

Nehemiah 13:1-31 – Study Leader’s Questions

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Nehemiah 13:1-31 – Answers to Questions

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* pp 169-180, 330-340 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 690-693, 705-709, 713-715 for detailed comments and additional information.

1. *What did the Jews learn from Moses' law? Why was this law given (Nehemiah 13:1-3)?*

Deuteronomy 23:3-6 commanded them to exclude Ammonites and Moabites i.e. ***“the people of the lands”*** Ezra 9:1 around Israel from ***“the congregation of God for ever”*** Nehemiah 13:1. The direct reason for the giving of this law was the Ammonite and Moabite refusal to provision Israel under the terms and conditions that God set forth initially to ***“Sihon king of Heshborn with words of peace”*** Deuteronomy 2:26 and the Moabite hiring of Balaam to curse Israel. Nehemiah 13:1-2 show that the Ammonites were complicit in the hiring of Balaam to curse Israel.

“the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them...”

Numbers 22:3-4 show how Ammon and Moab perceived Israel.

“And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.”

Ammon and Moab had therefore disbelieved what God had said concerning them.

“And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession” Deuteronomy 2:9.

“And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession” Deuteronomy 2:19.

Ammon and Moab's disbelief in what God said was bad enough in itself insofar as ***“...they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed”*** 1 Samuel 2:30 but it led to the disastrous action of trying to curse Israel – as even Balaam warned them in Numbers 24:9.

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...” Genesis 12:3.

“...cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee” Genesis 27:29.

“He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee” Numbers 24:9.

It is God's curse on Ammon and Moab that underlies both the law of Deuteronomy 23:3-6 and the immediate cause of why that law was given. The effects of God's curse will afflict Ammon and Moab, present-day Jordan, now under Mohammedan control, until the Second Advent and afterwards, when ***“there shall be no more curse”*** Revelation 22:3. See jesus-is-the-way.com/Ammon.html, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan. Jordan is 92% Mohammedan. God calls it ***“captivity.”***

“Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab” Jeremiah 48:47

“And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD” Jeremiah 49:6.

Ammon and Moab will have had to have waited a long time for this deliverance. Moral: Don't mess with Israel.

2. *Who was Eliashib? Who was Tobiah (Nehemiah 13:4-5)?*

They were ***“the enemies of Israel”*** 2 Chronicles 20:29, within and without – with Tobiah now having joined the enemies within because ***“Eliashib...was allied unto Tobiah”*** Nehemiah 13:4. Eliashib was actually ***“the high priest”*** prominent in the rebuilding of the wall, Nehemiah 3:1, 13:28.

As Solomon observed ***“And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there”*** Ecclesiastes 3:16.

David, like Nehemiah, had experienced the problem of the enemy within, Psalm 55:12-14, namely Ahithophel 2 Samuel 15:12, 31, 1 Chronicles 27:33 (Bathsheba’s grandfather, 2 Samuel 11:3, 23:34, 1 Chronicles 3:5, which is probably why Ahithophel betrayed David and sided with Absalom, 2 Samuel 15:31, to his cost, 2 Samuel 17:23). So did the Lord Jesus Christ, Mark 3:19, Luke 6:16. That is why the Lord issued the warning in Matthew 7:15.

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

This is an incentive to pray for leaders who will aim to fulfil Hebrews 1:9.

“Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

Tobiah is ***“Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite”*** Nehemiah 2:10, 19. See *Question 1*. Tobiah had connections in addition to his alliance with Eliashib, which no doubt smoothed his path to prominence within Israel.

“Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah” Nehemiah 6:17-18.

The intermarriage that had achieved these connections was against ***“the book of the law of Moses”*** Nehemiah 8:1 according to Deuteronomy 23:3.

“An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:”

See also Exodus 34:16, Deuteronomy 7:3, 1 Kings 11:1, 2, where Ammon and Moab are ***“Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods”*** 1 Kings 11:2.

Both Eliashib and Tobiah were lawbreakers, which is what prompted God to act through Nehemiah.

“It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law” Psalm 119:126.

3. *What had Eliashib done for Tobiah? Why was this such a bad thing?*

Nehemiah 13:4-5 shows that Eliashib had broken a law that reached back to the establishment of the tabernacle.

“And when *the tabernacle* setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when *the tabernacle* is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and *the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death*” Numbers 1:51. See also Numbers 3:10, 38, 18:7 and note that the stricture against Gentiles entering the temple still applied in Paul’s day, nearly 500 years later.

“And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place, (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)” Acts 21:27-29.

Allowing ***“Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite”*** actual access to ***“the chamber of the house of our God”*** was therefore in itself disobedience to God by Israel’s leaders and akin to allowing members of Sinn Fein office facilities in the House of Commons and HMQE2 shaking hands with terrorists.

See:

www.independent.ie/national-news/adams-mcguinness-move-into-commons-offices-320764.html.

See the evaluation by Rev Ivan Foster, former minister of Kilskeery Free Presbyterian Church in his online newsletter *The Burning Bush*, June 2012.

The sinister peace behind the handshake

Never was there a more joyless ‘jubilee’ for the faithful child of God than that which we have witnessed here in Ulster!

The cynical mandarins of deceitful diplomacy, in company with ecumenism’s graceless wretches who masquerade as God’s servants but who are in truth the servants of the devil (2 Corinthians 11:13-15) have manipulated the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Northern Ireland on her Jubilee tour of the United Kingdom, in a most wicked and nefarious manner.

The whole exercise had, in truth, the purpose of promoting the ecumenical aims of the wicked power-sharing agreement between Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionist Party and its Stormont regime. There were, of course, those who admire and are loyal to Her Majesty on the streets to welcome her. Red, white and blue flags and bunting abounded and rightly so. But the whole exercise was designed to pull the wool over the eyes of the citizens of Northern Ireland, who desire the continuance of the union with Great Britain to continue, ever more tightly...

See www.ivanfoster.net/?p=1491.

See also *Royal Law – James 2v8* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/. ***“The royal law”*** James 2:8 forbids dalliances by leaders, whether the high priest in Nehemiah’s time or HMQE2, governed by that law with ***“the enemies of the LORD”*** 1 Samuel 30:26, 2 Samuel 12:14.

The immediate effect of Eliashib’s action was to impose hardship on ***“the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and...the priests”*** as Nehemiah 13:10 explains, **“that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.”**

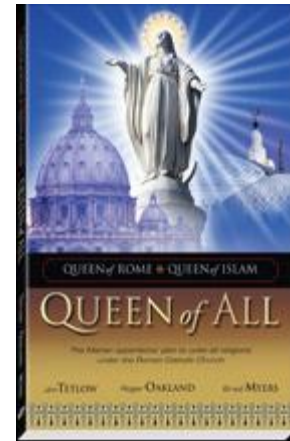
The situation that Nehemiah 13:10 describes was of course the result of violation of the ***“sure covenant”*** Nehemiah 9:38, 10:1-39, to which it appears that Eliashib was not a signatory, most likely for the reasons that Nehemiah 6:17-18 give. See *Question 2*.

4. *What lesson can we learn about the danger that enemies may influence God's people, even leaders?*

Beware of "***grievous wolves***" that "***scattereth the sheep***" John 10:12, with Nehemiah 6:17-18, drawing them into ungodly alliances like multi-faith dialogue. See *Queen of All* by Jim Tetlow et al., www.eternal-productions.org/catholicism.html.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" Acts 20:29-30.

Beware of "***good words and fair speeches***" that "***deceive the hearts of the simple***" Romans 16:18, with Nehemiah 6:19. Nehemiah was not deceived "***because of the fear of God***" Nehemiah 5:15 which accounts for the follow-up tactics.



"Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear."

See also Ezra 4, where the same tactic had been tried, without success, followed by more devious tactics that were successful for a while in hindering the rebuilding of the temple.

An example today of "***good words and fair speeches***" that "***deceive the hearts of the simple***" would be the infiltration and eventual colonisation of a non-Mohammedan country by Mohammedans. Note the warning of G. J. O. Moshay in *Who is this Allah?* pp 25, 33, this writer's emphases. Moshay is describing tactics that Mohammedans have used since the 7th century to take over a country that is part of Dar-al-Harb, House of War and force it by various forms of jihad into Dar-al-Islam, House of Islam, see *Slavery, Terrorism & Islam* by Peter Hammond, long-term missionary to the Sudan, pp 23, 44-46.

"Migrate to Christian areas because they are tolerant. Pretend to be peaceful, friendly and hospitable; begin to clamour for religious political and social rights and privileges that you will not allow to Christians in an Islamic country; breed fast there and settle down; there should be no Christian activities in your community; you may speak or write to discredit their religion, but they must not talk about Islam; begin to expand your community; Christian activities should be restricted in all the places you expand to; the moment you have enough military might against these 'disbelievers', these trinitarian kaferis, go ahead and eliminate them or suppress them as much as you can, and be in control. Where immediate invasion is not possible, that has always been the policy...In 1945, only one mosque was to be found in the whole of England. In 1990 over 1,000 mosques are scattered all over the country."

1500 or more mosques now infest Britain. See:

www.architectsjournal.co.uk/buildings/a-history-of-mosques-in-britain/8629263.article from April 2012

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_the_United_Kingdom.

According to *“the royal law”* James 2:8, the correct number is zero. Neither the Lord Jesus Christ nor the apostles ever rescinded Exodus 20:3.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

However, the camel is in the tent www.chick.com/reading/tracts/1081/1081_01.asp and the flock is increasingly scattered, Nehemiah 13:10. Like the camel, Moslems are becoming increasingly aggressive in the UK and some are even demanding their own *official* enclaves. Note the following item from the UK Christian network, The Barnabas Fund.

See www.barnabasfund.org/Islamist-group-pilots-sharia-controlled-zone.html.

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Islamist group pilots “sharia-controlled zone”

Country: EUROPE, UNITED KINGDOM

Muslims Against Crusades are targeting the London borough of Waltham Forest to be the first “sharia-controlled zone” as part of a new “Islamic Emirates Project.”



Sharia Zone *This message is being distributed in certain Muslim enclaves.*

The announcement comes after the Islamist group released Islamic Prevent, as reported by Operation Nehemiah last week, which called upon Muslims in Britain to create enclaves in major cities where sharia will one day be implemented.

The group said,

“As part of our Islamic Emirate Project, Waltham Forest is to be the first borough to be targeted for an intense sharia led campaign, introducing the prospect of Islamic law for the Muslim community to abide by.

“Waltham Forest is...a borough with a marked Islamic fingerprint; Muslim businesses, mosques and Islamic schools emblazon its streets, making a transition into a thriving Islamic emirate, very real and plausible.”

The organisation intends to persuade Muslims in Waltham to self-enforce sharia initially with specially designed leaflets and posters that read, “You are entering a Sharia Controlled Zone – Islamic Rules Enforced.”

The Barnabas Fund booklet *The Way Ahead* pp 9, 17, part of *Operation Nehemiah* (!) reports at least 1700 mosques in Britain and 85 Sharia courts, operating since 1982.

See:

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1196165/Britain-85-sharia-courts-The-astonishing-spread-Islamic-justice-closed-doors.html.

Note the following extract, which refers to a Civitas report on Sharia courts.

“The Civitas study said the Islamic courts should no longer be recognised under British law. Its director Dr David Green said: ‘The reality is that for many Muslims, sharia courts are in practice part of an institutionalised atmosphere of intimidation, backed by the ultimate sanction of a death threat.’

“The Muslim Council in Britain condemned the study for ‘stirring up hatred.’” That is a typical Mohammedan reaction to anyone bold enough to **“speak forth the words of truth and soberness”** Acts 26:25 about Mohammedanism. See *The Way Ahead, The Islamisation of the UK and the West* pp 6ff.

That’s what happens when Tobiahs are tolerated. Nehemiah 13:8 should be applied.

“And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.”

Constitutionally, that would be a correct action. See again *The Royal Law, Question 3* and note Numbers 15:16 for the governance of a nation such as Britain under **“the royal law”** James 2:8. Numbers 15:16 was never rescinded in the Pauline Epistles with respect to national governance under **“the royal law.”** Numbers 15:16 shows unequivocally that no mosque, Sharia court or Mohammedan council should exist in Britain. Neither should any Mohammedan be resident in Britain as such. See *Question 7* for further details on Britain’s constitutional position.

“One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.”

That **“one law”** is the 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible according to the terms and conditions of the Coronation Oath and **“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?”** Ecclesiastes 8:4.

See *This England* petersengland.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/coronation-of-queen-elizabeth-ii.html.

The Oath is sealed with a copy of the King James Bible presented to the monarch, with these words.

“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38].”

Ignore that **“one law”** at your peril, submit to it for the only means of God’s blessing. Britain’s choice of the first has, for now, forfeited for her the bestowal of the second.

“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded” Proverbs 13:13.

Beware of whatever **“word will eat as doth a canker”** 2 Timothy 2:17. Paul’s warning was with respect to **“Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some”** 2 Timothy 2:18 i.e. false doctrine spreads like leaven, Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:21. This is the teaching that **“the rising from the dead”** Mark 9:10, apart from that of the Lord Jesus Christ, is only spiritual for the Christian, at conversion, never physical and that only one general resurrection takes place and the end of time. Paul calls that teaching blasphemous in 1 Timothy 1:20, stating of its effects that **“some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck”** 1 Timothy 1:19. He refutes it in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 **“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Paul therefore exhorts Timothy **“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained”** 1 Timothy 4:6.

See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *Pastoral Epistles* pp 28, 225-227 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1581.

5. *Where was Nehemiah when this happened? What did he do when he returned (Nehemiah 13:6-9)? What act of Jesus does this remind you of?*

Nehemiah was in Babylon. Perhaps Eliashib hoped that Nehemiah would return to his old job after all the stress of his Jerusalem ministry, Nehemiah 1:11, 6:9. When Nehemiah did return, his *second* recorded return, he took decisive action, like the Lord will at the Second Advent and with respect to the rebuilt temple.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts” Malachi 3:1.

The Lord will also cleanse His temple at the Second Advent, like He did twice during His First Advent, Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46, John 2:16, with direct action similar to Nehemiah’s.

“Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts” Zechariah 14:21, with 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Revelation 19:20.

Note who was behind making **“my Father’s house an house of merchandise”** John 2:16 and who was dealt with like Tobiah and the moneychangers.

“By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire” Ezekiel 28:16.

He will finally be dealt with in Revelation 20:10, at the great white throne judgement.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

6. *What lessons can we learn about the church today from Nehemiah’s act and Jesus’ act?*

Don’t go hunting **“men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith”** 2 Timothy 3:8 but should they menace the flock, make **“a short work”** Romans 9:28 of them, as Paul urges in Titus 1:13 **“Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,”** wielding **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”** Ephesians 6:17. See *Question 4* and note David’s pastoral example.

“And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God” 1 Samuel 17:34-36.

Note also Paul’s exhortation, which applies to anything or anyone that menaces the ministry.

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” Ephesians 5:11 e.g. should marriage be redefined? No, see c4m.org.uk/.

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” Hebrews 13:4.

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” Jude 7.

Simple, really.

7. What other work had been neglected (Nehemiah 13:10-11)? How did this relate to Tobiah’s use of the storerooms? What did Nehemiah do about it?

“The portions of the Levites had not been given them” so they’d had to shift for themselves because Tobiah had occupied the former storage area in **“the chamber of the house of our God”** Nehemiah 13:4.

Nehemiah promptly called an extra-ordinary meeting and rebuked the rulers. He truly **“set them in their place”** because he imposed a question **“Why is the house of God forsaken?”** that they could not answer without confessing that *they* had forsaken it. They pleaded the 5th, like the Israelites in Elijah’s time.

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word” 1 Kings 18:21.

Evidently **“being convicted by their own conscience”** John 8:9, the rulers were clearly prepared to make amends, illustrating the truth of Leviticus 19:17, Proverbs 27:5, both of which Nehemiah would have known.

“...thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.”

“Open rebuke is better than secret love.” No rebuke, no result.

The principle is not easy to apply, especially in witnessing and even Paul asked for prayer **“...that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel”** Ephesians 6:19.

Nehemiah then made restitution via the rulers and **“all Judah”** according to the **“sure covenant”** Nehemiah 9:38 and Ecclesiastes 5:4 **“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.”** He also appointed **“treasurers”** who **“were counted faithful”** to oversee the supply chain. The same principle applies for church ministries today, with *God’s* appointees.

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” 1 Timothy 1:12.

Observe that the same plundering of the national wealth is happening in this country today, with Britain’s illegal EU membership, which is costing Britain £300,000,000,000 a year in wastage* to the pope’s European Union, see *The Principality and Power of Europe* by Adrian Hilton, as this summary statement from EU researcher David Noakes shows. *David Noakes shows that the total wastage of Britain’s EU membership of nearly 40 years is almost £6,000,000,000,000 i.e. £6 trillion. That amount could have paid for much in the way of student grants, old age pensions and essential services and much more.

See eutruth.org.uk/, www.eutruth.org.uk/eu200bn.html. Noakes states:

“The EU remains illegal

“Each of these six treaties are completely illegal under the British Constitution (which is written, every word since Magna Carta), our 1689 Bill of Rights, our treason laws, and under our common law. It is unforgivable that the Queen, her Ministers and our Parliament have committed the criminal act of treason by signing these treaties, and broken our laws to abolish our nation.*

“The EU will always be illegal in Britain; but once the EU has complete power and control here, we can no more get rid of it than we could Germany, had their planned illegal occupation of Britain in 1940 been successful.”

***The six treaties are:**

1. The European Communities Act 1972.
2. The Single European Act, 1986.
3. The Maastricht Treaty, 1992.
4. The Amsterdam Treaty, 1997.
5. The Nice Treaty 2001.
6. The Lisbon Treaty 2008. (Formerly the Reform Treaty) Then the loss of our nation, way of life and freedom will be complete.

As with Eliashib the traitor, our leaders’ treachery awards the illegal alien the nation’s goods and the *British* nation suffers, against our *written* Constitution. Note the following statement, this writer’s emphases, from *The Declaration of Rights of 1688*, consolidated in *The Act of Settlement*, 1701. *The Declaration* (likewise *The Act of Settlement*) is a settlement treaty, and not an Act of Parliament. It cannot be repealed by Parliament.

“All usurped and foreign power and authority may forever be clearly extinguished, and never used or obeyed in this realm. No foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate shall at any time after the last day of this session of Parliament, use, enjoy or exercise any manner of power, jurisdiction, superiority, authority, preeminence or privilege within this realm, but that henceforth the same shall be clearly abolished out of this realm forever.”

Out go all the Tobiahs; Catholic, Mohammedan, Marxist, Multi-culturalist, whatever.

See www.silentmajority.co.uk/eurorealist/magnacarta/introduction.html and follow successive links, L to R. Sadly, the society no longer exists but its material remains valid.

See again *Royal Law – James 2v8* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/. The Offended Party will take appropriate action. The EU and UN Assembly won’t know what hit it.

“Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy” Zephaniah 3:8.

8. What other sin did the people commit (Nehemiah 13:15)? Who else joined in this sin (Nehemiah 13:16)? What did they do?

Some Jews had broken the Sabbath such that they ***“sold victuals,”*** prompting Gentile market traders also to set out their stalls on the Sabbath day, likewise in defiance of ***“the law of God”*** Nehemiah 8:8, 18, 10:28 that they therefore obviously knew.

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor

thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it” Exodus 20:8-11.

Note that no Seventh Day Adventist in the world can keep the Sabbath, outside of the land of Israel, owing to the existence of time zones. Observe that **“on the fourteenth day of the month at even”** Exodus 12:18, which would be **“the second sabbath after the first”** Luke 6:1, the Sabbath actually starts and consists of 24 hours from 6 p.m. local time Friday to 6 p.m. local time Saturday. The Christian, being **“being not under the law, but under grace”** Romans 6:14, 15 (and not tied to time zones) observes the *first day, pre-dating the law, as “an holy day”* Exodus 35:21, not the seventh day, which later becomes the Jewish Sabbath. See also Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2, Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Book of Exodus* p 195 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 120.

“And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you” Exodus 12:16.

9. *What did Nehemiah say and do regarding this sin (Nehemiah 13:16-18)?*

See *Question 7*. Nehemiah imposed two more questions that **“the nobles of Judah”** couldn’t answer, being forced to plead the 5th again, for the same reason as before *and he warned the rulers of the result of disobeying God’s laws* i.e. **“yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.”** Nehemiah’s rebukes of Nehemiah 13:16-18 resulted again in decisive action, Nehemiah 13:19-21.

Two lessons are apparent for the Christian:

- National deliverance may depend on a man who speaks for God.

“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none” Ezekiel 22:30. Providentially God did find such a man in Nehemiah.

Such a man is needed for this country now, one who fears God and honours His Book, after the manner of Deuteronomy 17:18-20.

“And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.” In short:

“For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged” Proverbs 28:2. Nehemiah was such a man.

- God’s man who speaks God’s words will do God’s works.

“But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God” John 3:21.

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him” John 3:34.

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men” Titus 3:8.

10. *What other sins had some people committed (Nehemiah 13:23)? What was the consequence of this (Nehemiah 13:24)? What danger of intermarriage does this demonstrate?*

They had intermarried with the nations round about, in further violation of ***“the law of God”*** Nehemiah 8:8, 18, 10:28 *that they knew*. See *Questions 1, 2, 8*. This had happened before, in Ezra’s time, 457 BC, Ezra 9-10, 23 years before the time of Nehemiah 13, 434 BC. Ezra must have died about 445 BC, the time of the dedication of the wall, or soon after, because he is not mentioned in Nehemiah 13 and Nehemiah 13:23, 24 are clearly referring to events that would have begun some years before 434 BC.

“Ezra the priest, the scribe” Nehemiah 12:26 is last mentioned at the dedication of the wall, Nehemiah 12:36, among the company of worshippers upon the wall ***“with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.”***

Ezra therefore ended well, typifying the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul. Ezra is therefore a good role model for the Christian.

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” John 4:34.

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” 2 Timothy 4:6-7.

Nehemiah 13:24 indicates that half of the mixed-race offspring spoke the Philistines’ language and the remainder the languages (mainly) of Ammon and Moab. Not only could they ***“not speak in the Jews’ language”*** but they spoke the languages of ***“the enemies of the LORD”*** 1 Samuel 30:26, 2 Samuel 12:14, against whom Israel fought.

“So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them” 1 Samuel 14:17.

Mixed race liaisons typically produce offspring at enmity with God. That is no doubt why the following incident is recorded in some detail. Leviticus 24:11 is the first occurrence of the word ***“blaspheme”*** or any of its derivatives in scripture. The next time it occurs, outside of the incident in Leviticus 24:10, 11, 16, is in 2 Samuel 12:14, with respect to ***“the enemies of the LORD”*** who included the mixed-race nations around Israel e.g. Ammon, Moab.

“And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; And the Israelitish woman’s son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:) And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him...And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses” Leviticus 24:10-14, 23.

The above passage is a strong Old Testament warning against mixed-race liaisons. Interracial marriage is not expressly forbidden in the New Testament (as it was Deuteronomy 7:3 for Israel) but New Testament believers should have regard for what is ***“of good report”*** Philippians 3:8. Note the difficulty that Timothy faced with respect to maintaining his testimony amongst his mother’s Jewish people, Acts 16:3. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1460.

The mercy of God did of course undertake with respect to non-Jewish women like Rahab and Ruth who trusted God, according to Ruth 2:12 ***“The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.”***

See Joshua 6:25, Ruth 4:17, 22, Matthew 1:5, 6, Hebrews 11:31, James 2:5. However, God's mercy should not be presumed upon. ***"Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression"*** Psalm 19:13, noting the similarity with Nehemiah 13:27 with respect to ***"this great evil, to transgress against our God."*** See *Question 11* and Dr Ruckman's book *Segregation or Integration*.

Of major concern in Nehemiah's time was that, following from Nehemiah 13:24, the mixed-race offspring could not be taught ***"the law of God"*** Nehemiah 8:8, 18, 10:28 in obedience with Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

A similar problem exists in Britain with respect to Nehemiah 13:24.

Note that *"The largest number of community languages in Europe can be found in the United Kingdom. Over 300 languages are currently spoken in London schools. Some of the most established of these are Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Cantonese, Mandarin and Hokkien."* See www.bbc.co.uk/languages/european_languages/definitions.shtml.

100 languages have been identified in Inner London.

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_the_United_Kingdom. The spread of foreign languages in Britain is of course largely the result of unrestricted immigration, not mixed race liaisons but the outcome is the same. How is ***"the scripture of truth"*** Daniel 10:21 to be taught to a multi-lingual multitude such as exists in this country today? The magnitude of such a task indicates why God's approach is different.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15 i.e. train missionaries to carry out separate ministries with the support of saved nationals, don't invite the world to descend on you, especially when much of it is explicitly hostile to ***"the gospel of Christ"*** Romans 1:16. See *Questions 4, 7*.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" Acts 17:26-27.

Separation, not integration, is God's preferred condition for individual salvation. That is why, in direct opposition to God, the Devil is an integrator, not a divider.

"For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man" Isaiah 10:13.

Nehemiah 13:24 shows the Devil's work in that respect.

Note that God will restore ***"the bounds of the people"*** at the Second Advent by forcing every man *out* of bounds back *within* his respective bounds. That will resolve the current emigration/immigration situation when ***"many shall run to and fro"*** Daniel 12:4 (see *Overcrowded Britain* by Ashley Mote and *The Immigration Invasion** by Arthur Kemp) far better than any border agency could do. *The annual cost of immigration to Britain is £8.8 billion, p 10. A misprint has occurred on p 10 where Mr Kemp first cites the figure.

"And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land" Isaiah 13:14.

“Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land” Jeremiah 50:16.

11. What great king had committed this same sin? What was the consequence?

Solomon did so **“and his wives turned away his heart”** 1 Kings 11:3. See also Nehemiah 13:26 (5x13!) and note the fourfold terms used in Nehemiah 13:26, 27 **“sin...sin...great evil...transgress against God.”** Again, therefore, New Testament believers should take account of what is **“of good report”** Philippians 3:8.

The result was national apostasy in the time of Solomon’s son Rehoboam, from the top down, as is typical, **“If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked”** Proverbs 29:12. It should be noted of Rehoboam that **“his mother’s name was Naamah an Ammonitess”** 1 Kings 14:21.

“And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him” 2 Chronicles 12:1.

The end result was the breaking up of the nation of Israel and eventual captivity that was only partially restored under Ezra and Nehemiah, as God Himself declared to Solomon.

“Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant” 1 Kings 11:11.

“Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight” 2 Kings 17:22-23.

Note also that race-mixing is associated with someone sinister in the background *evidently making repeated attempts to corrupt or terminate* the seed*. See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Book of Genesis* pp 657, 687-688 and comments with respect to Genesis 9:25, 11:30, 12:17, 16:3, 22:10, 26:34, 28:8, 35:22, 38:1, 2, 18, 39:7, 12.

These sinister efforts of course stem from Genesis 3:15.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

*Note 1 Chronicles 2. The expression **“the sons of”** occurs 25 times in the chapter, essentially dealing with much of the early ancestry of Israel. Though not a pure race, early Israel was mostly Shemitic i.e. Semitic. 1 Chronicles 2 deals mostly with Shemite family lineages i.e. nearly uniform ethnicity. However, 1 Chronicles 2:34-41 describes the descendants of a Jewish man, who, going against the Mosaic Law (Deuteronomy 7:3), gave his daughter to a Gentile, an Egyptian i.e. a Hamite aka an African (similar to a Canaanite in Deuteronomy 7:3). This mixed-race marriage does not produce sons as such. It produces a limited, single-offspring progeny that eventually disappears within the account of 1 Chronicles 2. Though **“all Israel were reckoned by genealogies”** 1 Chronicles 9:1, the mixed-race progeny does not produce a genealogy to be reckoned. That would help explain the level of Ezra’s distress in Ezra 9:3 (and Nehemiah’s in Nehemiah 13:25) in **“that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass”** Ezra 9:2, as with Solomon, 1 Kings 11:1. The final end result of mixed-race liaisons is of course the final antichrist, or the Devil incarnate, the Beast. See Dr Ruckman’s book *Mark of the Beast* and note Revelation 13:2, showing that the beast, who is a man, Revelation 13:18, has, *in his essential aspect*, the attributes of a mixed-race individual, with yellow (Oriental), black (African), white (European) appearance (and anti-God ferocity to go with it, Leviticus 24:11 again) **“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his**

mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” That end result also helps to explain the intensity of Ezra’s reaction in Ezra 9:3 and Nehemiah’s in Nehemiah 13:25.

12. *Why does Nehemiah ask God to remember him three times?*

See Nehemiah 13:14, 22, 31. Nehemiah prays **“Remember me, O my God.”** These three occurrences of that expression are the only ones in scripture. Nehemiah earnestly desired that God **“spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy”** Nehemiah 13:22, knowing, like Jeremiah did, that his eternal destiny depended on God’s mercy.

“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness” Lamentations 3:22-23.

Nehemiah therefore desired that God remember:

- his pastoral care in that he **“made treasurers over the treasuries”** Nehemiah 13:13
- his restoration of the Sabbath day in that he **“commanded the Levites...to sanctify the sabbath day”** Nehemiah 13:22
- his separation of Israel **“from all strangers”** Nehemiah 13:30.

Each ministry was essential for Israel to be **“an holy nation”** according to God’s will in Exodus 19:6. As part of **“an holy nation”** 1 Peter 2:9, every Christian according to his particular circumstances is called to:

- pastoral care of each other: **“...members should have the same care one for another”** 1 Corinthians 12:25
- sanctification unto blamelessness: **“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”** 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- separation from uncleanness: **“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty”** 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.

13. *Is it right for believers today to ask God to ‘remember’ those who seek to harm the progress of the gospel as Nehemiah does here? How should we pray?*

Concerning Nehemiah’s imprecatory prayers in Nehemiah 6:14, 13:29, yes, Paul did under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Paul also shows how to pray in that respect both for himself and for warning others with respect to *an idol manufacturer of statues of Mary*, Acts 19:33, 34. See Dr Ruckman’s commentary *Pastoral Epistles* p 304 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1468.

“Alexander the coppermith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words” 2 Timothy 4:14-15. (God’s **“reward”** to Paul was mercifully to stop him kicking, Acts 9:5, 1 Timothy 1:13. Only God knows what the right reward is because as Solomon says of God in 1 Kings 8:39 **“for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.”**)

Amen! Note the following.

From a firsthand account by Mr Jim Downing of the www.navigators.org/us/ *The Navigators* in the USA:

Just prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour on December 7th 1941, the Navigators were carrying out an effective evangelistic and discipleship ministry aboard US Navy ships based at Long Beach, California. One sailor in the Navigator ministry was John Prince. Prince received a transfer to a different ship from the one he'd been serving on and when he came on board the new ship, he encountered an unsaved sailor named A. W. Able, who had been transferred from the same ship Prince had left and who had consistently opposed Prince's witness there. Able confronted Prince and declared in words to this effect, "*Prince, if you start preaching on this ship, I'll do everything I can to stop you.*" Prince sought the Lord in prayer and asked God either to convert Able or remove him. Not long afterwards, the local newspaper reported that "*A. W. Able, USN, was found dead of unknown causes on Long Beach Plank.*" John Prince's prayer concerning A. W. Able had been answered according to 2 Timothy 4:14:

"The Lord reward him according to his works."