

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God's People

Chapter 21: Rebuilding the Walls

As you read, take note of the cast of characters. Write a short descriptive to help you remember.

Write any notes or questions you have.

Review the questions on page 482 in your book to prepare for discussion in class.

In this chapter we read from three prophets—Ezra, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

In what ways do you see God's faithfulness in this chapter?

What role does obedience of God's people play in God's plan and work?

What was Ezra's role when he arrived in Jerusalem?

How does Ezra serve as a model of biblically faithful preaching?

Why was Nehemiah able to rebuild the city walls amidst such severe opposition?

According to the prophet Malachi, what did the Israelites do (or not do) that displeased the Lord? Why were these things so evil?

How might Malachi's prophetic insight apply to the church in America today?