

## Ezra – Nehemiah Bible Study Series: Ezra Chapter 10 & Nehemiah Chapter 1

Sunday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 11

- What was Ezra doing at this point, and who joined him? (Ezra 10: 1)
- Who confessed Israel's sin, and what did he recommend should be done to resolve the issue? (Ezra 10: 2, 3)
- What role did Ezra have in this situation, and what initial action did he take? (Ezra 10: 4 – 6)
- What were the people required to do in response, and what was the penalty for refusal? (Ezra 10: 7, 8)
- What direction did Ezra give to the men that had assembled, and how did they respond? Also, who opposed the solution, and what was the basis of their opposition? (Ezra 10: 9 – 17)
- Who was included among the transgressors? (Ezra 10: 18)
- What did those who had taken foreign wives have to do to correct the situation? Also, given what we read in Malachi 2:16 about God's attitude toward divorce, how were those corrective actions justified? (Ezra 10: 19)
- In the Book of Esther, who was the Persian king at the time, and where did he reign? Where do the events recorded in Esther fit into the timeline of the events recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah? (Esther 1: 1, 2)
- In general, how do the events recorded in the Book of Esther relate to the narrative recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah?
- When and where did events in the book of Nehemiah begin? (Neh 1: 1 and Neh 2: 1)
- Who gave Nehemiah information about Jerusalem, and what information did he provide? How did Nehemiah react to this news? (Neh 1: 2 – 4)
- How did he begin his prayer, and how did he describe the conduct of the Israelites? (Neh 1: 5 – 7)
- What promise did Nehemiah recall in his prayer? (Neh 1: 8, 9)
- What did he request in his prayer? Also, what occupation did Nehemiah have, and what opportunity would that present? (Neh 1: 10, 11)