

NEHEMIAH 9-10

1. How much time elapsed between the end of the feast of tabernacles and the fasting of 9:1 (see Lev. 23:39-43)? Contrast the attitude of the people in 9:1 with their attitude during the feast (see also Neh. 8:10-12). Suggest why there might be a change, in light of Nehemiah's admonition in 8:10.

2. What did the people do on the 24th day of the 7th month? How long did they spend in these activities?

3. Describe the physical surrounding and the condition of the people in Jerusalem at this time (see Neh. 7:4, 5:1-5). In light of that, explain the admonition of 9:15.

4. In two or three sentences, summarize the prayer of 9:6-28.

5. Outline the prayer of 9:6-38:
 - A. 9:6-25 – Several characteristics of God illustrated
 1. 9:6
 2. 9:9
 3. 9:11
 4. 9:12
 5. 9:13
 6. 9:15
 7. 9:17
 8. 9:19-21

9. 9:22-25

B. 9:26-31 – The people’s reaction and God’s response

1. People’s reaction (9:16, 26, 28)

2. God’s response (9:27-28)

C. 9:32-37 – Effect on God’s People

6. As a result of the confession of sin, what did the people do (9:38)?

7. In broad terms, who took part in the oath? In general terms, what did the oath require of the people?

8. List the specifics that the people agreed to do.

9. Why might the Jews charge themselves to maintain the house of God in light of Ezra 6:8-10?