

God Times V.17. Nehemiah bible study & 1964 trivia & more.

You Are Not Alone You Are Amazing.com, is a Nonprofit Faith based charity, engaged in alleviating social & spiritual decay, in our communities. We do this by reaching out to the lost, lonely, suffering individuals e.g. seniors, veterans, sick, addicted, imprisoned etal. as we work to provide a renewed sense of belonging, through a new positive mindset of hope, love & faith, via some free social & spiritual memory tools, for all individuals & groups. We are in the field of sharing truth, love, faith & hope & need the help of all who can share these pages of love, with family, friends & neighbors & all.

God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

God doesn't give us joy, instead of sorrow; nor does He give us joy, in spite of sorrow; what He gives us, as believers, is incredible Joy in the midst of sorrow? We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way? Let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others. Forgive & it will be forgiven you, forgive not & your Heavenly Father will no longer forgive your trespasses, Matt. 6:14.

So did you know that a great benefit of trivia & memory fun is increased brain health & that adults who frequently participate in intellectually & socially engaging activities show signs of better mental, social & physical health. So try to join together with others & enjoy some time looking at times gone by, including some biblical thoughts with Nehemiah.

1964 Trivia fun.

01. The first 12-ounce aluminum canned pop was by this king cola?
02. President LBJ declares a War On this sad broke inner city i.e. problem?
03. These four debuted on the Ed Sullivan Show, starting the British Invasion?
04. This stinging boxer took the heavyweight championship belt from S. Liston?
05. This new silver coin was released to honor a loved U.S. president?
06. Washington D.C. residents became able to participate in this for the 1st time?
07. This new Hasbro 12" action figure had sold over 400 million figures by 2005?
08. A Time for Choosing speech, for Goldwater, started this man's political career?
09. These 4 program continuous play music devices came a year after cassettes?
10. This drink was released as a competitor to Coke's Tab cola?
11. These new oats & marshmallows are called magically delicious by some?
12. President LBJ signed this act into law, making it illegal to discriminate?

We hope you enjoyed waking up your brain with some trivia of the past, but we also want to look at the now & even a little towards tomorrow, as believe it or not, from this moment on your life can become better; hour by hour, all by accepting a couple simple truths & seeing that a large part of our days, are lived in our thoughts & minds, which in turn means that we can change our day completely, by changing our thinking & thoughts, to a completely positive mindset with God & others, as God wants us to be content with spending time together.

God is unchanging & we are His, yet we surely are not unchanging. Some changes we have no control over; like growing older, yet we can change our thinking on the matter, to keep it a positive event, regardless of circumstances. We must come to terms with the fact that different stages of life, bring different challenges for to conquer, mostly in thinking & adapting, via many positive affirmations every day, about God's love for us, so that we may, patiently, find peace in His unchanging truth, love & promises.

The book of Nehemiah

Previously known as the 2nd Book of Ezra, records the restoration of God's law & the wall to protect the Jewish city, temple & people.

During this 2nd half of the 5th century B.C. the Book of Ezra a.k.a. Ezra/ Nehemiah, is the last of the Historical Books of the Bible, where Nehemiah was split off of Ezra into its own book by the Church in 1448 & is a book of restoration, with the first 7 chapters dealing with the restoration of the walls of Jerusalem & chapters 8-13 dealing with spiritual restoration & renewal of God's chosen people.

Nehemiah is a great example of how people must work together & share resources for all God's people to flourish, as selfishness has no place with God. Nehemiah reminds all people to be generous with love, time, faith & resources & to not to take advantage of others, especially the poor.

Nehemiah was a Jewish leader & official in the Persian court, who heard that during the Babylonian captivity that the walls in Jerusalem had been broken down & that its gates had been burned & so he asked the king for permission to return to rebuild Jerusalem. Artaxerxes was a benevolent ruler that God used to restore his people back to Israel & who offered an armed escort, supplies & letters from the king, for Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem, to supervise this rebuilding of the city.

Jerusalem was in ruins after being conquered & destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. & Nehemiah's task was to rebuild the walls & re-populate the city, through opposition from, the Samaritans, Ammonites & Arabs & to purify the Jewish community via segregation from neighbors & re-enforcing the laws of Moses.

During his temporary return to Jerusalem, Nehemiah was focused on the building of the walls, for protection of the city & temple, as a faithful leader he used his leadership skills to gather a citywide construction crew, as well as directed a project where he had each family build the section of the wall in front of their house, which allowed the people to gain an identity by being part of repairing the wall & had the walls around Jerusalem up within 52 day & then worked with the priest Ezra, to restore the spiritual & moral life of the Jews & together they reestablished civil & religious order in Jerusalem, casting out foreign influences & purifying the city for the Jews' return from exile.

When the surrounding foreign nations, i.e. Israel's enemies, heard of this accomplishment they backed off from their former hostilities, as they recognized that this work had undoubtedly been accomplished with the help of the God of Israel, Neh. 6:15-16.

Ezra led the Jews in renewing themselves as a nation, after the 48-70 year exile in Babylon, via a public teaching of the Law. Observing the Sabbath was reinstated & the people asked Ezra to read from the book of the law of Moses, as God had given it to Israel & they knew that to survive they must learn to follow God's Laws. Nehemiah established rules, while condemning mixed marriages, as they were not even teaching their children the Hebrew language of Judah, Neh.13:24.

God answers prayer & is interested in people's lives, He will supply what is needed when we obey His commands, including materials, courage, wisdom & energy.

God works his plans through the world's rulers, as seen throughout the Bible, where the most powerful pharaohs & kings, (good & bad) are instruments in God's hands, to accomplish his purposes. As empires rise & fall, but God is still always in control.

Scripture shows how all people can be reconciled to God, through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ, as God is patient & forgives all repentant sin, as seen in Nehemiah, where God called his people to repent often, bringing them back to Him through His love, as seen again when after 12 years in Jerusalem, Nehemiah returned to Persia, but revisited Jerusalem later & again found the Israelites backsliding & taking non-Jewish wives & so he stayed in Jerusalem to enforce the Law. Regardless of how you break it down Ezra & Nehemiah give us a remarkable account of God's faithfulness with the Israelites return from the Babylonian exile, back to restoring Jerusalem.

Nehemiah had originally been part of the book of Ezra & was translated into Greek mid 2nd century B.C. & from the 9th century on many Latin bibles separate Ezra & Nehemiah, as 1st & 2nd Ezra, which became standard in Paris Bibles of the 13th century. In 1516, in the first printed Rabbinic Bible of Daniel Bomberg this separation came to be in Hebrew Bibles.

Life is still about you, just as much as it is about any, as we are all equal, with God. So even if you are not where you had hoped you would be, even if you happen to be in an assisted living arrangement, or just feeling left behind, or lonely, then you need to look around, as family has never been just about biology. Family is about who is in our proximity, who is within reach, who can we look around & see that we can befriend & spend some time with, or who can we call & discuss these things with on the phone, as this is our extended family through Christ & we need to treat it as such, by thanking Him for them, while reaching & drawing them in to spend time; socializing, reminiscing & treating them like the friends & family, that God expects us too.

Social interaction is the work of each individual, as we are commanded by God to do good; sharing the things we have, including our time, thoughts & memories, which we can accomplish through social interactions, 1 Timothy 6:18.

Join together with some others & discuss what life was like, for you, in 1964.

What age group were you in? 0-9, 10-17, 18+ ?, If you were not born yet use your 1st memories of '74. If in school what grade were in in '64?

What was family life like? What activities filled your days? What memories with family & friends & your neighborhood scene do you recall? What kinds of memories do you have of school, teachers, favorite classes, classmates etc.?

What were your big plans & dreams, were you able to fulfill some of them?

What would you change, or do differently, if you could?

What is the biggest differences that you see between family life then & now?

What memories do you have of social activities with family & friends?

Were you able to stay in touch with any school friends once adult life started?

Did you have children & if so, did you raise them by the standards you were raised by, or did you ease up with the changing world?

Discuss what you thought about what others in your family, school, neighborhood etc. were doing. What was the demographics of your family, friends & neighbors in relation to good & bad, wealthy & poor, open or closed minded?

What kinds of things did you do for entertainment ? What did you like to watch on tv, or in theaters? What kind of music did you like?

trivia answers. 1-rc royal crown cola. 2-war on poverty campaign. 3-beatles. 4-cassius clay. 5- kennedy half dollar. 6- to vote in presidential election. 7-G.I. Joe. 8-ronald reagan. 9-8-track tapes. 10-diet pepsi. 11-lucky charms cereal. 12-civil rights act.

Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says prove all things, 1Thes.5:21, as there are evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4. So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1. The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.