

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

NEHEMIAH – Part Two

Lesson 31

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**What Difference Can
One Person Make?**

Background

- Ezra and Nehemiah outline
- Post Babylonian exile
- Nehemiah in “Diaspora”

Theological Term *Du Jour*

Diaspora: The disbursal or scattering of the Jews among the nations after the capture of Judah by Babylon

(LXX Dt 28:25; Jn 7:35)

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The Problem

- Hanani's report
- Nehemiah's prayer
 - Praise as great and awesome, faithful and loving
 - Confession of sin
 - Seeking of favor

The Solution

- Cup bearer
- One shot sadness
- Prayer without ceasing
- The request - granted

The Enemy

- The night tour
- Sanballat and Tobiah
 - Elephantine papyri
- Taunts, plots and more plots

Post - Rebuilding

- 52 days
- Hanani (7:2)
- Desolate (lottery)

Celebrations

- Worship:
 - Reading Torah
 - Moved response
 - Celebratory eating
- Feast of Tabernacles (8 days)
- National confession
 - With commitment

Points for Home

- One person with God makes the difference
- Pray without ceasing
- Reading God's word changes lives
- Ignoring God's word causes straying
- Worship with Reading, Confession and Singing