Prayer Revolution Bible Institute

BE 435 Ezra. Nehemiah, and Esther

Exam 2

Nehemiah

v INSTRUCTIONS

- This is an open-Bible exam.
- For Multiple Choice questions, circle or write the letter for the single best answer.
- For True/False items, write "T" if the statement is entirely true, or write "F" if the statement is not entirely true.
- No penalty for guessing.

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the main character in the Book of Nehemiah?

   - a) Ezra

   - b) Nehemiah

   - c) Zerubbabel

   - d) Joshua

2. What is Nehemiah's official position at the Persian court?

   - a) Magician

   - b) High priest

   - c) Cupbearer to the king

   - d) Chief eunuch

3. Which Persian king gave Nehemiah permission to return to Jerusalem?

   - a) Cyrus

   - b) Darius

   - c) Artaxerxes

- d) Xerxes

4. What was Nehemiah's main project in Jerusalem?

   - a) Rebuilding the temple

   - b) Rebuilding the city walls

   - c) Collecting taxes

   - d) Writing the law

5. Who was the high priest working alongside Nehemiah?

   - a) Joshua (Jeshua) son of Jozadak

   - b) Eliashib

   - c) Jehoiada

   - d) Hilkiah

6. Which groups or people led opposition to Nehemiah's work?

   - a) Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and others

   - b) Haman and Mordecai

   - c) Pharisees and Sadducees

   - d) Egyptians

7. How did Nehemiah respond when he first heard about the ruin of Jerusalem's wall?

   - a) He rejoiced

   - b) He ignored it

   - c) He wept, fasted, and prayed

   - d) He wrote a scroll

8. What did Nehemiah ask the king for before departing?

- a) Money to bribe enemies

- b) Leave of absence, letters for safe passage, and materials for construction

- c) A new robe

- d) A crown as governor

9. When did Nehemiah inspect the walls of Jerusalem after his arrival?

   - a) Immediately, in broad daylight

   - b) At night, secretly

   - c) The following year

   - d) Only after meeting Ezra

10. What tactic did Nehemiah's enemies use to try to stop the wall's construction?

   - a) Physical violence only

   - b) Intimidation, ridicule, threats, and attempts at trickery

   - c) Persian military threat

   - d) Famine

11. How did Nehemiah organize the people to deal with the threat from enemies during construction?

   - a) Called for help from Persia

   - b) Rotated the work between only the Levites

   - c) Arranged for half to work and half to guard, with workers armed

   - d) Hired mercenaries

12. In addition to physical reconstruction, Nehemiah was concerned with:

   - a) Only military defense

   - b) Social justice and faithfulness to God's law

- c) Making a profit on land

- d) Winning Babylonian favor

13. What social injustice did Nehemiah confront among the Jewish nobles and officials?

  - a) Idol worship

  - b) Allowing Gentiles in the temple

  - c) Oppressing the poor by charging interest and enslaving fellow Jews

  - d) Neglecting the king's taxes

14. Who read the Law to the assembled people during the great revival?

  - a) Nehemiah

  - b) Ezra the scribe and priest

  - c) Zerubbabel

  - d) Joshua

15. What was the response of the people when they heard the Law?

  - a) Indifference

  - b) Mocking laughter

  - c) Weeping and repentance

  - d) Rebellion

16. What holy feast did the nation observe after the reading of the Law?

  - a) Passover

  - b) Day of Atonement

  - c) Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)

  - d) Purim

17. How long did it take to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem?

   - a) 50 months

   - b) 52 days

   - c) 7 years

   - d) 12 weeks

18. What was Nehemiah's official title/government role while in Jerusalem?

   - a) Priest

   - b) King

   - c) Governor

   - d) Scribe

19. To resolve the population problem in Jerusalem, what solution was implemented?

   - a) Built more homes in the countryside

   - b) Forced people to move away

   - c) Lots were cast to bring one out of every ten people to Jerusalem

   - d) Invited Samaritans to live in Jerusalem

20. What did Nehemiah discover upon returning to Jerusalem after visiting Persia?

   - a) That the city was perfectly maintained

   - b) That the people had neglected Sabbath, intermarried, and allowed Tobiah residence
       in the temple

   - c) The wall had collapsed

   - d) Ezra had become king

21. Who was given a room in the temple that angered Nehemiah?

   - a) Sanballat

- b) Tobiah the Ammonite

- c) Eliashib the priest

- d) Geshem the Arab

22. What did Nehemiah do regarding foreign marriages in the community?

   - a) Blessed them

   - b) Ignored them

   - c) Rebuked the offenders and forced separation

   - d) Gave them government posts

23. Which famous king of Israel is often mentioned as a model in Nehemiah's prayers and speeches?

   - a) Solomon

   - b) Saul

   - c) David

   - d) Jehoshaphat

24. What chapter in Nehemiah contains the long prayer of confession recounting Israel's history?

   - a) Chapter 5

   - b) Chapter 9

   - c) Chapter 12

   - d) Chapter 2

25. What is ultimately restored by the end of Nehemiah?

   - a) Israelite monarchy

   - b) Temple worship, the walls, Sabbath observance, and reading of the Law

   - c) Canaanite rule

- d) Babylonian gods

True/False

26. Nehemiah was a prophet.

27. Nehemiah's enemies plotted to harm him by inviting him to meet in the plain of Ono.

28. The wall was rebuilt despite great opposition from local officials.

29. Ezra and Nehemiah led a great spiritual renewal of the people.

30. Nehemiah was never involved in addressing social or economic injustices.

31. The Book of Nehemiah ends with a celebration of the completion of the city's walls.

32. Nehemiah insisted on strict Sabbath observance for Jerusalem.

33. Levites and singers played a major role in the temple's rededication.

34. Nehemiah cooperated with Tobiah and gave him a permanent home in the temple.

(Answer key on next page)

Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. b

2. c

3. c

4. b

5. b

6. a

7. c

8. b

9. b

10. b

11. c

12. b

13. c

14. b

15. c

16. c

17. b

18. c

19. c

20. b

21. b

22. c

23. c

24. b

25. b

True/False

26. False

27. True

28. True

29. True

30. False

31. True

32. True

33. True

34. False