

Ezra Nehemiah – Study 11 - Nehemiah ch11&12

Choir A will be performing an anthem at the Dung Gate, Choir B will be doing the same at the Tower of Ovens, it's all in our passage as we move towards the conclusion of this study series. Thanks for journeying with us and we hope you have been blessed by this remarkable part of God's salvation history.

In our chapters we come across yet another great list of names and families as we see Jerusalem and the surrounding towns and villages populated. I wonder if being one of the 1 in 10 who got to live in the Holy City counted as a burden or a blessing? An interesting question if you continue to plot the ups and downs of Jerusalem and its population as the Gospel story unfolds!

Then in chapter 12 comes the big party! We love these in church life and as the end of lockdown looms I know that plans are quietly afoot to celebrate at least 3 important anniversaries in 2021 (watch this space).

So some questions to ponder as we study God's Word

1. From these chapters and your general understanding of the Bible why is Jerusalem – the holy city – so special firstly to God? Then also to God's people?
2. From the passage dealing with preparations (ch.12 v.27-30), what lessons should we learn about our own preparation for worship in a more modern context? You

can also read some background material in Exodus 19:10-15.

3. Nehemiah writes his account of this great re-dedication festival in the 1st person. Can you stand where he stands and witness what he witnesses – what thought and emotions must have been swirling in his heart and soul?

We always value your comments and feedback so please do get in touch. Now where's Adrian and the choir we are off to the carpark of Sainsburys!!!