

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Chapter 2

1. How is Chapter 2:1 directly connected to Nehemiah's prayer in Chapter 1:11?
 - a. When does this take place?
2. What was Nehemiah's condition when he saw the king?
 - a. What is the king's response to Nehemiah and why is this?
3. How does Nehemiah answer the king's concern? What does the king say in response to him?
 - a. What does Nehemiah do before answering the king?
 - b. When or how do you think he could do this while in the king's presence?
4. What is Nehemiah's request of the king, and for what purpose?
 - a. What was the king's response and further request of Nehemiah?
5. What other requests does Nehemiah make of the king?
 - a. How is this different than when Ezra came before this same king in Ezra 8:22?
6. After Nehemiah arrives in Judah, what does he do?
 - a. Who becomes disturbed about Nehemiah's presence and the letters he brings?
 - b. Why do these people seem upset?
7. What else does Nehemiah do after arriving in Jerusalem?
 - a. When does he do this and who goes with him?

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8. What does Nehemiah not tell the people in Jerusalem?

a. Why do you think he keeps this to himself?

9. After going through the city of Jerusalem — what does Nehemiah say to the Jewish leaders?

a. What does he propose for the leaders to do with him?

10. How does Nehemiah encourage the leaders about this proposition?

a. What is Nehemiah's challenge to the leaders and how do they respond to it?

11. What is the reaction towards the Jews by the men spoken of in verse 10?

a. What do they seem to accuse Nehemiah and the Jews about what they are planning to do?

b. Does this seem justified or true? Why or why not?

12. How does Nehemiah answer these men?

a. What does he say to them regarding what the Jews will do and why they will do it?

b. What further thing does Nehemiah say to these men?

13. What can be learned from all of this that would be applicable in your life?

a. How does Nehemiah demonstrate leadership in this chapter?

b. What one thing could you apply in your own life from his example?