

## NEHEMIAH 11-13

1. Why might the leaders (princes-Am. Std) dwell in Jerusalem? Who else lived in the city? How was it decided they should live there?

2. Summarize in a few sentences 11:3-35. Why might this list be included in the text?

Note: In 12:25, Nehemiah again speaks in the first person. He last spoke this way in 7:5.

3. What preparations were made to dedicate the wall?

4. Describe the ceremony which Nehemiah conducts in 12:31-39. Compare Psalm 48:12-14. Who led the two groups? What happened after the two companies stood still? How did all of this affect the people?

5. Compare 12:47 with 13:10. Suggest reasons for the change.

6. Is "on that day" in 13:1 the same day that is referred to in 12:44 (see 13:4-6)?

7. How did the people find out that an Ammonite or Moabite should not enter the assembly of God? What did the people do when they learned this?

8. Who was Eliashib (see 3:1)? What had he done for Tobiah? What was Tobiah's nationality? What kind of influence did Tobiah have in Jerusalem (see 6:17-19)?
  
9. How did Nehemiah react when he found out what Eliashib had done? Do you think there was any risk to Nehemiah personally or professionally in doing this?
  
10. Compare 13:10 with 10:39 and suggest a reason for the difference in behavior. Describe the situation Nehemiah faces and how he reacts.
  
11. Describe the situation in 13:15-18 and compare with Jeremiah 17:21ff and Neh. 10:31. How did Nehemiah deal with this situation?
  
12. What sin were the people guilty of in 13:23ff? What resulted from this sin? What hazard did this pose to the Jews? Where has this sin occurred before? Describe how Nehemiah dealt with the sin.
  
13. How would you characterize Nehemiah's leadership style in dealing with problems? What lessons can we learn?