

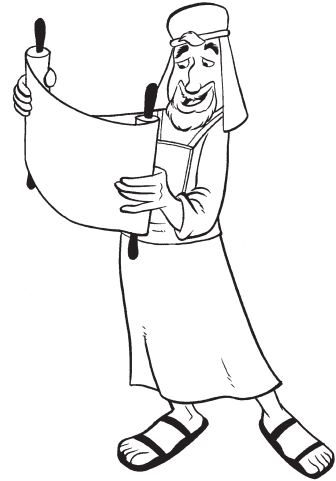


LESSON 41

Israel refused to be ruled by God • Nehemiah 7:73b–13:31

Which One Is Different?

Compare the pictures in each row. Circle the picture that is different in each row.



Nehemiah led the people to build a wall around their city but could not help them defend their own hearts from sin. The people recognized their sin but never truly repented. The people reaffirmed the Mosaic covenant but could not keep the law.



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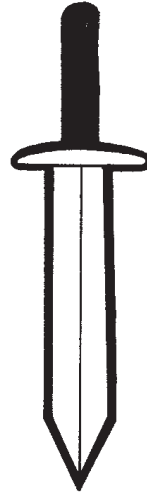
Matching

When Ezra read and explained God's law to the Israelites the words went right to their hearts, and they were sorrowful because of their sins. They agreed with God that they were sinners who deserved judgment.

In the columns below, match the Israelites' disobedience to God's goodness to see why they deserved God's judgment.

GOD'S GOODNESS

- 1) God gave them right judgments, true laws, and good statutes and commandments (9:13).
- 2) God gave them deliverers who saved them from the hand of their enemies (9:27).
- 3) God brought them into the promised land and gave them kingdoms and nations (9:22–24).



ISRAELITES' DISOBEDIENCE

- 1) After they had rest from their enemies, they did evil against God (9:28).
- 2) They did not heed God's commandment and refused to obey (9:17.)
- 3) They did not serve God in their kingdom or in the rich land that He gave them (9:34–35).

What did the Israelites do when they heard all these things? _____

The Israelites pledged to keep God's law (9:38). The pledge was in the form of a covenant renewal. They were renewing their commitment to the Mosaic Covenant as the second generation had done on the Plains of Moab (Deut 29:1–30:10). The people took on the curse and oath of the Mosaic covenant (10:29). But like their forefathers the Israelites could not keep the Mosaic Law.

In the columns below, match the Israelites' promises to their disobedience to see why they deserved God's judgment.

ISRAELITES' PROMISES

- 1) The people promised to have marriages that maintained the theological integrity of Israel (10:30).
- 2) The people promised to honor both the Sabbath day as well as the Sabbatical year (10:31).
- 3) Israel promised to maintain the temple (10:32–39).



ISRAELITES' DISOBEDIENCE

- 1) The people disregarded the temple (13:4–14).
- 2) The people defamed the Sabbath (13:15–22)
- 3) The people defiled marriage (13:23–29).



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Word Search

Find the words in the list below. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backwards. When you find the word, circle it in the puzzle, then cross it off of the list.

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CONFESS
COVENANT
FOREIGNERS
IDOLATRY

LEADERS
MARRIAGE
PEOPLE
PRIESTS

REAFFIRM
RECOGNIZE
REJECTION
REMORSE

SABBATH
SINFULNESS
SUPPLIES
TEMPLE

Define the *repentance*. What are the characteristics of true repentance? _____

How does Nehemiah 13 demonstrate the need for the New Covenant (cf. Rom 8:3)?



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See What You Know!

NAME _____

True repentance requires a changed heart.

1. What did the people want Ezra to do in Nehemiah 8:1–2?

Read the book of Psalms	Read the book of the Law of Moses
Read the book of Leviticus	Read the book of the Proverbs

2. Nehemiah 8:7 tells us that the men with Ezra helped the people _____ God's Word.

read	practice	understand	obey
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3. What did the people do when they heard God's Law being read?

wept	celebrated the festival
listened to the law	all of the above

4. Nehemiah 9:3 tells us that the people _____.

built an altar	confessed and worshiped God	read God's Law
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5. What did the people commit to do in Nehemiah 10:29?

Be pure in marriage	To honor the Sabbath
To take care of the temple	All of the above

6. True or False. The Israelites were able to keep their commitment to obey God's law.

7. Define the **godly sorrow**. _____

8. What did God do by sending His Son (Rom 8:3)? _____

9. What does it mean to repent? Have you repented of your sin? _____

