

“One Who Walks With God: Nehemiah”

True Grit — Part 1

I. Cleaning our Compartmentalization, Neh 13.1-9

Artaxerxes is referred to as “king of Babylon” (13:6) just as Cyrus claimed this title. Like Cyrus, Artaxerxes ruled the territory that was formerly under Babylon’s authority. It is doubtful that Nehemiah met Artaxerxes at the city of Babylon, since the official capital of Persia at that time was Persepolis. The Persian kings also had royal residences at Susa (cf., 1:1) and Ecbatana (Ezra 6:2).

J. Carl Laney, Ezra/Nehemiah, Everyman’s Bible Commentary (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1982), 117-18.

II. Putting Away Selfishness, Neh 13.10-14

