

INTRODUCTION TO NEHEMIAH
(Nehemiah 1:1)

I. Timeline and Historical Setting of *Nehemiah*

- A. Jerusalem conquered by _____ in _____ BC
- B. Babylon conquered by _____ in _____ BC
 - 1. Cyrus permitted people to _____ to their _____ (cf. Ezra 1:1-3)
 - 2. He encouraged them to _____ their places of _____
 - 3. He authorized _____ to subsidize the _____ (Ezra 1:4)
- C. Darius I reigned from _____ – _____ BC
- D. In _____ BC, _____ and _____ exhorted the people to _____ the Temple
- E. The Temple was _____ in _____ BC (Ezra 6:16-18)
- F. Ahasuerus/Xerxes became king in _____ BC
- I. Artaxerxes I became king in _____ BC
 - 1. In the _____ year of his reign, he sent _____ to Jerusalem (_____ BC)
 - 2. In the _____ year of his reign, he sent _____ to Jerusalem (_____ BC)

II. Background and Overview of *Nehemiah*

- A. The author is probably _____
- B. It was written in _____
- C. It provides the _____ historical record before four _____
of _____
1. Probably written around _____ BC (12:22)
 2. The prophet _____ ministered in Jerusalem _____
Nehemiah's tenure
- D. Its _____ emphases are similar to _____
1. The preeminence of _____ (1:4-11; 4:4-5, 9; 5:19; 6:9, 14; 9:2-3, 5-37; 13:14, 22, 29, 31)
 2. God's _____ (2:1-20; 3:1-32; 4:1-3, 7-8; 6:1-7, 10-13, 15-16)
 4. The need for religious and moral _____ (7:61-64; 10:28-30; 13:10-13, 23-30)
 5. God's _____ to His people (1:5; 9:17, 31-32)
 6. The _____ of God's _____ (5:7, 10-11; 7:63-65; 8:1-13, 14-18; 9:2, 3, 14; 10:29-39; 13:3, 10-13, 22, 23-28)
 7. The role of _____ in God's _____