

Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 7



This day is sacred to our Lord.

Do not grieve,

for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10b



Nehemiah 1:2-3



I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

“Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

Nehemiah appointed:

The gatekeepers

The singers

The Levites

Hanani and Hananiah

(Nehemiah 7:1-2)



Nehemiah 7:3

1. Gate opening instructions
2. Gate closing instructions
3. “Neighborhood Watch” program



“...my God put it into my heart to assemble the ... people for registration by families.”
Nehemiah 7:5

“I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem.” Nehemiah 2:12



Three Returns from Exile

Jerusalem destroyed 586 BC

	First Return	Second Return	Third Return
Date	538 BC	458 BC	444 BC
Led by	Zerubbabel	Ezra	Nehemiah
Accomplishment	Rebuilt the Temple	Reformed the People	Rebuilt the Wall

The Water Gate

“Water” represents
the Word of God. (Eph 5:26)

All the people gathered there.



Nehemiah Chapter 8: Ezra Reads the Word of God

As he opened the book,
the people all

Stood up
Lifted their hands
Said, "Amen! Amen!"
Bowed down and
Worshiped

(Nehemiah 8:5-6)



Nehemiah Chapter 8: Ezra Reads the Word of God

Understanding the Word

Rejoicing in the Word

Obeying the Word



Obstacle to understanding



The Language

Hebrew
Aramaic

Understanding the Word

Matthew 11:28-30

“alle ye that traueilen &
ben chargid come to me
& I schal fulfille you.
take ye my yok on you &
lerne ye of me for I am
mylde and meke in
herte: and ye schulen
finde rest to youre
soulis/ for my yok is
softe & my charge liyt.”

~John Wycliffe, 1382 A.D.

“Come to me, all you
who are weary and
burdened, and I will
give you rest. Take my
yoke upon you and
learn from me, for I am
gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. For
my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.”

~NIV 1984 A.D.

Rejoice in the Word

"For all the people had
been weeping as they
listened to the words of
the Law."

Nehemiah 8:9





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for the joy of the Lord is your strength!"*

Nehemiah 8:10b



“When I think upon my God, my heart is so full
that the notes dance and leap from my pen!”

~Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)



“The whole company that had returned
from exile built booths and lived in them.
...and their joy was very great.”

Nehemiah 8:17

*"From the fullness of his grace
we have all received
one blessing after another."*

John 1:16





“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your

Faith
Goodness
Knowledge
Self-control
Perseverance
Godliness
Brotherly kindness
Love”

Fifty
Good
Kids
Say
Praise
God
Before
Lunch

(2 Peter 1:5-7)



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

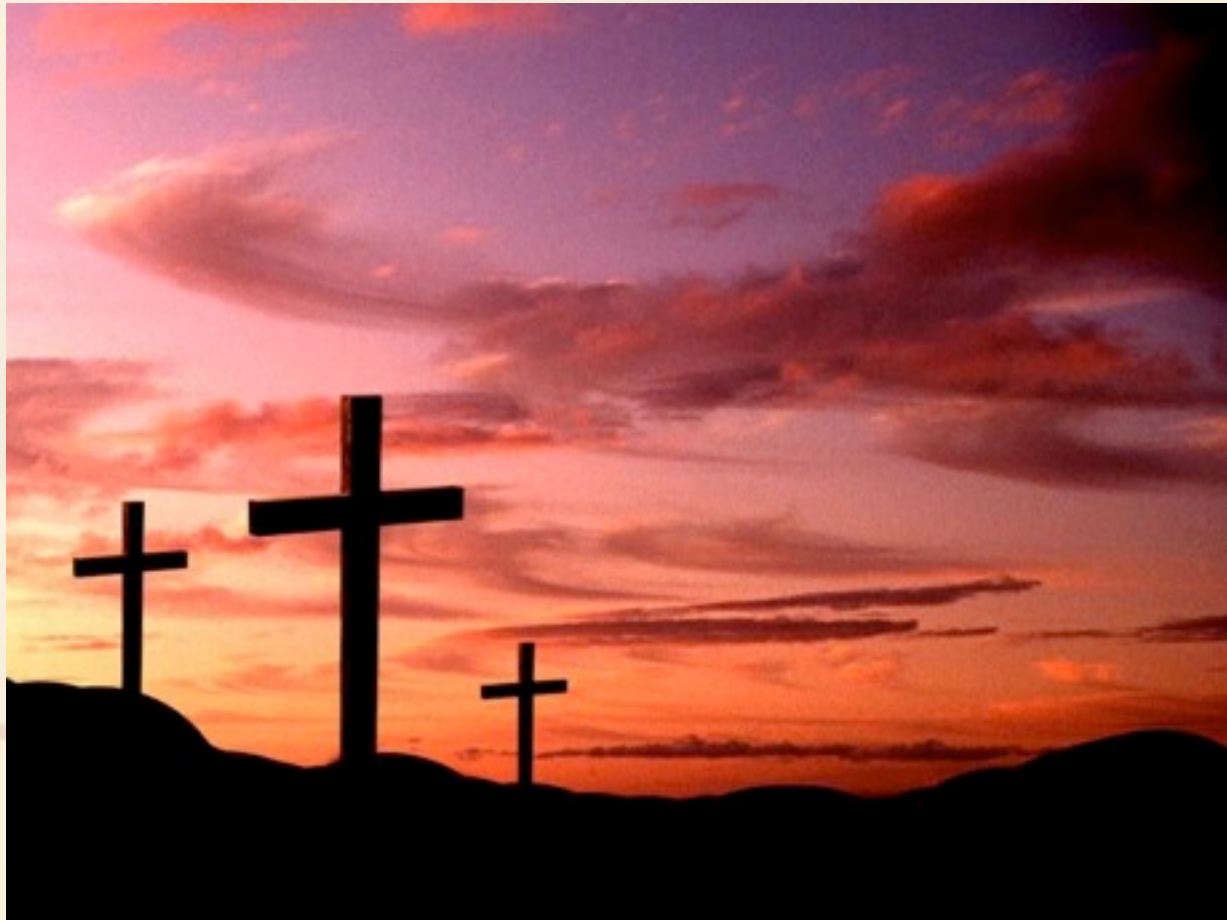
Respond to God's blessings with joyful obedience!

Choose 1 of the
"To Do's"
in 2 Peter 1:5-7
to focus on this
week.

Faith
Goodness
Knowledge
Self-control
Perseverance
Godliness
Brotherly kindness
Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16





“So the wall was completed ... in fifty-two days.

When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”



Nehemiah 6:15-16

