

## **EZRA AND NEHEMIAH ANSWER KEY**

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 279

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### **EZRA**

#### **CHAPTER 1**

1. Cyrus
2. 70 years
3. the Lord
4. the Lord God of heaven
5. God has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and charged me to build a house for him in Jerusalem. Anyone who will go to Jerusalem to build may do so and God be with him. Anyone who wants to stay where he is may do so and may help with the building by giving money, goods, materials or animals.
6. the chiefs of Judah and Benjamin, the priests, the Levites and others whose spirits God had stirred up
7. vessels of silver and gold, goods, beasts and precious things
8. the vessels of the house of the Lord
9. the king used them to drink wine at his feast
10. vessels

#### **CHAPTER 2**

1. Zerubbabel
2. they couldn't establish their genealogy, were not registered
3. they could not eat of the most holy things
4. 42,360 (answer may be 49,897 which includes servants, maids and singers)
5. 61,000 drams of gold, 5,000 pounds of silver, and 100 priests' garments

#### **CHAPTER 3**

1. in the 7th month on the 1st day of the month
2. Jerusalem
3. Jeshua (Joshua)
4. the altar, to offer burnt offerings according to the Law
5. morning and evening
6. the foundation had not even been laid
7. in the second year after they came to Jerusalem, in the second month
8. The priests came out with their garments on and played trumpets. The Levites played on cymbals, the singers sang and all the people shouted and praised the Lord.
9. many of the older priests, Levites and chiefs who had seen the first temple

#### **CHAPTER 4**

1. the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin
2. they wanted to build with them
3. Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God.
4. they weakened the hands of the people of Judah, they troubled them in building, they hired counselors to frustrate their purpose (order may vary)
5. a rebellious and bad city, and hurtful to kings and provinces
6. he would lose the tolls, tributes, etc., diminishing his revenue from that side of the river
7. to cease the building of the city
8. by force and power
9. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

## CHAPTER 5

1. X
2. X
3. Joshua the high priest - Zerubbabel
4. Zerubbabel and Jeshua
5. Who commanded you to build this house and these walls?
6. the servants of God
7. Cyrus
8. take these vessels into the temple in Jerusalem and let the house of God be builded
9. the decree made by Cyrus to build the temple

## CHAPTER 6

1. let the work of God's house alone and let the Jews build it
2. that expenses be taken out of it for the building of the temple
3. what they needed: bullocks, rams, lambs, wheat, salt, wine and oil
4. the life of the king and his sons
5. let him be hanged on a gallows made of timber from his own house and let his house be turned into a dunghill
6. speedily
7. the children of Israel, the priests, the Levites and the rest of the children of the captivity
8. 100 bullocks, 200 rams, 400 lambs and 12 he goats for a sin offering for all Israel
9. X
10. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.
11. all the children of the captivity, all the priests and Levites
12. feast of unleavened bread

## CHAPTER 7

1. priest and scribe
2. the hand of the Lord his God was upon him
3. some of the children of Israel, priests, Levites, singers, porters and the Nethinims
4. seek the law of the Lord, do it, teach statutes and judgments
5. silver and gold
6. bullocks, rams, lambs, and whatever seemed good to them after God's will
7. the vessels for the service of the house of God
8. from the king's treasure house
9. so the wrath of God wouldn't come upon his kingdom
10. toll, tribute or custom
11. Ezra
12. judgment executed speedily - or - death, banishment, confiscation of goods, or imprisonment
13. to beautify the house of the Lord in Jerusalem

## CHAPTER 8

1. the sons of Levi
2. to bring ministers to us for the house of God
3. to seek God for direction (a right way)
4. delivered them from the hand of the enemy

## CHAPTER 9

1. people of Israel, the priests, the Levites (order may vary)
2. princes and rulers
3. astonished - he rent his garment, pulled out his hair
4. for their iniquities
5. be revived, to set up the house of God, to repair the desolations, to have a wall in Judah and Jerusalem (order may vary)

6. give not your daughters to their sons, take not their daughters for your sons, seek not their peace or wealth for ever (order may vary)
7. God would be angry with them and consume them until there would be no remnant left

#### CHAPTER 10

1. a very great congregation of men, women and children
2. make a covenant with God to put away all the foreign wives and their children
3. that they should gather themselves together in Jerusalem
4. all his substance would be forfeited and he would be separated from the congregation
5. make confession to the Lord God, to do his pleasure, to separate themselves from the people of the land and from strange wives (order may vary)
6. they agreed to do what he said ("as thou hast said, so must we do")

### NEHEMIAH

#### CHAPTER 1

1. Nehemiah
2. the Jews, Jerusalem
3. the remnant was in great affliction and reproach, the wall of Jerusalem was broken down and the gates burned
4. he sat down, he wept, mourned, fasted, prayed (order may vary)
5. his prayer was before the Lord day and night
6. himself
7. If you transgress against God, He will scatter you among the nations; but if you turn to me and keep my commandments, I will gather all those who have been scattered and bring them back to the place that I have chosen.

#### CHAPTER 2

1. he was sad
2. nothing else but sorrow of heart
3. the city where my fathers are buried lies waste
4. prayed
5. a. to send him to Judah to rebuild the city, b. give him letters to the governors for safe passage to Judah, c. timber from the king's forest to make the beams for the gates and wall of the city
6. according to the good hand of my God upon me
7. Sanallat, Tobiah
8. neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do
9. the rulers, the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the rest of the workers (order may vary)
10. lieth waste, build up the wall of Jerusalem
11. Let us rise up and build.
12. laughed, despised
13. The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build

#### CHAPTER 3

1. they rose up, they builded the sheep gate, sanctified it, set up the doors (order may vary)
2. the work of the Lord
3. his daughters
4. rulers, priests, goldsmiths, merchants (order may vary)

#### CHAPTER 4

1. we builded the wall
2. wroth, took great indignation, mocked the Jews
3. they were feeble Jews
4. fox
5. prayer
6. the people had a mind to work

7. prayed to their God, set a watch against them day and night
8. watch and pray
9. swords, spears and bows
10. be not afraid of them, remember the Lord, fight for your brethren (order may vary)
11. held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons
12. wrought in the work, held a weapon
13. brought their counsel to nought
14. a. when they heard the trumpet they were to gather together to protect each other b. lodge within the city and have a guard posted at night c. remain clothed at all times except when washing

## CHAPTER 5

1. a. to buy corn, b. to pay the king's tribute
2. bring their sons and daughters into bondage to be servants
3. very angry
4. nobles and rulers, a great assembly
5. Will you sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us?
6. the fear of God, the reproach of the heathen
7. us
8. the priests
9. we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ
10. he didn't take his pay as the governor, he continued to work on the wall with his servants, he didn't buy land, he fed 150 Jews and rulers at his table plus others (answers may vary in order)
11. God

## CHAPTER 6

1. come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono
2. I can't cease my work and leave it
3. that he and the Jews were rebels and just wanted to build the wall so he could be their king
4. their hands shall be weakened from the work that it be not done
5. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.
6. hired
7. to make Nehemiah afraid, to make him sin, and they would have an evil report about him as a reproach
8. putting fear in him
9. 52
10. they were cast down in their own eyes, they perceived that this work was wrought of God
11. Tobiah, to put him in fear

## CHAPTER 7

1. porters, singers and Levites
2. not open the gates until day, shut and bar the doors, appoint guards
3. the city was very large but with few people and the houses weren't built
4. 42,360
5. the Tirshatha (governor), chief of the fathers, the rest of the people (order may vary)

## CHAPTER 8

1. Ezra
2. the book of the law of Moses
3. from morning until midday
4. stood up, answered Amen, lifted up their hands, bowed their heads, worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground (order may vary)
5. they wept
6. joy
7. they had understood the words that were declared unto them
8. feast of tabernacles

9. all
10. read in the book of the law of God

## CHAPTER 9

1. fasting
2. confession of sins, reading of the word of God, worshiping the Lord
3. cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God
4. stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever
5. III. God delivers Israel from Egypt, IV. verses 12-15, V. verses 16-18, VI. verses 19-21, VII. God causes Israel to take Promised Land, VIII. Israel's continued rebellion, IX. Israel's bondage and God's deliverance, X. Israel's repeated rebellion, XI. verse 31, XII. verse 32 (answers may vary but should contain these suggested ideas)
6. And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

## CHAPTER 10

1. the Levites, the chiefs
2. clave - entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law
3. we will not forsake the house of our God

## CHAPTER 11

1. they cast lots
2. one tenth
3. they blessed them
4. their inheritance (their property)

## CHAPTER 12

1. Levites, singers
2. themselves, the people, the gates, the wall (order may vary)
3. two great companies to give thanks
4. a. great sacrifices, b. God had made them rejoice, c. great joy, d. the wives and children
5. Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who served them
6. singers, porters
7. a. the singers and porters, b. the Levites, c. the Levites, the children of Aaron

## CHAPTER 13

1. separation of the mixed multitude
2. prepared a great chamber for him in the house of God
3. the meat offerings, frankincense, the vessels, the tithes of corn, the wine and oil
4. cast out all Tobiah's stuff, had the chambers cleansed and brought again the vessels of the house of God with the meat offering and the frankincense
5. they all had left to go work their own fields
6. Why is the house of God forsaken?
7. not keeping the sabbath day holy (buying, selling etc. was taking place)
8. lay hands on them
9. married foreign wives - children - speak in Jewish language
10. he contended with them, reviled them, beat some of them, pulled out their hair, made them swear by God not to allow their sons and daughters to marry the Jews
11. a. them, O my God, b. me, O my God, for good