

Ezra-Nehemiah Part 15

Major Theme

God's Covenants are better

Three Major Covenants of God

- Noah (Genesis 8:20-9:17)
- Abraham (Genesis 15)
- David (2 Samuel 7)

Those Who Signed Their Names - Nehemiah 10:1-27

- The leaders of people are listed by name to be representative of the larger group
- "The rest of the people" shows that all people were participating in this covenant

Making the Covenant Promise - Nehemiah 10:28-29

- The covenant includes all people who dedicate themselves to the Law (Torah) of God, not just Israelites.
- The Law that they commit to obey is found in the first five books of the Bible.
- This is a renewal of the Sinai Covenant (10 commandments)

Details of the Covenant - Nehemiah 10:30-39

- No intermarriage with pagans (Exodus 34:16)
- Keep the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11)
- Leave the land to rest (Exodus 23:10-11 and Leviticus 25)
- Cancel debts (Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 15:1-3)

- Give silver to the house of God (Exodus 30:11-15)
- Giving a first of everything to God (Exodus 13:2, 12-13)
 - 10:32—"for the service of the house of our God"
 - 10:33—"for all the work of the house of our God"
 - 10:34—"to our God's house"
 - 10:35—"to the Lord's house"
 - 10:36—"to the house of our God"
 - 10:36—"who serve in our God's house"
 - 10:37—"at the storerooms of the house of our God"
 - 10:38—"in the house of our God"
 - 10:39—"We will not neglect the house of our God."

Jesus Covenant

- As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. But I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. // Matthew 26:26-30