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Remember Me, O My God

THE REFORMS AND THE REQUESTS OF
NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH 13

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

The Reforms and Remembrances of Nehemiah

- ▶ He cleansed the temple (13:4-9)
- ▶ He restored the tithes (13:10-14)
- ▶ He stopped the Sabbath-breaking (13:15-22)

The Reforms and Remembrances of Nehemiah

- ▶ He rebuked the mixed marriages (13:23-27)
- ▶ He cleansed the priesthood (13:28-31)

Do you want to be remembered?

- ▶ Being forgotten is a concern of many
- ▶ For what do you want to be remembered?
- ▶ Nehemiah wanted to be remembered by God (Neh. 5; 13)

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)

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 remembered Rome (Rev. 16:19; 18:5)

God will remember our deeds

- ▶ God will remember us (Heb. 6:10)

Nehemiah requested remembrance

- ▶ Remember my sacrifice for your people
(Neh. 5:19; Phil. 2:20-21)
- ▶ Remember my zeal for your house
(Neh. 13:14; Jn. 2:17; 1 Tim. 3:15)

Nehemiah requested remembrance

- ▶ Remember my zeal for your day (Neh. 13:22; Acts 20:7)
- ▶ Remember my zeal for your purity and your work (Neh. 13:31; Tit. 2:13-14; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:10)