Nehemiah

Introduction

* Background
	+ Author: Ezra or Nehemiah or both (Regardless, note the use of the first person throughout the book which demonstrates that much of the material came directly from Nehemiah)
	+ Unity of Ezra-Nehemiah: Probably these two books were originally one book or were intended as a two-part work
	+ Timeframe: 446 BC – 424 BC



* Timeline:

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| **Text:** | **Date (BC):** | **Event:** |
| 1:1, 4 | Nov/Dec 446 (Kislev) | Nehemiah hears and prays |
| 2:1, 5 | Mar/Apr 445 (Nisan) | Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem |
| 3:1, 6:15 | Jul/Aug 445 (Ab) | Wall rebuilding begins |
| 6:15 | Aug/Sept 445 (Elul) | Wall completed |
| 7:73 | Sept/Oct 445 (Tishri) | Day of Trumpets |
| 8:13-15 | Sept/Oct 445 (Tishri) | Feast of Tabernacles |
| 9:1 | Sept/Oct 445 (Tishri) | Time of confession |
| 12:27 | Sept/Oct 445 (Tishri) | Wall dedicated |
| 13:6 | 445-433 | Nehemiah’s first term as governor |
| 13:6 | 433-424 | Nehemiah returns to Persia |
| No ref | 433-? | Malachi prophecies |
| 13:1, 4, 7 | 424-? | Nehemiah returns and serves second term as governer |

* Outline:
	+ Nehemiah’s return and reconstruction (1:1-7:73)
	+ Ezra’s revival and renewal (7:73-10:39)
	+ Nehemiah returns (11:1-12:47)
	+ Nehemiah’s second term as governor (13:1-31)