

Nehemiah

Summary

(Jehovah Comforts)

The book of Nehemiah was originally combined as one with Ezra. Nehemiah saw a problem and was distressed, but instead of complaining, he took action. He used his gift of administration/ leadership to get the walls built. He was also a famous cupbearer.

Author and Date:

Nehemiah was probably the author, with Ezra as the editor. Most of the book was written in first person. 445-432 BC

Audience/ Setting:

Exiles who returned from captivity. Zerubbabel led the first return to Jerusalem in 530 BC. In 458, Ezra led the second return. Finally, in 445, Nehemiah returned with the third group of exiles to rebuild the city walls.

Purpose:

Record history of the third return after captivity; explain how the walls were rebuilt and the people's faith renewed.

Key People:

Nehemiah, Ezra, Sanballat, and Tobiah

Key Places:

Jerusalem

References

NASB MacArthur Study Bible
NLT Application Study Bible
Tony Evans Study Bible