

EAST JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday Morning Bible Class * Ezra Reads the Law
Lesson 10 --- Nehemiah 8:1-18 * August 4, 2024 * Sam Jones, Teacher

Instructions: Please circle the correct answer for each multiple-choice question and circle true and false for each of those questions.

Introduction

1. The Jews completed the wall in the sixth month (**Elul**) of the Jewish calendar; according to **Nehemiah 7:53**, the setting of today's study takes place during the _____ month (**Tishri**).

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| a. third | d. seventh |
| b. fourth | e. eighth |
| c. fifth | f. ninth |

2. During the reign of King Cyrus of the Persian Empire, the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity with the first mission to do which of the following tasks?

- a. to rebuild the wall.
- b. to restore the practice of the Feast of Tabernacles.
- c. to restore the practice of the Feast of Passover.
- d. to rebuild the temple.

3. It took the Jews more than twenty years (23) to rebuild the temple; how many years were spent in idle work?

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| a. 4 | d. 12 |
| b. 6 | e. 16 |
| c. 8 | f. none of the choices |

4. Which role below best describes Ezra's role among the Jews? He was a:

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| a. prophet | d. the high priest |
| b. governor | e. one of the elders |
| c. scribe | f. none of the choices |

5. In front of which gate did the Jews asked Ezra to read God's Word to them?

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| a. Old Gate | d. Valley Gate |
| b. Sheep Gate | e. Fountain Gate |
| c. Fish Gate | f. Water Gate |

6. Ezra was asked by the people to read from _____.

- a. the Psalms
- b. the Prophets
- c. the Law of Moses
- d. the Gospels

7. What information was reported to Ezra that greatly troubled him and caused him to tear his garment?

- a. the people didn't want to hear the reading of God's Word.
- b. the people freely worshipped in the temple of the pagans.
- c. the people intermarried with the pagans.
- d. the people plotted to have him put to death.

Section One - The Book and the People (Nehemiah 8:1-8).

8. The Law of Moses consists of the following books except _____.

- a. Numbers
- b. Joshua
- c. Genesis
- d. Leviticus
- e. Deuteronomy
- f. All are books of the Law of Moses

9. True or False - The people had worked diligently for 52 days to complete the wall; so, when Ezra forced them to attend the gathering to hear the reading of God's word, they were glad to do so.

10. The event of today's lesson that caused the people to be gathered was _____.

- a. for the dedication of the wall.
- b. to honor Nehemiah for great leadership in the rebuilding of the wall.
- c. to appoint Ezra as their high priest.
- d. none of the choices.

11. When Ezra read from the Law of Moses, he read from morning until midday. How many hours did the people listen attentively to his reading of God's Word?

- a. 2 hours
- b. 4 hours
- c. 6 hours
- d. 8 hours

12. Ezra was a priestly scribe; as he read God's Word, how many total priests were standing, including Ezra, as he read?

- a. 10
- b. 12
- c. 13
- d. 14

13. What did the Jews do to make Ezra's reading of the Law of Moses convenient for him and the people?

- a. Other priests stood on each side of him in case he got tired and fell.
- b. He was given a comfortable stool to sit on.
- c. The people prayed for God to give him strength.
- d. They built him a platform for him to stand on while he read.
- e. None of the choices

14. Which is **not true** of the behaviors of the people as they heard the reading of the Law of Moses?

- a. The people bowed their heads.
- b. The people shouted "Amen, Amen."
- c. The people sat attentive throughout the complete reading of the Law.
- d. The people lifted up their hands.
- e. All of the above are true.

15. True or False - The priests rebuked the people for their failure to understand the Law.

Section Two - The Charge (Nehemiah 8:9-12)

16. When the people heard Ezra say, "**This is holy to the Lord your God.**" How did they react?

- a. They shouted Amen.
- b. They stood up.
- c. They wept.
- d. They raised their hands up.
- f. All choices are true.

17. The leaders of the Jews encouraged them to not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength? Who **was not** one of the leaders at this time?

- a. Zerubbabel
- b. Levites
- c. Nehemiah
- d. Ezra
- e. All were leaders at this time

18. True or False - The people after hearing the reading of God's Word, they went home sad because they didn't understand the meaning of what Ezra was saying.

19. True or False - The people were shouting with joy, and Ezra encouraged the people to "**Be still, for the day is holy: do not be grieved.**"

Section Three - The Feast (Nehemiah 8:13-18)

20. The Jews celebrated annually three Jewish feasts; which Jewish feast did the people come to understand the need to keep?

- a. Feast of Pentecost
- b. Feast of Tabernacles
- c. Feast of Passover
- d. Feast of Trumpets

21. According to the **Book of Leviticus**, the Feast of Tabernacles was to be celebrated which Jewish month?

- a. first
- b. third
- c. fifth
- d. seventh

22. True or False - The Feast of Tabernacles required the Jews to dwell in temporary housing called booths for five days.

23. From the reading of the Law, the Jews came to realized that they had not keep the Feast of Tabernacles since the days of _____.

- a. Moses
- b. Abraham
- c. Samuel
- d. Joshua

24. How many days were the Jews to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles?

- a. three days
- b. five days
- c. seven days
- d. eight days
- e. ten days
- f. none of the choices

25. True or False - Great joy resulted when the people did as the word of God instructed.