

Nehemiah

Reform, Renewal and Rebuilding

Bible Reading Plan for Week of May 24-28
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Monday	Trouble and Disgrace Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem	Nehemiah 1:1-11 Nehemiah 2:1-10	2 minutes 2 minutes
Tuesday	Inspection of the Wall Opposition to Wall Building	Nehemiah 2:11-20 Nehemiah 4:1-23	2 minutes 3 minutes
Wednesday	Relief for the Poor Completion of Jerusalem's Wall	Nehemiah 5:1-19 Nehemiah 6:1-16	3 minutes 2 minutes
Thursday	Ezra Reads the Law The Pledge of the People	Nehemiah 8:1-18 Nehemiah 10:28-39	3 minutes 2 minutes
Friday	Dedication of the Wall Nehemiah's Final Reforms	Nehemiah 12:27-47 Nehemiah 13:1-31	2 minutes 4 minutes

Just as with Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, which appear in our English Bibles as separate books, originally formed one book in the Hebrew Bible. They were not separated until well into the Christian era. You will do well to read them together, since they do in fact tell one story, not two.

Nehemiah uses his memoirs and lists of various kinds to tell the story of Jewish reform between 458 and 430 B.C. This reformation includes the building of the walls around Jerusalem, repentance over intermarriage with idol worshipping peoples, and a covenant-renewal ceremony with the reading from the Book of the Law as its center point.

