

LESSON 11 - THE WAYS GOD WORKS

NEHEMIAH 11:1 - 12:26

DAY 1 - REVIEW

1. Write down something you learned from your reading of the Commentary Notes.
2. Write down something that challenged you while listening to the lecture.

DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 11:1-2

READING: Nehemiah 11:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 119:105; Acts 13:1-2; Acts 16:6-7 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

3. a. According to our text, who settled in Jerusalem?
 - b. How was it determined who would reside in Jerusalem?
 - c. Were the people forced to live in Jerusalem? Give the reason for your answer.
4. *Note: The casting of lots is mentioned numerous times in the Bible as a means of God's people determining God's will. Scholars are divided about what casting lots entailed. Casting lots has been compared to drawing straws, rolling dice or flipping a coin. Some connect this practice to the Urim and Thummim stones that were affixed to the High Priest's breastplate and were used in the practice of casting lots.*

Personal Question: How do the following verses help you when making decisions?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalm 119:105

Acts 13:1-2

Acts 16:6-7

5. **Thought Question:** Why do you think it was important, that once people were chosen to live in Jerusalem, they also were given the opportunity to "volunteer" to reside there?

6. Draw a spiritual principle from the fact that they were both drafted and also volunteered in God's plan for their lives.
7. Have you ever felt "drafted" by God for some duty for which you also "volunteered" your services? What was it?

DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 11:3-12:26

READING: Nehemiah 11:3-12:26; Genesis 49:1-28; 1 Kings 11:29-33 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

Note: I know what you are thinking. What could we possibly get from this listing of those that settled in rebuilt Jerusalem? Just remember, that if God inspired a man to record this for us, then He has some purpose for us to know it. So, I encourage you to approach this passage with humility, asking God to show you what He wants you to learn.

8. After reading through today's passage, list the five main categories of people that settled in Jerusalem. (Hint: Use verses 4, 7, 10, 15, 19)
9. Read Genesis 49:1-28 and record the 12 tribes from whom God formed the nation Israel. (Hint: *Jacob and Israel are the same person*)
10. In today's Nehemiah passage, which two tribes of Israel are mentioned? (Hint: Use verses 4 & 7)
11. *Note: In 1 Kings 11 & 12, we learn that God divided the 12 tribes of Israel into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes) and the Southern Kingdom (2 tribes). The Northern Kingdom is commonly known as Israel and the Southern Kingdom as Judah. The two tribes of Judah and Benjamin made up the Southern Kingdom.*
- According to 1 Kings 11:29-33, what was the reason God divided the nation Israel?
 - What lesson do you learn from this division made by God?

DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 11:4-6

READING: Nehemiah 11:4-6; Genesis 29:31-35; Judges 1:1-3; 2 Samuel 2:10; 1 Kings 12:21; Matthew 1:1-3; Hebrews 7:14; Revelation 5:5 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

12. Beside each of the following cross references, write down something you learn about the tribe of Judah:

Genesis 29:31-35

Judges 1:1-3

2 Samuel 2:10

1 Kings 12:21

Matthew 1:1-3

Hebrews 7:14

Revelation 5:5

13. **Thought Question:** Based on what you've learned about Judah, why do you believe God made a way for them to return to Jerusalem?

14. **Personal Question:** Have you ever been spared or rescued from something in your life, and what role did God play in the situation?

DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 11:7

READING: Nehemiah 11:7; Genesis 35:16-18; Genesis 42:1-5; Genesis 43:29-30; Genesis 49:27; Deuteronomy 33:12; 1 Chronicles 12:1-2; Philippians 3:4-5 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

15. Beside each of the cross references below, write down something that you learn about Benjamin or the tribe of Benjamin:

Genesis 35:16-18

Genesis 42:1-5

Genesis 43:29-30

Genesis 49:27

Deuteronomy 33:12

1 Chronicles 12:1-2

Philippians 3:4-5 (*Hint: Philippians was written by Paul the Apostle*)

16. What lesson might you apply to your own life from these verses?

DAY 6 - READ NEHEMIAH 11:19

READING: Nehemiah 11:19; Matthew 26:40-41; Mark 13:32-36; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:13 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

17. **Thought Question:** Why was it important to have someone watch over the gates of Jerusalem?

18. From the following cross references, write down why it's important for Christians to stay alert:

Matthew 26:40-41

Mark 13:32-36

1 Corinthians 16:13

Ephesians 6:18

1 Timothy 4:16

1 Peter 5:8

19. **Personal Question:** Have you ever been caught off guard by temptation? Describe the circumstances and what lessons you learned.

20. **Personal Question:** What "safeguards" have you deliberately placed in your life to help you battle temptation?

21. How can 1 Corinthians 10:13 help you in your battle with temptation?