



FEAST OR FAMINE?



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The "Dens of Death"



Homeless boys

Nehemiah 5:1-5 NIV

Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews:

- Some were saying, “We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.”

Nehemiah 5:1-5 NIV

- Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.”
- Still others were saying, “Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery.”

Nehemiah 5:1-5 NIV

- “Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others.”

Nehemiah 5:6-8 NIV

When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "You are charging your own people interest!"

Nehemiah 5:6-8 NIV

So I called together a large meeting to deal with them and said, "As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us." They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

Nehemiah 5:10 NIV

“I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest!”

Nehemiah 5:11 NIV

“Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them – one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.”

Nehemiah 5:14 NIV

Moreover, from the 20th year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be the governor in the land of Judah, until his 32nd year – 12 years – neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor.

James 2:5 NIV

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters:
Has not God chosen those who are
poor in the eyes of the world to be
rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom
he promised to those who love him?

Luke 6:20 NIV

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”