## NEHEMIAH 8 vs 1



The Book of Nehemiah originally was one book shared with Ezra; certain Greek manuscripts separated the two prior to the time of Origen and Jerome. Hebrew manuscripts kept them together until 1448. Nehemiah was a very gifted and capable man. His patriotism was infectious, moving men to leave their harvest in the field, in order to make the grueling journey back to Jerusalem. His integrity and humility made him stand out as a leader living at the highest level of trust. He attained fame as the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia.

Renewing the Covenant; reading the instructions,

<sup>1</sup> And all the people gathered together united as one man in the open space before the Water Gate; and they called on Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD instructed to Israel.



- <sup>2</sup> And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month / the 5th sacred day of the LORD; the day of trumpets: during the festival of gathering the harvest.
- <sup>3</sup> And he read from it in the open space that was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until noon, in the presence of the men and women, and all who could understand it; and they all listened closely to The Book of the Law / the instructions of God.
- <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform, which they made for the purpose; and on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; on his left, Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam.
- <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he stood above them all;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:
- <sup>6</sup> And Ezra knelt before the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground / so they knelt down also.
- <sup>7</sup> Then Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people understand the law: as the people stood still.
- <sup>8</sup> So they read in The Book from the Law of God;

giving the sense, and helping them understand the reading.

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<sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn, and do not weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of God's instruction.

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat slices, and drink the sweet wine, and send portions to those who have nothing prepared: for this day is holy to our LORD: do not be sad; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

- <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, Be quiet, for today is holy; do not be sad.
- $^{12}$  And all the people went away to eat and drink, and to send portions, and make merry, because they understood the words that were declared to them.
- <sup>13</sup>On the second day all the chiefs of the families, the priests, and the Levites gathered around Ezra the scribe, even to study the words of the law / God's instructions.
- <sup>14</sup> And in the law they found written what the LORD instructed Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the festival of the seventh month:
- <sup>15</sup> On hearing this, they issued a proclamation throughout all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go to the hill country, and bring olive branches, pine branches, myrtle branches, palm and evergreen branches, to make shelters, as is written.
- <sup>16</sup> So the people went out, and brought them, and made shelters, everyone on the roof of each house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the House of God, and in the open space at the Water Gate, and in the open space at the Gate of Ephraim.
- <sup>17</sup> And all the assembly of those who returned from exile made shelters, and sat under the shelters: (which the children of Israel had not done, since the days of Joshua the son of Nun). And there was great rejoicing.
- <sup>18</sup> Also every day, from the first day to the last, he read in The Book of the Law of God. And they kept the festival seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to what was written.

## **Every Praise**

## **3 Days are still on His Calendar**

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.