**SPIRITUAL REVIVAL THROUGH HEARING THE LAW**

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Key Verse 18

*Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.*

**Introduction[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. After the wall of Jerusalem was completed and all the Israelites settled in their towns what did the people do (73b, 1a) and tell Ezra the teacher of the Law? (1b) Why do you think the people wanted to listen to the Law of Moses?
2. What did Ezra do? (2-3) Where did Ezra stand and who was beside him? (4) How did the people respond? (3b, 5b, 6b) How did the Levites help the people? (7, 8)
3. How did the people react to what they heard? Why? (9-11) How did the leaders comfort them? (9,11) What did Nehemiah say and how did the people’s sorrow turn to great joy? (10,12; 2 Tim 2:1[[2]](#footnote-2))
4. What happened on the second day? (13) Then what did they find written in the Law? (14-15; Leviticus 23:23-44) So what did the people do? (16,17a) Why was this such a remarkable event and what was the result? What did Ezra continue to do during the Feast of Booths? (18)

1. Rebuilding the wall did not mean bring about a spiritual revival in Jerusalem. Rebuilding a wall cannot achieve this. Then what can? Spiritual revival and heavenly joy come when people hear and accept God’s words sincerely with “Amen” and with practical obedience. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)