

## Joshua Anderson – Grasping Gods Word Assignment 6.5

Use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to answer the following questions about the book of Nehemiah

- 1. How much time passes between the month of Kislev (or Chislev) in Nehemiah 1:1 and the month of Nisan in Nehemiah 2:1?** Chislev is the 9<sup>th</sup> & Nisan is the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the Jewish year, with Twelve months generally (Thirteen if a leap year), leaving 4 months between.
- 2. Where is Susa?** The capital city of Elam or Persia, in Southwestern Persia on the river Ulai or Kerkha.
- 3. For which empire did Susa Serve as one of the three royal cities?**  
The Persian Empire.
- 4. What other biblical character live in Susa?** Queen Esther.
- 5. Did this character live before Nehemiah or after?** Before Nehemiah.
- 6. Which empire did King Artaxerxes rule over, and when?** He ruled over the Persian Empire from 465 to 424 B.C.
- 7. What was a cupbearer's status in the royal court?** An officer of high rank with Egyptian, Persian, Assyrian, and Jewish monarchs. Regarded as thoroughly trustworthy, of great influence, cared for and well paid.

Resources:

- "The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia", James Orr, 1915
- "American Tract Society Bible Dictionary", Willam W. Rand, 1859
- "Easton's Bible Dictionary", Matthew G. Easton, 1897
- "Smith's Bible Dictionary", William Smith, 1863