.C. the Jews opposed in Artaxerxes' reign (Ezra 7:7ff)

458/57 B.C. the second return of the Jews under Ezra (Ezra 7-10)

445-433 B.C. Nehemiah returns & rebuilds the walls (Neh. 1-12)

433-432 B.C. Nehemiah's recall and return (Nehemiah 13)

432-425 B.C. the preaching of Malachi (1-4)

* all dates are approximate

Do you want to be remembered?

- ▶ Being forgotten is a concern of many
- ▶ What do you want to be remembered for?

Requesting God's remembrance

- ▶ Samson (Judg. 16:28)
- ▶ Hezekiah (2 K. 20:3)
- ▶ David (2 Chron. 6:42)
- ▶ Psalmist (106:4)
- ▶ Jeremiah (Jer. 15:15; Lam. 5:1)

Requesting God's remembrance

- ▶ Nehemiah (Neh. 5; 13)

God will remember our deeds

- ▶ God remembered Noah (Gen. 8:1)
- ▶ God remembered Abraham (Gen. 19:29)
- ▶ God remembered Hannah (1 Sam. 1:19)

God will remember our deeds

- ▶ God remembered Rome
(Rev. 16:19; 18:5)
- ▶ God will remember us (Heb. 6:10)

Nehemiah requested remembrance

- ▶ Remember my sacrifice for others
(Neh. 5:19; Phil. 2:20-21)
- ▶ Remember my zeal for your house
(Neh. 13:14; 1 Tim. 3:15)
- ▶ Remember my zeal for your day
(Neh. 13:22; Acts 20:7)

Nehemiah requested remembrance

- ▶ Remember my zeal for your purity
(Neh. 13:29; Tit. 2:13-14)
- ▶ Remember my zeal for your work
(Neh. 13:31; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10)