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The Return to Jerusalem Study  
Nehemiah 7:1 - 8:18: "Reading God's Word"

DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES

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**Division 1:**

Nehemiah appoints people and takes precautions to protect Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 7; Hebrews 9:10; Colossians 2:16-17; Deuteronomy 16:16;  
2 Chronicles 7:1-16; John 4:21-24; 1 John 4:1-6

Principle #1: In order to worship in Spirit and Truth, we must guard the gates to our minds and appoint qualified spiritual leaders to protect us.

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**Division 2:**

Ezra reads God's Word and the people understand it and mourn.

Nehemiah 8:1-9; James 1:5; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 3:1; Ephesians 1:13;  
Galatians 3:2; Acts 8:14; Romans 8:9-11; Hebrews 5:11-14; Ezekiel 36:27

Principle #2: By believing the milk of the Gospel, we receive God's Spirit, who then gives us a burning desire to obey God's Word and through obedience, we can then learn deeper truths.

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**Division 3:**

Nehemiah declares the day of understanding, sacred, and one of Joy.

Nehemiah 8:10-18; Romans 3:20; Leviticus 16:30

Principle #3: Understanding God's Word brings great joy when it creates faith that our sins have been taken away.

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