

Nehemiah 8-10 - A New Start for the People

It is not clear whether these three chapters should really be connected with the story of how Nehemiah rebuilt the city walls or with the story of how Ezra revived the Law. In either case, here is a chance to see how God's people went about making a new start.

1. According to **Nehemiah 8:1-12**, the people gathered in the city square to hear a reading of the _____ of Moses.
2. "Praise the Lord, the Great God!" was followed by "_____!"
3. The people were supposed to be sad - happy - worried. (*circle one*)
4. The next day they celebrated the Festival of _____.
5. According to **Nehemiah 9:1-5**, three weeks later they fasted and wore sackcloth and ashes as a sign of _____ as they confessed the _____ of themselves and their ancestors.
6. The _____ stood on a platform and gave a loud call to worship.
Color it in your Bible and list its reference here: _____
(Complete question 7 on the back of this sheet!)
8. Look over the list of those who signed the agreement, **Nehemiah 9:38-10:27**.
What three classes of people signed the document?

9. Now read through the agreement itself, **Nehemiah 10:28-39**. What were most of the items in the agreement about? (*Circle one answer.*)
the land - the Law - the temple - the marriages - the wall
10. In your Bible color the last sentence of this agreement and copy it here.
11. List half a dozen things you can do to honor the house of God in which you worship.
A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

7. Here are some thoughts from the people's Prayer of Confession, **Nehemiah 9:6-3**. List the verses where each thought is found, and show whether it is (P) praise for Yahweh's blessings on the people or (C) a confession of the sins of the nation.

- _____ () Yahweh made the heavens, the land, and the sea.
- _____ () He chose Abraham.
- _____ () He promised to give Abraham a land to live in.
- _____ () He saw the ancestors suffering in Egypt.
- _____ () He worked miracles against the Egyptian oppression.
- _____ () He led the people on dry ground through the sea.
- _____ () He led them by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire.
- _____ () He gave his law to Moses on Mount Sinai.
- _____ () He fed the people with bread and water.
- _____ () The people stubbornly refused to obey God.
- _____ () They tried to go back to Egypt.
- _____ () They insulted Yahweh by worshiping a bull-calf idol.
- _____ () Yet Yahweh was merciful and did not abandon them.
- _____ () He kept them clothed for forty years.
- _____ () He let them conquer the bordering nations.
- _____ () He let them conquer the land of Canaan.
- _____ () The people had all they needed to enjoy life.
- _____ () Yet they rebelled against Yahweh.
- _____ () They insulted him by killing his prophets.
- _____ () Yet Yahweh answered them when they called for help.
- _____ () He sent leaders to rescue them.
- _____ () Time after time they sinned, but Yahweh rescued them.
- _____ () The Assyrians oppressed them .
- _____ () Yahweh punished their leaders with suffering.
- _____ () Foreign kings now rule the land Yahweh gave them.
- _____ () The people are in distress because of their sins.