

BACK TO THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18

Key Verse 8:3

“He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.”

*** All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law (1-8)**

1. What did the Israelites ask Ezra after rebuilding the wall? (7:73b,1) Who was Ezra? (Ezra 7:6,10) What did he do? (2-4)
2. What attitude did the people have towards the Word of God? (3b, 5-6) How did the Levites cooperate with Ezra? (7, 8) What do you learn from Ezra and the Levites regarding our tasks as spiritual leaders?

*** Repentance and the joy of new life (9-18)**

3. Think about the co-working of Nehemiah and Ezra as global leaders for the work of God. (Ne 1:9; 2:17; Ac 11:25-26) Why did the people weep when they heard the word of God? (9b, He 4:12) Why shouldn't they cry? (9-11) Where did their joy come from? (12)
4. What did Ezra and the leaders find by studying the law (13-15) and how did the people observe it (16-18)? Think about the importance of celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles. What can we learn about the fruit of the bible study? What should we, as spiritual leaders, do to bring true repentance and great joy into this generation?