

STUDY GUIDE

July 23

NEHEMIAH 1-3

- 1. Why does Nehemiah mourn in Nehemiah 1?
- 2. How does King Artaxerxes respond to Nehemiah's request in Nehemiah 2?
- 3. What is Nehemiah's first action when he arrives in Jerusalem?
- 4. What begins in Nehemiah 3?

Discussion Question: Discuss the spiritual implications of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and Nehemiah's leadership.



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people's response to it.

NEHEMIAH 4-6

1. Who opposes the rebuilding of the walls in Nehemiah 4?
2. How do the builders respond to the threat of attack in Nehemiah 4?
3. What social issue does Nehemiah address in Nehemiah 5?
4. How does Nehemiah respond to the false accusations in Nehemiah 6?
Discussion Question: Discuss Nehemiah's strategies for dealing with external
threats and internal conflicts during the rebuilding process.
July 25 NEHEMIAH 7-9
1. Who is put in charge of Jerusalem in Nehemiah 7?
2. What significant event happens in Nehemiah 8?
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3. What is the focus of Nehemiah 9?
4. Who leads the people in prayer in Nehemiah 9?
Discussion Question: Discuss the significance of the reading of the Law and the

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3, and their implications for us today.

NEHEMIAH 10-13

hat do the people agree to in the covenant in Nehemiah 10? 2. What reform does Nehemiah institute in Nehemiah 11? 3. How does Nehemiah respond to the corruption of the priesthood in Nehemiah 13? 4. Who does Nehemiah throw out of the chamber in the Temple in Nehemiah 13? Discussion Question: Discuss the importance of covenantal commitments, societal reform, and standing against corruption in the context of Nehemiah's leadership. July 27 ESTHER 1-3 1. Why does King Xerxes depose Queen Vashti in Esther 1? 2. Who becomes the new queen in Esther 2? 3. Who is promoted to a high position by King Xerxes in Esther 3? 4. Why does Haman plot to destroy all the Jews in the kingdom? Discussion Question: Discuss the themes of power, beauty, and identity in Esther 1-



as seen in Esther 7-10.

1. How does Esther respond when she hears of Haman's plot in Esther 4?
2. What request does Esther make to the king in Esther 5?
3. What honor does Mordecai receive in Esther 6?
4. What does Haman build in Esther 5?
Discussion Question: Disuss the significance of courage, timing, and the reversal of fortunes in Esther 4-6.
July 29 ESTHER 7-10
1. What request does Esther make to King Xerxes at the second banquet in Esther 7?
2. What happens to Haman in Esther 7?
3. How does King Xerxes enable the Jews to defend themselves in Esther 8?
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The Answers

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- 1. He hears about the broken walls of Jerusalem.
- 2. He grants Nehemiah permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its walls.
- 3. He inspects the broken walls and gates of Jerusalem at night.
- 4. The reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem.

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- 1. Sanballat and Tobiah.
- 2. They continue the work with one hand and hold a weapon with the other.
- 3. The exploitation of the poor by wealthy Jews.
- 4. He dismisses them and continues the work.

JULY 25

- 1. Hanani, Nehemiah's brother, and Hananiah, the commander of the citadel.
- 2. Ezra reads the Law to the people, leading to a national repentance and celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.
- 3. A public confession of sin and the signing of a covenant to follow the Law.
- 4. The Levites.

JULY 26

- 1. To follow God's Law, not intermarry with pagans, and to support the Temple with tithes.
- 2. He repopulates Jerusalem by casting lots to bring one in ten Jews to live in the city.
- 3. He cleanses the Temple and reinstates proper tithing and Sabbath observance.
- 4. Tobiah, the Ammonite.

The Answers

JULY 27

- 1. She refuses to come when summoned to display her beauty to the king's guests.
- 2. Esther, a Jewish woman.
- 3. Haman the Agagite.
- 4. Mordecai, Esther's cousin, refuses to bow to him.

JULY 28

- 1. She agrees to approach the king, risking her life, after a period of fasting.
- 2. She invites the king and Haman to a banquet.
- 3. He is paraded around the city on the king's horse for saving the king's life.
- 4. A gallows to hang Mordecai.

JULY 29

- 1. She asks him to spare her life and the lives of her people from Haman's plot.
- 2. He is hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.
- 3. He issues a new edict allowing them to gather and protect themselves against any attack.
- 4. The Festival of Purim.



