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Nehemiah 13:1-14



The first few chapters	Chapters 10-12
Mourning because of the Jerusalem's condition	Celebration because of the finished work
Broken walls	Well built walls (foxes couldn't break 'em ☺)
Jerusalem was a reproach	Jerusalem no longer a reproach
The word of God was forgotten	People wept and repented as they heard the words of the law
The jobs of the Levites and the singers were lost	Their jobs reinstated
People preferred to live outside of Jerusalem	Special blessings were on those who chose to live in Jerusalem

Nehemiah

Timeline of Nehemiah Chapter 13

20 th year of Artaxerxes

32nd year of Artaxerxes

Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem

444 B.C.

432 B.C.

~ 425 B.C.

- unholy alliances (vv. 1-3)
- Corrupted priests (4-9)
- Forsaken Levites (10-14)
- Neglected Sabbaths (vv.15-22)
- Mixed marriages (vv. 23-31)

Nehemiah was the governor of Jerusalem

Nehemiah away from Jerusalem



Malachi

(began his prophetic ministry in 430 B.C.)

- Corrupt priesthood (2:1-9)
- Marriage with foreigners (2:10-16)
- Robbing God and neglecting tithe (3:6-12)

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Israel's failure in Nehemiah's absence

- Failure to live up to their commitments (chapter 13)
- Sin of an unholy relationship (vv.4-9)
- Sin of forsaking God's house (vv. 10-13)

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What did they commit themselves to?

- To separate themselves from the people of the land (10:28)
- To walk in God's law and to keep and observe all the commandments (10:29)
- Not to marry foreigners (10:30)
- To keep the Sabbath day holy (10:31)
- To tithe (10:32-33)
- To support the Levites and the temple (10:34-39)
- Not to neglect the house of our God (10:39)

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Nehemiah 10:39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: *and we will not forsake the house of our God.*

Nehemiah 13:10-11 I also discovered that the portions of the Levites had not been given them, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had gone away, each to his own field. 11 So I reprimanded the officials and said, *"Why is the house of God forsaken?"* Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts.

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How do believers forsake the house of God TODAY?

Believers forsake the house of God by NEGLECTING their responsibility of GIVING


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Malachi 3:8-10 [8] "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. [9] "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! [10] "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.


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Believers forsake the house of God by NEGLECTING the GATHERING of believers

Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Hebrews 10:23-25 [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; [24] and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, [25] not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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