

Lesson 27

Review of the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther

Questions

1. Who returned from the Babylonian captivity and for what reason (Ezra 1-2)?
2. What was built by the Jews and what happened when they faced opposition (Ezra 3-4)?
3. Who stirred up the people to finish building the temple and when was it completed (Ezra 5-6)?
4. What were the circumstances that brought about Esther being made queen (Esther 1-2)?
5. What did Haman want to do to the Jews and why (Esther 3)?
6. How did the Jews respond to Haman's plan and what did Mordecai say to encourage Esther to save her people (Esther 4)?
7. What circumstances brought about Esther's revelation to the king of Haman's evil plan (Esther 5-7)?
8. Why were the Jews able to defend themselves and what did they do when the day for their destruction came (Esther 8-9)?
9. How does the story of Esther close (Esther 10)?

10. Who led the second return from the Babylonian captivity and what was this man known for (Ezra 7-8)?
11. What sin was found among the Jews and what was done to resolve it (Ezra 9-10)?
12. What was told to Nehemiah and how did he react to this news (Nehemiah 1-2)?
13. What did the Jews build (Nehemiah 3)?
14. What kinds of opposition did the Jews have to face when they were building (Nehemiah 4-6)?
15. What list is recorded in Nehemiah 7 and what did the Jews do when they assembled in Nehemiah 8?
16. What kind of prayer was made in Nehemiah 9 and what kind of covenant was made in Nehemiah 10?
17. What list is recorded in Nehemiah 11 and what was dedicated in Nehemiah 12?
18. What reforms were made by Nehemiah and the Jews in Nehemiah 13?

Applications for Today

1. Let us all be “stirred up” to do the Lord’s work (Ezra 1-2 [Neh. 7]; Neh. 1-2; 2 Cor. 9:2; 2 Tim. 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:13; 3:1).

2. Let us all have a “mind to work” and stay busy doing the Lord’s work without being detoured by adversaries and oppositions (Ezra 3-6; Neh. 3-6; 1 Cor. 15:58).
3. Use the time, talents, and position in life that the Lord has providentially given you in order to do what you can to save yourself and others around you (Esther 1-10; 1 Cor. 7:16; 9:22; 10:33; 1 Tim. 4:16; Jas. 5:19-20; Jude 23)
4. Teaching God’s people God’s law should be a priority in the life of the local church and in the life of the family (Ezra 7; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 1:5; 2:2, 15; 3:15-17).
5. Trust in God’s providential hand to care for you as you journey through life (Ezra 8; Acts 11:21).
6. Take sin seriously and do whatever it takes to remove it from your life (Ezra 9-10; Jas. 4:7-10).
7. Assemble with your brethren to hear, learn, and obey the word of God (Neh. 8; Acts 2:42; 20:7).
8. Confess your sins to God in prayer and then make a commitment to separate yourself from the sinful worldliness around you (Neh. 9-10; 1 Jn. 1:7-9 – 2:1; 2:15-17; 3:6-9).
9. Offer yourself willingly to serve in the Lord’s work (Neh. 11; Judges 5:2, 9; 1 Chron. 29:9; Psa. 110:3; 1 Pet. 5:2).
10. Assemble with your brethren to worship God with great joy (Neh. 12; Psa. 95:1; Lk. 24:52).
11. Reformation is sometimes hard, but have the courage and conviction to make the necessary reforms in order to return to God and be right with him (Neh. 13; Jer. 24:4-7; Zech. 1:3; Mal. 3:7).