

# A Creeping Compromise

## Nehemiah 13



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### Introduction:

Zephaniah 1:12

### I. RELAPSE DURING NEHEMIAH'S ABSENCE (1-6)

“they read aloud from the book of Moses in the hearing of the people”

“there was found written in it”

“I was not in Jerusalem”

### II. RECTIFICATION AT NEHEMIAH'S ARRIVAL (7-31)

#### A. Reformation of Temple Practices (7-14)

“I came to Jerusalem and learned about the evil...”

“it was very displeasing to me”

“I discovered that the portions of the Levites had not been given them”

“Why is the house of God neglected?”

“Remember me for this, O my God...”

#### B. Restoration of Sabbath Observance (15-22)

“treading presses...bringing in grain”

“profaning the sabbath”

“I commanded that the doors should be shut”

“once or twice...if you do it again, I will use force against you”

“Remember me, O my God”

C. Renunciation of Foreign Wives (23-29)

“the Jews had married women...”

“their children...”

“the language of Ashdod...the language of Judah”

“I contended with them and cursed them and struck some of them and pulled out their hair”

“marrying foreign women” = “acting unfaithfully against our God”

“Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood”

D. Reassignment of Duties (30-31)

“I purified them from everything foreign...”

“...and appointed duties...each in his task”

**Conclusion:**

- 1) Take care to read the Scriptures consistently and to obey what you read.
- 2) Beware of what things you let in through the front door.
- 3) Do not neglect the house of God! Work on your personal involvement.
- 4) “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (Exodus 20:8)
- 5) Do not marry outside the faith and teach your children the same.
- 6) “Deny ungodliness and worldly desires and...live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.”  
(Titus 2:12)

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) Why is systematic, regular Bible reading so critical in the life of a believer?
- 2) Where did the Ammonites and Moabites come from? Why were they forbidden entry in the assembly of God?
- 3) Were Nehemiah’s violent actions justifiable? Why or why not? Would there ever be a situation in which such a think could be done today?
- 4) How/when might you ask God to specifically remember you?