

Study Guide on Nehemiah 13:10-22

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

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(Nehemiah 13:10) I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them; so that the Levites and the singers, who had conducted the service, had gone back to their fields.

(Nehemiah 13:11) So I remonstrated with the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

(Nehemiah 13:12) Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

(Nehemiah 13:13) And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses the priest Shelemiah, the scribe Zadok, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan son of Zaccur son of Mattaniah, for they were considered faithful; and their duty was to distribute to their associates.

(Nehemiah 13:14) Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

(Nehemiah 13:15) In those days I saw in Judah people treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys; and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I warned them at that time against selling food.

(Nehemiah 13:16) Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of merchandise and sold them on the sabbath to the people of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

(Nehemiah 13:17) Then I remonstrated with the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the sabbath day?"

(Nehemiah 13:18) Did not your ancestors act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath."

(Nehemiah 13:19) When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates, to prevent any burden from being brought in on the sabbath day.

(Nehemiah 13:20) Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem once or twice.

(Nehemiah 13:21) But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

(Nehemiah 13:22) And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?