

Interesting Facts About Nehemiah

MEANING: Nehemiah means “Comfort of yahweh.”

AUTHOR: Most likely Nehemiah.

TIME WRITTEN: Probably about 425 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 16th Book in the Bible
- 16th Book in the Old Testament
- 11th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 50 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 13

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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT NEHEMIAH:

- Whereas Ezra deals with the religious restoration of Judah, Nehemiah is primarily concerned with Judah’s political and geographical restoration.
- The first seven chapters deal with the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem.
- The Book of Nehemiah takes Bible readers to the end of the historical account in the Old Testament, some 400 years before the birth of Christ.
- Nehemiah is the cupbearer to Artaxerxes, King of Persia.
- Nehemiah is governor of Jerusalem from for 14 years, from 444 B.C. to 432 B.C.
- The life of Nehemiah demonstrates:
 - Courage
 - Compassion for the oppressed
 - Integrity
 - Godliness
 - Selflessness
- As had Moses some 1,000 years earlier, Nehemiah was willing to give up the comforts of a palace in order to help his people.

NEHEMIAH

- In the Book of Nehemiah, everything in Judea is restored except the king. The next king would be the Messiah.
 - The Temple is rebuilt.
 - Jerusalem is reconstructed.
 - The covenant is renewed.
 - The people are reformed.
 - The Messianic line is intact.
- *** return under Nehemiah takes place 13 years after the return led by Ezra, and some 94 years after the return led by Zerubbabel.
- Malachi ministers as a contemporary of Nehemiah.
- Concerning the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem:
 - Nehemiah challenged the people to build the wall. 2:18
 - The “people had a mind to work.” 4:6
 - When opposition arose from without, the people prayed. 4:9
 - The opposition was:
 - External: Tobiah and others.
 - Internal: Wealthier Jews oppressing the people.
 - Nehemiah would not be dissuaded from building. “I am doing a good work, so that I cannot come down.” 6:3
 - Nehemiah met all opposition with:
 - Prayer
 - Action
 - The work was finished in 52 days. 6:15
 - The external opposition “perceived that this work was done by our God.” 6:16