

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 01/07/13 TO 01/13/13**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 Read Ezra 9 and 10**

Appointed as governor by King Artaxerxes, Ezra safely led a second large group of exiles home to Jerusalem. But shortly after they arrived, gross disobedience to the Lord's Law came to Ezra's attention. Note the forceful way Ezra deals with the nation's sins and also the solidarity with which he identifies with his people.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013** Read Nehemiah's book begins about 12 years after Ezra's reformation to Jerusalem (Ezra 9-10). As the king's cupbearer, Nehemiah holds a position of honor and responsibility in Persia. Nonetheless, Nehemiah remembers his spiritual roots and identifies with his people- God's covenant people. Look for evidence of this as you read.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013 Read Nehemiah 2 and 3**

Four months after Nehemiah had begun to pray for the people of Judah, he got a chance to present the problem and a proposal to King Artaxerxes. As you read, note the evidence that Nehemiah relied not on himself, but on the Lord.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013 Read Nehemiah 4 to 6**

Behind the human opposition Nehemiah faced lay Satan himself, trying to derail the Lord's covenant promises, especially His promise to send the Messiah who would be born of David's line in the land the Lord had promised to Abraham. As you read, note how Nehemiah prays and acts decisively to deal with the opposition he encounters.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 Read Nehemiah 7 and 8**

Nehemiah attended all along to resettle Jerusalem. Now that the city walls are finished and the gates hung, he takes a census of the people. From the list he will select families to repopulate the city. Chapters 8 to 10 tell how Ezra, Nehemiah, and the other leaders rebuild the "spiritual walls" in Israel that have fallen into disrepair. Then (chapter 11) the resettlement can occur.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013 Read Nehemiah 9 and 10**

Most of chapter 9 records the prayer Israel prayed on a day set aside for repentance and for renewal of the covenant. As you read, note the truth of the people's confession in Nehemiah 9:33.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013 COME TO WORSHIP WITH OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILIES IN THE MORNING AND THEN SPEND SOME FREE TIME LATER IN THE DAY CATCHING UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE WEEK.**