

NEHEMIAH

AUTHOR:

Much of this book is in the first person, letting us know that the prophet Nehemiah wrote it. (The prophet Ezra could have served as his editor). Ezra-Nehemiah was originally one text.

DATE:

Approximately 445- 432 BC.

RECIPIENTS:

This is the continuing History of the Hebrew people.

CONTEXT:

There are three groups that return to Jerusalem after the exile. Nehemiah is the one who leads the third group back. He and a group of exiles return to rebuild the city walls.

PURPOSE:

Nehemiah is the last of the Old Testament historical books. It was written to give the Historical account of the third return to Jerusalem after captivity. The book tells of the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls and the restoring of the peoples' faith.

