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We Will Not Forsake the House of Our God

Nehemiah 9-12

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



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- The people confess (in prayer) that they have not kept the law (9:1-38; see 9:2-3, 34)
- The people make a covenant to keep the law (10:1-39; see 9:38; 10:29, 39)
- The people willingly gather to keep the law (11:1-36; 12:1-26)



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- The people joyfully celebrate and keep the law (12:27 – 13:3; see 12:27, 43, 45; 13:3)



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Nehemiah 10:39

We Will Not Forsake...

- The people of God's house (Gal. 6:10)
- The foundation of God's house (Eph. 2:19-20)
- The truth of God's house (1 Tim.3:15)



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We Will Not Forsake...

- The boldness and hope of God's house
(Heb. 3:6; 10:21)
- The new covenant of God's house
(Heb.8:8-10)



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We Will Not Forsake...

- The worship of God's house (1 Pet.2:5)
- The suffering of God's house (1 Pet.4:17)