

## NEHEMIAH 9-11

### **Nehemiah 9 – People Confess Their Sins, Review History, and Make a Covenant**

- A) ***People mourn and confess sin (vv. 1-3)*** [twenty-fourth day of seventh month]
- 1) Israelites separate themselves from all foreigners and confess their sins
  - 2) Read from the Book of the Law one-fourth of the day, worship one-fourth of the day
- B) ***Review of Israelite history by the Levites (vv. 4-35)***
- 1) God as Creator and Preserver of the universe (v. 6)
  - 2) Land promise given to Abraham and kept by God (vv. 7-8)
  - 3) Exodus (vv. 9-12)
  - 4) Giving of Law at Sinai, sin of molded calf, and wilderness wandering (vv. 13-21)
  - 5) Conquest of Canaan (vv. 22-25)
  - 6) Period of the Judges and beyond (vv. 26-31)
  - 7) Sinfulness of the people and oppression under foreign powers (vv. 32-37)
- C) ***People make a covenant with the Lord that day (vv. 36-38)***

### **Nehemiah 10 – Sealing the Covenant**

- A) ***The covenant sealed (vv. 1-29)***
- 1) By Nehemiah the governor, priests, Levites, and leaders, and all the people
  - 2) Entered into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law (cf. Deut. 30:8)
- B) ***Terms of the covenant that was sealed (vv. 30-39)***
- 1) No intermarriage
  - 2) No buying from peoples of the land on the Sabbath day or on a holy day
  - 3) Exact yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the temple (temple tax)
  - 4) Cast lots for bringing the wood offering into the temple
  - 5) Made ordinances to bring tithes to the priests and Levites who minister in the temple
  - 6) Supervised tithing and a tenth of the tithes given to priests by Levites (Num. 18:25-29)
  - 7) Declaration that they would not neglect the house of God (cf. Mal. 3:8-10)

### **Nehemiah 11 – The People Dwelling Inside and Outside Jerusalem**

- A) ***People dwelling in Jerusalem – one-tenth of people (vv. 1-24)*** (cp. list in 1 Chronicles 9)
- 1) Children of Judah (vv. 4-6)
  - 2) Children of Benjamin (vv. 7-9)
  - 3) Priests (vv. 10-14)
  - 4) Levites and temple servants (vv. 15-24)
- B) ***People dwelling outside Jerusalem (vv. 25-36)***
- 1) List of cities for people both of Jerusalem and Benjamin

### **Questions**

- 1) For what sin did the people mourn and confess to God?
- 2) What was a consistent problem for Israel throughout its history?

3) What were some of the terms of the covenant the people made with God?

4) How were the people chosen who would dwell in Jerusalem? Did they willingly dwell there?