

Lesson 21

The Wall Finished and the People Recorded (Nehemiah 6:1 – 7:73)

Questions

1. What did Sanballat and Geshem request of Nehemiah and why (6:1-2).
2. How did Nehemiah respond to their request (6:3-4).
3. What letter did Sanballat send to Nehemiah, why did he send it, and how did Nehemiah respond to it (6:5-9)?
4. What did Shemaiah request of Nehemiah and why (6:10-13)?
5. What did Nehemiah ask of God concerning his enemies (6:14)?
6. How long did it take to finish the wall and what was the reaction of the surrounding nations when the wall was finished (6:15-16)?
7. What did the nobles of Judah do to undermine the Lord's work and Nehemiah's leadership (6:17-19)?
8. Who was put in charge over Jerusalem after the wall was rebuilt (7:1-4)?
9. What book did Nehemiah find and what purpose did it serve (7:5)?
10. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:6-7?

11. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:8-24?
12. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:25-38?
13. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:39-42?
14. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:43-45?
15. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:46-56?
16. What Jews are recorded in Nehemiah 7:57-60?
17. What was different about the Jews who are recorded in Nehemiah 7:61-65?
18. How many Jews returned on this occasion and who came with them (7:66-69)?
19. What did some of the family heads, the governor, and the people do when they came to Jerusalem (7:70-72)?
20. Where did the people live when they returned (7:73)?

Digging Deeper

1. What month in the Hebrew calendar is the month of "Elul" (6:15)?

2. What do we know from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah about “Shecaniah the son Arah” and “Meshullam the son of Berechiah” (6:18; see Ezra 2:5; Neh. 3:4, 30)? What other connection did Tobiah have, according to Nehemiah 13:4?
3. Where in the book of Ezra is the record found of those persons who returned from the captivity (7:5)? (See also Lesson 1 in the workbook.)
4. Locate on a map the probable route of the Jews’ return to Jerusalem (7:6).
5. Who was Zerubbabel and what do we know about him from the books of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah (7:7)?
6. Who were the Nethinim (7:46)?
7. Where are the places located on a map that are mentioned in Nehemiah 7:61?
8. What OT law required that the people serving in the Lord’s house be of a particular genealogy (7:64)?
9. What was the Urim and the Thummim (7:65)?
10. Why are the numbers of the singers different in Nehemiah 7:67 and Ezra 2:65?
11. What was the role of the governor at this time (7:70)?
12. How much was a “daric” of gold at this time (7:70-72)?

13. What month in the Hebrew calendar was the seventh month (7:73; 8:2, 14)? What other great event took place in this month, according to Ezra 3:1, 6?

Applications for Today

1. The Lord's people should never compromise with the Lord's enemies (6:1-9; Phil. 1:27; 3:18).
2. The Lord's work is a "great work" and you should never allow the Lord's enemies to sidetrack you from doing it (6:3; 1 Cor. 15:58).
3. Pray to the Lord for strength and don't be afraid or allow your hands to be weakened in doing his work (6:9; Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 4:17; 1 Peter 5:10).
4. Fear can cause you to stop working for the Lord, so don't allow the enemies of the Lord to make you afraid and cause you to fear (6:9, 13-14, 19; 2 Tim. 1:7).
5. Opposition to the Lord's work can come even from among God's own people (6:10, 14, 17; Gal. 5:15).
6. The Lord's enemies are looking for you to make a mistake, mess up, and sin, so they can bring an evil report against you and reproach you. Don't give them that opportunity (6:13; Rom. 2:24).
7. God will judge people according to the evil deeds (6:14; 2 Tim. 4:14).
8. You cannot overturn God's work (6:16; Acts 5:38-39).
9. Some even among God's own people are joined to worldly people and they try to undermine the Lord's work (6:17-19; 1 Tim. 1:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:17-18).
10. Be someone who is faithful (trustworthy) and who fears God (7:2; 2 Chron. 19:9).
11. All of God's law must be followed at all times and in all places (7:64-65; Phil. 2:12).
12. The Lord's priesthood is to be pure, not polluted (2:62; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9).
13. The Lord wants us to give free-will offerings to accomplish his work (7:70-72; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).