

Bible Study 2 - The planning process - Nehemiah 2

538 BC First return of exiles to Jerusalem by Zerubbabel (about 70 years after first captives)

516 BC Temple rebuilt (70 years after it was destroyed)

458 BC Second return of exiles to Jerusalem by Ezra

444 BC Nehemiah returns to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem

PART 1 Read Nehemiah 2 (Persian king Artaxerxes ~444 BC)

Telling the king (v.1-5)	How did the prayer in v.4 differ from that in 1:5-11?
Travels to Jerusalem (v.6-10)	What's the good news? What's the bad news?
Planning (v.11-16)	Why do you think he inspected the broken city walls?
Rebuilding commenced (v.17-18)	How did he encourage the people to get involved?
Opposition (v.19-20)	How did he deal with opposition?

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.

2. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words.

3. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

4. Why is it important to involve others in works of service (v.17-18)?

5. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

6. How does Nehemiah's example of praying, planning and boldness help you do works of service?

