

# Notes & Quotes – November 8, 2009

## Nehemiah and the Return from Exile

### Nehemiah 1-2

Ezekiel & Daniel (prophets to Jews *in* exile)

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi (prophets to Jews *after* exile)

Book of Ezra records the rebuilding of the temple

Book of Nehemiah records rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem

**“No matter how well prepared the soil, how well kept the fences, how carefully painted the buildings, let the owner neglect for a while his prized and valued acres and they will revert again to the wild and be swallowed up by the jungle or the wasteland. The bias of nature is toward the wilderness, never toward the fruitful field.” – A.W. Tozer**

**Leadership training with Nehemiah – learning to lead under the loving rule of God...**

- Seeing current reality for what it is

-- broken walls & burned gates

- Praying, waiting & planning

-- moments of prayer flow out of months of prayer

**“It is possible to move men through God by prayer alone.” – Hudson Taylor**

**“The presence of faith does not mean the absence of organization.” – Chuck Swindoll**

- Recognizing that its God’s role to change hearts, not mine

**“Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?  
Got any mountains you cannot tunnel through?  
God specializes in things thought impossible;  
He does the things others cannot do.”**

**– Oscar Eliason**

- Expecting resistance