

## February 2022 – Education Month

# Nehemiah and Psalm 119 - Reading Plan



*Author: Nehemiah*

*Theme: Godly Leadership, Cooperation, Opposition to Success*

*Date: 423 B.C.*

*Key Words: Distress, Praying, Work, the Book, Weeping, Joy, Service*

<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Neh 1-2	Neh 3	Neh 4	Neh 5	Neh 6:1-7:3	Neh 7:4-34	Neh 7:35-73
Psm 119:1-8	Psm 119:9-11	Psm 119:12-16	Psm 119:17-19	Psm 119:20-24	Psm 119:25-32	Psm 119:33-40
<b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>
Neh 8	Neh 9	Neh 10	Neh 11	Neh 12:1-26	Neh 12:27-47	Neh 13
Psm 119:41-48	Psm 119:49-51	Psm 119:52-56	Psm 119:57-64	Psm 119:65-72	Psm 119:73-80	Psm 119:81-88
<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>
Neh 1-2	Neh 3	Neh 4	Neh 5	Neh 6:1-7:3	Neh 7:4-34	Neh 7:35-73
Psm 119:89-96	Psm 119:97-99	Psm 119:100-104	Psm 119:105-107	Psm 119:108-112	Psm 119:113-120	Psm 119:121-128
<b>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>
Neh 8	Neh 9	Neh 10	Neh 11	Neh 12:1-26	Neh 12:27-47	Neh 13
Psm 119:129-136	Psm 119:137-139	Psm 119:140-144	Psm 119:145-152	Psm 119:153-160	Psm 119:161-168	Psm 119:169-176
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>						
<b>Memory Challenge – Psalm 119:97 - 105</b>						

# The Book of Nehemiah

## Occasion and Date

Nehemiah, who twice served as governor of Judea, left Persia on his first mission in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Artaxerxes 1 of Persia, who reigned from 465 until 424 B.C. (2:1). He returns to Persia in the king's 32<sup>nd</sup> year (13:6), and leaves again for Jerusalem "after certain days."

The historical period covered by the books of Ezra and Nehemiah is about 110 years. The period of rebuilding the temple under Zerubbabel, inspired by the preaching of Zechariah and Haggai, was 21 years. 60 years later Ezra brought a revival and proper teaching on temple worship. After 13 years Nehemiah came to work on the walls. Malachi may also have prophesied during this time. If so, Nehemiah and Malachi worked together to eradicate the evil of the worship of many gods, and they attacked the evil of compromise with the peoples who had been forcibly resettled in the land by the Assyrians approximately 200 years earlier. They succeeded so well, that during the intertestamental period, the people of God did not return to idolatry. Thus, when the Messiah came, people such as Zacharias and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds, and others were godly people with whom God would communicate.

## Personal Application

Four lasting principles stand out in Nehemiah. First, compassion is often the springboard of obedience to God's will. Second, cooperation with others is required to carry out God's will. Third, confidence results from fervent prayer and the exposition of the Word of God, which reveals God's will. Fourth, courage will manifest itself as sanctified tenacity in refusing to compromise on the conviction that one is doing God's will.

**MEMORY CHALLENGE** – *to recite on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022***Psalm 119:97 - 105** (NKJV)

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup> You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.