

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Rebuilding the Walls

Chapter 21

September 6, 2015

I. Exiles Return to Jerusalem

- A. **Zerubbabel**, 538 BC – The Temple Rebuilt
- B. **Ezra**, the priest, 458 BC – The People Rebuilt
- C. **Nehemiah**, 445 BC – The Wall Rebuilt

II. **Spiritual** Restoration and Reform. Nehemiah 8:1-12

- A. 140 years **after** the fall of Jerusalem.
- B. The people **hear** the Scriptures read, and **understood** it.

Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them – Nehemiah 8:12

- C. The G.O.S.P.E.L. Journey – to help **explain** *The Story*.

III. God's Word Prompts **Action**. Nehemiah 8:13-17

- A. The Feast of **Tabernacles** is celebrated

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says – James 1:22*

- B. Malachi calls for **repentance**
- C. Malachi **prepares** the way for the Savior

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

– Malachi 3:1

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