

Unit 7, Lesson 31, Esther, Nehemiah

<p>Daily Readings: Day 1: Esther 1-3 Day 2: Esther 4-7 Day 3: Esther 8-10 Day 4: Nehemiah 1-4 Day 5: Nehemiah 5-7 Day 6: Nehemiah 8-10 Day 7: Nehemiah 11-13</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">INTRO to ESTHER</p> <p>The one Bible book with no mention of God. But His protection and care is evident. Many Jews did not return to Israel from Persia, and this book shows how God cared for them. Takes place during time of Xerxes (called by the Hebrew name <i>Ahasuerus</i>) of Persia, who reigned from 486-464 BC.</p> <p>Esther, like CHRIST, offers herself to die for God's people. The miraculous protection of the people of the Covenant also speaks of Christ in the book.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, ESTHER</p> <p>1. What was the purpose of the king's feast?(1:1-4) _____</p> <p>2. And the purpose of summoning Vashti?(1:9-12) _____</p> <p>3. What motivated the "wise" men to punish Vashti? (1:13-22)_____</p> <p>4. How does "Hadassah" (Esther) enter the story? (2:1-4,8-9)_____</p> <p>5. Why did uncle Mordecai have custody of Esther? (2:7)_____</p> <p>6. Why didn't Esther say she was a Jew?(2:10) _____</p> <p>7. How long for the "preparation"?(2:12)_____</p> <p>8. The outcome of the "contest"?(2:15-18)_____</p> <p>9. What message did Mordecai send Esther?(2:21-23)_____</p>	<p>10. What was Haman's problem with Mordecai? (3:1-6)_____</p> <p>11. Haman's plan for the Jews?(3:7-9)_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>12. On what day was the holocaust to take place? (3:13)_____</p> <p><i>note: Adar was the 12th month of the Jewish year, roughly our March. Other Bible months mentioned include Abib/Nisan (April), the first month; Sivan (June), the third; and Chislev (December), the ninth.</i></p> <p>13. How did Esther hear about Haman's plot?(4:1-9) _____</p> <p>14. By what logic does Mordecai convince Esther to approach the king?(4:10-14) _____</p> <p>15. What will precede her approach?(4:15-17) _____</p> <p>16. What was making Haman so happy?(5:1-9) _____</p> <p>17. And what irritated him?(5:9-13)_____</p> <p>18. His wife's idea?(5:14)_____</p> <p>19. What kept the king up?(6:1-3)_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>20. What was Haman's idea of honor?(6:4-9) _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>21. What did Haman's friends believe about the Jews?(6:13)_____</p> <p>22. The anger stirred by Esther's revelation did not subside until what happened?(7:1-10, especially vs. 7 & 10)._____</p> <p>23. What two "reversals" of the story take place in 8:1-14?_____</p> <p>24. This huge turn of events resulted in what wonderful event?(8:15-17)_____</p> <p>25. Three times we are told of what Jewish restraint when they are given a free hand?(9:10,15,16)_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>note: the original decree could not be changed, so the second decree was necessary.</i></p> <p>26. The promotion of what yearly feast is discussed in 9:17-32?(Celebrated to this day)_____</p> <p>27. Like _____ in Egypt, and _____ in Babylon, Mordecai is exalted to high position. (10:1-3)</p>
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INTRO , NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah (*Nehemyah*, “comfort of Yahweh”)leads third return to Jerusalem. Builds wall in 52 days, attempts to revive and reform people of God (which takes considerably longer).

Artaxerxes’(reigned 464-423) cupbearer. Jerusalem’s governor, 444-432 BC. Esther is step-mother of Artaxerxes, may have gotten position for him. Visits Jerusalem 444 BC, leaves 432, back to Jerusalem, perhaps 425.

Evils encountered by Nehemiah are addressed by Malachi, contemporary prophet.

CHRIST: The restorer. Gives up high position to bless people of God. Book records (2:1-8) the announcement that signals the beginning of 70 years until Messiah(Daniel 9:25-27).

QUESTIONS, NEHEMIAH

1. What prompted Nehemiah’s time of fasting & prayer?(1:1-4)_____
2. What promise did Nehemiah claim?(1:8,9)_____
3. With whom does Nehemiah intercede next, and for what? (2 : 1 - 8) _____
4. Tell of Nehemiah’s night journey:(2:12-16) _____
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5. Why are enemies disturbed, and how do they try to stop the work?(2:9-11,19-20) _____
6. Chapter 3 is simply a list of _____
7. What is the next weapon used by the enemies?(4:1-6)_____
8. Then the threat of_____.(4:7-9)
9. What is Nehemiah’s plan?(4:13-14, 16-20) _____
10. What *internal* problem gets dealt with next (5 : 1 - 13) _____
11. How did Nehemiah set an example of *unselfishness*?(5:14-19)_____
12. What did Nehemiah want God to do for him?(5:19,6:9, 6:14, 13:14,22,29,31)_____

13. The wall is built. What do the enemies try in 6:1-4? _____
14. What is the accusation against Nehemiah?(6:5-9) _____
15. What is Shemaiah’s trick?(6:10-14)_____
16. How did the rapid building of the wall discourage the enemies? (6 : 15 - 16) _____
17. To whom does Nehemiah give charge of the city?(7:1-3)_____
18. Whose “genealogy” does Nehemiah copy to “register” the people?(compare:Ezra 2:1-70 & Nehemiah 7:6-73)_____
19. Who led the “opening” service of the “renewed” Jerusalem?(8:1 & Ezra 3:1)_____
20. Ezra read the Law, and what did the other men do?(8:7-8)_____
21. Describe their form of worship:(8:5-6)_____
22. Why the crying, and why the correction?(8:9-12) _____
23. What abandoned practice did they discover and do?(8:13-18, Leviticus 23:33-44)_____
24. After “separation”, how was a certain day spent?(9:1-3)_____
25. Some _____ begin to preach. (9:4-5)
26. First they tell what _____ did for _____ (9:5-15), then what _____ did to _____ (9: 16-31). And through it all, said the Levites, the _____ of God(9:17-31)
27. How does the sermon conclude?(9:32-38, especially 38)_____
28. Who was the first to sign the new “contract”?(10:1) _____
29. In reality the “new” way was nothing more than the _____ of Moses.(10:29)
30. What was the plan for who would live where?(11:1-2)_____
31. The rest of chapter 11 lists the citizens of the new Israel, both inside and outside of _____.
32. Chapter 12:1-26 lists _____ and _____ who came with _____
33. What ministry from David’s time was revived?(12:31-47)_____
34. What had Eliashib done for his friend Tobiah?(13:4-9)_____
35. What did Nehemiah restore in 13:10-14? _____
36. What other evil was corrected in 13:15-22?_____
37. Using whose name did bold Nehemiah remind the marriers of pagans to stop their evil?(13:26)_____