

Under Construction in 2009

The People and the Book

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 48:1-11*

- A. By the time we reach *Nehemiah 8*, the walls have been finished and the gates have been hung. The **material** needs of the city have been met; now it was time to focus on the **spiritual** needs of the people in the city.
- B. Ezra and Nehemiah put the Word of God first in the life of the city.
- C. If God is to work in and through His people, then they must respond positively to His Word; this chapter describes three basic responses.

I. We must _____ the Word of God (*Nehemiah 8:1-8*).

II. We must _____ in the Word of God (*Nehemiah 8:9-12*).

III. We must _____ the Word of God (*Nehemiah 8:13-18*).