

The Return to Jerusalem Study
Nehemiah 12:44-13:31: "Complacency and Reform"
DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES

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Division 1:

Nehemiah's and Ezra's leadership restores Judah's faithful obedience to the Lord.
Nehemiah 12:44-13:3

Year, BC	Event
458	Ezra
445	Nehemiah (Ch 12)
433	Nehemiah travels to king (Ch 13)
430	Nehemiah returns
409	New governor

Principle #1: Godly leaders, who demonstrate trust in God's Word by their words and deeds, inspire others to do the same.

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Division 2:

Nehemiah's and Ezra's absence results in Judah's disobedience to the Lord.
Nehemiah 13:4-31

- The people of Judah disobeyed God by:
- a. Disrespecting the House of the Lord.
 - b. Desecration of the Sabbath.
 - c. Intermarriage with pagans.

Principle #2: Believers must be willing to submit themselves to Godly leadership in order to be held accountable to God and His Son's teaching.

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Division 3:

Nehemiah returns and restores Judah's obedience to the Lord.
Nehemiah 13:4-31

Principle #3: At times, a Godly leader must use appropriate discipline to bring the wayward back to living according to God's Word.

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Division 4:

Nehemiah's prayers reveals his relationship with the Lord.
Nehemiah 13:14, 22, 29, 31

Principle #4: Prayer is an integral part of every believer's life; it establishes a relationship with God, so we may know and do His will.

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