

NEHEMIAH RETURNS IN ORDER TO BRING REFORM ONCE AGAIN

(Nehemiah 13:1-22)

I. NEHEMIAH'S REINSTITUTION OF THE MOSAIC LAW (13:1-31)

A. The Expulsion of the Foreigners, including Tobiah (13:1-9)

1. Somewhere between chapters 12 and 13 Nehemiah _____ to his job as the _____ in the Persian palace at Shushan.
2. "*On that day*" would refer to when Nehemiah returned to _____ to govern again; and as before (8:1-8; 9:1-3) the public reading of the Scriptures brought _____. (vv. 1-3)
3. Discovery in the law that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of the Lord (Deut. 23:3-5) led the leaders to _____ all _____ from the restoration community.
4. While Nehemiah was back at the palace in Shushan, Tobiah the Ammonite (4:3) had actually convinced the priest Eliashib to allow him to _____ inside the _____ complex! (vv. 4-7)
5. Nehemiah was _____ over this sin, but he did not hesitate to _____ all of Tobiah's belongings _____ of the storehouse, and cleanse the room for its proper service. (vv. 8-9)

B. The Rundown Temple and A Need for Tithing and the Sabbath to be Reinstated (13:10-22)

1. Because the _____ had _____ to bring their tithes to the temple, the Levites had to abandon their service in the temple to provide for their own physical needs by _____ farms. (v. 10)

2. In typical fashion, Nehemiah took immediate _____, he didn't blame the Levites, but he _____ the nobles who were responsible for letting this happen. (v. 11)

3. The nation of Judah responded _____ to their former drafted covenant (in chap 10), and they once again brought _____ to the temple. (vv. 12-13)

4. Nehemiah's prayer springs from _____, not self-importance, for it is an appeal for _____; God's 'remembering' always implies his _____, not merely His recollection or recognition. (v. 14)

5. Nehemiah discovered that Gentile merchants were selling their goods inside Jerusalem on the Sabbath, he did several things to prevent this from continuing...
 - a. He rebuked the merchants and told them _____ to come back (vv. 15-16, 21), he also "_____ *with the nobles*" for allowing this violation of the Law. (vv. 17-18)

 - b. He _____ the _____ before the Sabbath and posted guards. (vv. 19-21)

* What can you personally apply from this passage in your own life?