Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Leaders of the Restoration (Hebrew Prophets III): Nehemiah 3-13, Malachi

(For class to be held on April 7, 2018)

Review Nehemiah 2, Read Nehemiah 3-4 – Threats of Attack while Rebuilding the Walls and Gates

1.	What is the main point of chapter 3?	
2.	Who were the two leaders of those who opposed the rebuilding?,,,	What
	did their adversaries say they would do to stop the rebuilding?	
3.	What did each Jew have with him besides tools for rebuilding?	

Why were trumpeters needed?

***Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 53, pages 635-645

Read Nehemiah 5 – Oppression of the Jews from Their Own Leaders and the Wealthy

- 1. What was the primary way that the wealthy Jews oppressed their poorer brethren?
 - _____. What did the poor have to do because of their indebtedness? ______
 - _____. What did Nehemiah do about it? ______
- 2. How many years was Nehemiah the governor? _____. What had former governors done that Nehemiah
 did not do? ______
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***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 54, pages 646-652

Read Nehemiah 6-7 – Heathen Plotting

- 1. What were Nehemiah's words in answer to the request to come for a meeting with the leaders of the opposition?
- 2. Of what was Nehemiah accused of trying to become? ______. Who tried to get Nehemiah to hide in the temple for safety? ______. How long did it take to rebuild everything? _____.
- 3. What's the point of most of Nehemiah 7?

***Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 55, pages 653-660

Read Nehemiah 8-10 – Instruction in the Writings of Moses and Renewal of the Covenant

- What did Judah do on the first day of the seventh month? _______. What was the initial reaction of the people? ______. What feast day was kept according to Neh. 8: 13-18?
- For how many hours of instruction and confession was Judah engaged in Neh. 9:3? _____. What is the content of Ezra's prayer from verse 6-37? ______. What is so important about verse 36?
- 3. Who is the first person named in the sealing of the covenant with God? ______. What are three parts of the covenant the people agree to in Neh. 10: 29-31? ______, _____,

_, _____. What was

included in the covenant according to verse 38?					
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***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter **56**, pages 661-668

Read Nehemiah 11-13 – Waywardness of Judah; Reformation in Tithing, Sabbath-keeping, and Marriages

- 1. What is the main point of Nehemiah 11? _____
- 2. What is the event of Nehemiah 12: 27-43?
- 3. What foolish action was taken by Eliashib the priest while Nehemiah was back in Persia after his 12 years as governor?

. What did Nehemiah do when King Artaxerxes allowed him to return to Judah? ______ . What shows that returned tithe had likely been misdirected

and had significantly had decreased?

- 4. By what <u>two</u> basic ways was the Sabbath being broken according to Neh. 13:15? _______. What were the merchants from Tyre selling in Jerusalem on Sabbath? _______. When Nehemiah had the gates closed for the Sabbath to keep the merchants
- out, how did they attempt to do business anyway? ____
- 5. What continuous problem did Nehemiah try to correct in verses 23-27?
 - _____. Why did Nehemiah chase away one of the sons of Joiada? ______

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter **57**, pages 669-678 ***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter **58**, pages 681-702

Read Malachi 1-2 – Prevailing Waywardness of the Jews; unfaithful Priests

1. What was actually wrong with the priests? How is their unfaithfulness apparent in these two chapters?

Read Malachi 3-4 – In the Judgment, Distinction between Good and Evil Matters; An Elijah Prophet Will Have One Last Message before the Wicked will be Consumed

What coming is described in Mal. 3: 1-3? ______. For what sins will people face judgment in

verse 5?

- 2. What will bring a curse according to verses 8-9 and why? _______. For what does God ask us to prove Him that He will take care of us and bless us?
- 3. What wrong attitude toward God is described in Mal. 3:13-15?

_____. What is God's answer to the above

complaint?_____

4. What truth about hell fire is found in Mal. 4:1-3?

_____. What will be the work of the end time Elisha like

prophet?_____

***Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 59, pages 703-721

***Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 60, pages 722-733