

OUTLINE OF NEHEMIAH

Central text: Neh. 4:6
Golden text: Neh. 4:20

I. Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem

- A. The petition- 1:1-11
- B. The commission- 2:1-20
- C. The workers- 3:1-32
- D. The defense- 4:1-23
- E. The morale- 5:1-19
- F. The conspiracy- 6:1-14
- G. The completion- 6:15-7:3

II. The inhabitants of Jerusalem

- A. The first to return- 7:4-73
- B. Restoration- 7:73-8:18
 - 1. Understanding the Law- 8:1-12
 - 2. Obeying the Law- 8:13-18
- C. The covenant
 - 1. Prayer to God- 9:1-38
 - 2. Those involved- 10:1-27
 - 3. The terms- 10:28-39
- D. The present inhabitants
 - 1. Of Jerusalem- 11:1-24
 - 2. Of the villages- 11:25-36
- E. The genealogy of the priests and Levites- 12:1-26

III. The dedication

- A. Praise to God on the wall- 12:27-43
- B. The temple- 12:44-47
- C. Reform
 - 1. Withdrawal from the heathen- 13:1-9
 - 2. Proper care for the Lord's business- 13:10-14
 - 3. The Sabbath enforced- 13:15-22
 - 4. Marriage kept holy- 13:23-29

Highlights of Nehemiah

I. Christ foreshadowed- the Rebuilder of the Wall (Isaiah 58:11, 12)

II. New Testament references

A. Shaking one's garment- Acts 18:6

B. The doors closed on the Sabbath- Matt. 24:20 (?)

III. Practical application

A. Good leadership is a gift from God.

B. No fellowship is allowed between the heathen and the saints.

C. Hope is found in prayer.

D. Nothing can stop God's people when they have a mind to work.

E. Understanding the will of God is vital.