

## Ezra & Nehemiah

### Lesson #10

#### After the Completion of the Wall

1. Sanballat and Tobiah were the two governors who were the most antagonistic towards Nehemiah while he was building the wall. Many of the Jewish leaders had a close **affiliation** with **Tobiah**.
2. They corresponded with him and he corresponded with them. They told him the things that **Nehemiah** said.
3. Tobiah had a **Jewish wife**.
4. His son was married to the daughter of **Meshullam** who helped build the wall in **2** places.
5. Shecaniah and Meshullam were both **leaders** in the **Jewish** community.
6. There **weren't** many people living inside the city of Jerusalem.
7. **Ezra** is mentioned for the first time in **Nehemiah** in chapter **8**.
8. Ezra read the book of the Law of Moses to the people during the Feast of **Trumpets**.
9. As the people heard the words of Moses they began to **weep**.
10. Nehemiah encouraged the people that the **joy** of the **Lord** was their **strength**.
11. Nehemiah called for a **sacred** day. He encouraged the people to celebrate with a **feast** and to share with those who didn't have anything.
12. Ezra called the people together on the second day and told them to go and gather **branches** to build **booths** to celebrate the Feast of **Tabernacles**.
13. The Feast of **Tabernacles** had not been celebrated since the time of **Joshua**.
14. Later that month the people gathered again in Jerusalem. They were **fasting** and wearing **sackcloth** and they put **dust** on their **heads** as a sign of sorrow and repentance.
15. Ezra read the Law of Moses for **1/4** of the day and they stood and **confessed** their **sins** and worshipped for **1/4** of the day.
16. The Levites stood on the steps of the Temple and cried with a loud voice to the Lord. They **praised** the Lord, **remembered** things God had done for them and **reminded** God of his great mercy when they **repented**.
17. At the end of the prayer they all made an **agreement** and the leaders **signed** it and bound themselves with an oath to be cursed if they didn't follow the Law of God and obey it fully.
18. They promised to not give their **daughters** to marry the people around them and not to buy **produce** on the **Sabbath**, to give the land rest in the **7th** year, cancel debts and give **offerings** to the House of the Lord and to pay their **tithes**.