

## Bible Study 12 - Reformation - Nehemiah 13

In 444 BC Nehemiah returned from Susa in Babylon to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. All kinds of people worked together in unity. When they faced external opposition, Nehemiah prayed, posted guards and armed the workforce. When they faced poverty, Nehemiah rebuked the wealthy. When Nehemiah was intimidated by his enemies, he opposed their threats and temptations, he prayed and he kept working on the project until the wall was finished. Then he appointed a mayor, gatekeepers and Levites. When the Scripture was read they confessed their sins, celebrated the Festivals of Trumpets & Tabernacles and renewed their covenant to obey the Lord. Then they dedicated the wall with a great celebration. After 12 years in Jerusalem, Nehemiah returned to Babylon. During his absence they sinned against God, so Nehemiah returned to confront them.

### ***PART 1 Read Nehemiah 13***

Foreigners expelled (v.1-3)	What motivated this action, which commenced in 9:2?
Tobiah expelled (v.4-9)	What had Eliashib done?
Tithes restored (v.10-14)	Why did Nehemiah rebuke the officials (v.11)?
Sabbath observance restored (v.15-22)	Why did Nehemiah rebuke the nobles (v.17)?
Inter-racial marriages dissolved (v.23-31)	Why did Nehemiah rebuke the men of Judah (v.25)?

### ***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. What fallen conditions of human behaviour required the writing of this passage?***

***5. How can we help fellow Christians deal with their sins?***

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

***7. How do you feel you need to change in order to live as a person of God?***

