

## Ezra Reads the Law – Nehemiah 8

- I. Recap of Israel's Recent History
  - a. Before Nehemiah, the people had been in Babylonian captivity.  
Zerubbabel had led the first group from captivity back to Jerusalem in order to rebuild the temple. However, only the foundation was built and it was left alone for 17 years!
  - b. Haggai and Zechariah were sent years later to reinvigorate the people to start work on the temple once more.
  - c. Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem from the court of King Artaxerxes to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. It only takes the people 52 days!
  - d. Ezra the scribe enters the scene in chapter 8 to bring a revival. This is not a revival of the temple or the wall. It is a revival of the heart and Judah's spiritual condition.

- II. The People Were...

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