

Bring the Book  
Nehemiah 8:1-8

Author Victor Hugo said that England has two books: The Bible and Shakespeare. But the people of God *have* one book, *desire* one book and *live* by one book – the Bible. This is what we see in Nehemiah 8. This morning we will see their desire for the book. Here is the flow of thought in this chapter: 8:1-8, Desiring the Book; 8:9-12, Rejoicing in the Book; 8:13-18, Obeying the Book.

I The setting and timeframe, v2

II. The characteristics of the gathering, v1-8

1. The people wanted the book, v1
2. Ezra presented the Book, v2
3. The people were attentive, v3
4. The word of God was exalted above the people, v4
5. The people exalted the Word of God above themselves, v5
6. The people adored the Word of God and lifted up their hands, v6
7. The teaching was multiplied, v7
8. The law was explained in detail, v8

## **Words for Kids to listen for**

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Feast of trumpets

Day of atonement

Feast of tabernacles

Together as one man

One passion

Attentive

Water gate – pool of Siloam

Take heed how you hear

Law of Moses

Platform of wood

Lifting up their hands

Levites helped the people

Distinctly