

THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

WEEK 69 – Ezra 6 – Nehemiah 1 & 1 Corinthians 4 – 5

WEEK 69 – ANSWERS

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others

2. **Monday** –

1) Ezra 6 – Read & Answer Below

- a) As this chapter begins, what Medo-Persian king decreed that a search of records should be made? (**Darius, vs. 1**)
- b) What was the name of the king that had originally decreed that the “house of God” should be rebuilt? (**Cyrus, vs. 3**)
- c) What famous King of Babylon had destroyed the temple of God and had taken the vessels out of the house of God, as described in the early part of this chapter? (**Nebuchadnezzar, vs. 5**)
- d) In what verse were the enemies of the Jews told, “Let the work of this house of God alone...?” (**Ezra 6:7**)
- e) In Ezra 6:10, Darius decreed that certain animals were to be given to the Jews for sacrifice purposes and also that they (i.e., Jewish priests) were to “...pray for the life of the _____, and of his sons.” (**king**)
- f) What verse specifically mentions the prophets Haggai and Zechariah? (**Ezra 6:14**)
- g) Ezra 6:19 says, “And the children of the captivity _____ the _____ upon the fourteenth day of the first month.” (**kept; passover**)
- h) Ezra 6:21 declares, “And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had _____ themselves unto them from the _____ of the heathen of the land, to _____ the Lord God of Israel, did eat.” (**separated; filthiness; seek**)

2) 1 Corinthians 4 – Read Only

3. **Tuesday** –

1) Ezra 7 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What person is described as “a ready scribe in the law of Moses” in the early part of this chapter? (**Ezra, vs. 6**)
- b) What great verse reads, “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments?” (**Ezra 7:10**)
- c) According to Ezra 7:11, what person gave a letter to Ezra? (**Artaxerxes the king**)
- d) What King Artaxerxes supportive of Ezra or in opposition to him? (**He was behind him and his journey to Jerusalem, vs. 11ff**)
- e) Were the Levites, priests, etc. to be taxed a double portion? (**Not at all. In fact, vs. 24 says they were not to be taxed at all.**)
- f) Pertaining to teaching God’s law, what late verse in this chapter contains the phrase, “and teach ye them that know them not?” (**Ezra 7:25**)
- g) What late verse in this chapter contains the phrase, “...to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem?” (**Ezra 7:27**)

h) In Ezra 7:28 Ezra declares, "...And I was _____ as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel _____ men to go up with me." (strengthened; chief)

2) 1 Corinthians 4 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What verse says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful?" (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- b) In what early verse (at the end of the verse) does Paul write, "...but He that judgeth me is the Lord?" (1 Corinthians 4:4)
- c) Showing context, 1 Corinthians 4:9 states, "For I think that God hath set forth _____ the _____ last, as it were appointed to _____: for _____ are made a _____ unto the world, and to angels, and to men." (us; apostles; death; we; spectacle)
- d) In what verse does Paul say, "...I have begotten you through the gospel?" (1 Corinthians 4:15)
- e) In what does the faithful and gospel preaching Paul state, "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me?" (1 Corinthians 4:16)
- f) Speaking of the miraculous power that confirmed his apostleship, what verse records, "For the kingdom of God is not in word, put in power?" (1 Corinthians 4:20)
- g) Still speaking of Paul's miraculous ability as an apostle, and hence his ability to deal with the rebellion at Corinth, 1 Corinthians 4:21 reads, "What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a _____, or in _____, and in the spirit of meekness?" (rod; love)

4. Wednesday –

1) Ezra 8 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Ezra 8:1 reads, "These are now the _____ of their fathers, and this is the _____ of them that went up with me from _____, in the reign of _____ the king." (chief; genealogy; Babylon; Artaxerxes)
- b) What verse contains the phrase, "...and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi?" (Ezra 8:15)
- c) Ezra 8:18 tells us, "And by the good hand of our _____ upon us they brought us a man of _____, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi..." (God; understanding)
- d) What verse refers to "the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites..."? (Ezra 8:20)
- e) What verse says, "So we fasted and besought our God for this: and He was entreated of us?" (Ezra 8:23)
- f) The end of what verse reads, "...and the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way?" (Ezra 8:31)
- g) What verse states, "And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governor's on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God?" (Ezra 8:36)

2) 1 Corinthians 4 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) In the first verse the inspired apostle Paul writes, "Let a man so account of _____, as of the ministers of _____, and _____ of the _____ of God." (us; Christ; stewards; mysteries, vs. 1)

- b) What verse speaks of a time when the Lord will come and "...bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts...?" (1 Corinthians 4:5)
- c) What verse tells us "not to think...above that which is written?" (1 Corinthians 4:6. See the ASV (American Standard Version) 1901 on this verse.)
- d) In what verse does Paul (speaking of the apostles, vs. 9), say, "We are fools for Christ's sake...?" (1 Corinthians 4:10)
- e) In what verse does Paul say of himself (and of the other apostles), "And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it?" (1 Corinthians 4:12)
- f) Did Paul write these things to the Corinthians to shame them? (No. Rather he wrote out of love and to warn them, vs. 14)
- g) According to 1 Corinthians 4:15, we are "begotten" through what? (The gospel)
- h) What verse in this chapter speaks of Timothy as being "faithful in the Lord?" (1 Corinthians 4:17)
- i) Did Paul teach different things in different congregations? (No! In vs. 17 Paul says that faithful Timothy would bring them "into remembrance" of Paul's ways "which be in Christ." Paul said of these ways, "as I teach everywhere in every church.")

5. **Thursday** –

1) Ezra 9 – Read & Answer Below

- a) The middle portion of Ezra 9:1 tells us, "The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have ____ separated themselves from the _____ of the land, doing according to their _____...." (not; people; abominations)
- b) What was Ezra's reaction upon finding out that the rulers and people had be marrying the heathen? (As vs. 3 says (from Ezra), "And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished." Also see vs. 5ff)
- c) Ezra 9:4 says, "Then were assembled unto me every one that _____ at the _____ of the God of Israel...." (trembled; words)
- d) In what verse does Ezra pray "...for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant...?" (Ezra 9:8)
- e) In Ezra 9:10, Ezra admits to God, "...for we have _____ Thy commandments." (forsaken)
- f) In what verse does Ezra say, "seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve...?" (Ezra 9:13)
- g) In what verse does Ezra admit, "...in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before Thee because of this?" (Ezra 9:15)
- h) After reading this chapter, would it be safe to say that great men of God overlook sin or that they are deeply hurt by sin and seek forgiveness through repentance? (The chapter is clear. Great men of God do NOT overlook sin, rather they deal with it, begging for God's forgiveness and changing (repenting))

2) 1 Corinthians 5 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

- 1) Ezra 10 – Read & Answer Below
 - a) Were there tears involved in Ezra’s praying and also within the people’s response? (Yes, vs. 1)
 - b) What person, upon confessing, “We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land,” also said, “yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing?” (Shechaniah, vs. 2)
 - c) Did “the hope” of which this person spoke involve continuing to live with these unauthorized wives? (No! It involved putting them away, vs. 3. Note along this line, Matthew 19:9.)
 - d) Was Ezra in favor of them putting away these sinful marriages? (Yes, vs. 4-5)
 - e) Was Ezra joyful over all of this sorrow, sin and putting away? (Of course not, vs. 1, 6)
 - f) Showing Israel’s response to Ezra, what verse reads, “Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do?” (Ezra 10:12)
 - g) The end of what verse contains the phrase, “...until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us?” (Ezra 10:14)
 - h) Ezra 10:19 says, “And they gave their hands that they would put _____ their wives....” (away)
 - i) After listing names of guilty ones and still in the context of these unauthorized sinful marriages that had to be dissolved, what verse says, “All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children?” (Ezra 10:44)
 - j) After reading this chapter, did God really expect the guilty Israelites to put away their sinful marriages? (Yes. How could a chapter be any clearer? Read Ezra 9 and 10 together and then compare Matthew 19:9 in the New Testament.)

- 2) 1 Corinthians 5 – Read & Answer Below
 - a) What are the first FOUR words in this chapter? (It is reported commonly, vs. 1)
 - b) What was the commonly reported/known problem? (One was committing fornication with his step-mother (i.e., father’s wife) and the congregation was tolerating such wickedness, vs. 1-2)
 - c) In what verse does Paul say, “Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?” (1 Corinthians 5:6)
 - d) 1 Corinthians 5:7 reads, “_____ out therefore the old _____, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are _____. For even _____ our _____ is sacrificed for us.” (Purge; leaven; unleavened; Christ; passover)
 - e) In what late verse does Paul summarize, “...Therefore put away from yourselves that wicked person?” (1 Corinthians 5:13)
 - f) After reading this chapter, is it acceptable with God for the Lord’s church to simply overlook and/or tolerate brethren who are knowingly involving themselves in the most wicked and heinous way of living, or should they be engaged in restoring and/or withdrawing? (The chapter is very clear. Withdrawal of fellowship from brethren who knowingly and without repentance involve themselves in sin (i.e., cf., vs. 11) must be dealt with. How could a chapter be any clearer?)

1) Nehemiah 1 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Nehemiah 1:1 says, “The words of _____.” (Nehemiah)
- b) What was the name of the Jewish man that came along with “certain men of Judah”, that Nehemiah inquired of? (Hanani, vs. 2)
- c) After learning about the affliction and problems at Jerusalem, Nehemiah 1:4 reads, “And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and _____ and mourned certain days, and _____ and _____ before the God of heaven.” (wept; fasted; prayed)
- d) At the end of Nehemiah 1:5, Nehemiah says of God that He “keepeth covenant and mercy for them that _____ Him and _____ His _____.” (love; observe; commandments)
- e) What servant and Old Testament writer does Nehemiah refer back to in his prayer as it pertains to God’s willingness to forgive and restore them if they repent? (Moses, vs. 8-9)
- f) What was Nehemiah’s position under the Medo-Persian king? (He was the king’s cupbearer, vs. 11)
- g) After reading this chapter, would it be safe to say that Nehemiah was a man of prayer? (Yes, without doubt. Notice, vs. 4, 6, 11)

2) 1 Corinthians 5 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) Did Paul jump to a rash conclusion or did he base his understanding/evaluation on ample evidence? (He based it on evidence. Note, however, even though he was not personally present, he was still able to rely on credible testimony of something that was known (i.e., commonly reported, vs. 1). Further, he did not turn his head and/or ignore the clear truth before him. No, instead he dealt with it.)
- b) What verse says, “And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you?” (1 Corinthians 5:2)
- c) Was Paul able to make a proper judgment of the situation (based on the evidence), even though he was not personally present? (Yes, vs. 1, 3)
- d) Was the congregation to withdraw from this ungodly and impenitent brother (i.e., deliver such an one unto Satan...)? (Yes, vs. 5. Note, as you will see in 2 Corinthians, this worked and the brother repented and made his life right with God.)
- e) Notice 1 Corinthians 5:8. Was this withdrawal to be done out of hatefulness and harshness, or was this a matter of love for the lost soul? (The verse is clear. It was/is about love and trying to restore the erring.)
- f) Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-11. Is Paul speaking about withdrawing ourselves from the sinful world, or is he speaking of withdrawing from an impenitent and sinful brother in Christ? (Again, the text is as plain as can be. We are not to withdraw from every sinner in the world or else we could not even be around folks in order to convert them. While certainly we should not go around these people “while” they are fornicating, etc. we certainly will work with fornicators, and go to sporting events with them, see them at community functions, and the like. The context is about dealing with impenitent sinful BRETHREN who refuse to repent. This is not ex-communication (see, 2 Thessalonians 3:6ff), but about withdrawal in order to hopefully bring them back, vs. 5. Compare this chapter with 2 Corinthians 2.)

- g) After reading this chapter (especially, vs. 11 “a brother), is it possible for a brother in Christ to fall away (i.e., leave Christ and go back to worldliness)? (Yes! To say otherwise is to not read this chapter.)
- h) 1 Corinthians 5:13 reads, “...Therefore put _____ from among _____ that _____ person.” (away; yourselves; wicked)