

The Prayer of Nehemiah 9, with selected cross references

Nehemiah 9:5-37 (NIV)

⁵And the Levites--Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah--said: "Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting." "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.

1 Chronicles 29:13
Psalm 148:13

⁶You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Deuteronomy 6:4
2Kings 19:15
Genesis 1:1
Deuteronomy 10:14
Genesis 2:1
Psalms 36:6

⁷"You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham.

Genesis 11:31
Genesis 17:5

⁸You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous.

Genesis 15:6
Genesis 12:7, Genesis 15:18, Genesis 17:7-9
Exodus 13:5
Joshua 23:14

⁹"You saw the suffering of our forefathers in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea.

Exodus 3:7
Exodus 14:10

¹⁰You sent miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day.

Exodus 7:1ff
Exodus 18:11
Isaiah 63:12-14
Jeremiah 32:20
Daniel 9:15
Exodus 9:16

¹¹You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters.

Exodus 14:21-22, 27-28
Psalm 78:13
Exodus 15:5, 10

¹²By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire to give them light on the way they were to take.

Exodus 13:21-22
Numbers 14:14
1Corinthians 10:1

¹³"You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good.

Exodus 19:20
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8-9
Romans 7:12

¹⁴You made known to them your holy Sabbath and gave them commands, decrees and laws through your servant Moses.

Exodus 16:23, Exodus 20:8-11
Genesis 2:2-3, Ezekiel 20:12, 20

¹⁵In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock; you told them to go in and take possession of the land you had sworn with uplifted hand to give them.

Exodus 16:14-15, Exodus 17:6
Psalms 78:15-17, 25,
Psalms 105:40, 41
1 Corinthians 10:3-4, John 6:31
Deuteronomy 1:8

¹⁶"But they, our forefathers, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and did not obey your commands.

Exodus 18:11, Exodus 32:9

¹⁷They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them,

Psalms 78:11, 42-43
Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:18
Psalms 86:5, 15
Joel 2:13
(and many others)

¹⁸even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies.

Exodus 32:4
Psalms 106:19-20
Acts 7:41
Psalms 78:41
Hebrews 3:15

¹⁹"Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.

Psalms 106:45

²⁰You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

Isaiah 63:11
Numbers 11:17
Exodus 16:35

²¹For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

Deuteronomy 2:7

²²"You gave them kingdoms and nations, allotting to them even the remotest frontiers. They took over the country of Sihon king of Heshbon and the country of Og king of Bashan.

Numbers 21:21-35

²³You made their sons as numerous as the stars in the sky, and you brought them into the land that you told their fathers to enter and possess.

Genesis 15:5
Genesis 22:17

²⁴Their sons went in and took possession of the land. You subdued before them the Canaanites, who lived in the land; you handed the Canaanites over to them, along with their kings and the peoples of the land, to deal with them as they pleased.

Joshua 1:1ff
Psalms 44:2-3

²⁵They captured fortified cities and fertile land; they took possession of houses filled with all kinds of good things, wells already dug, vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. They ate to the full and were well-nourished; they reveled in your great goodness.

Deuteronomy 3:5, 9:1
Joshua 10:20, 14:12
Hosea 3:5

²⁶"But they were disobedient and rebelled against you; they put your law behind their backs. They killed your prophets, who had admonished them in order to turn them back to you; they committed awful blasphemies.

Judges 2:11-12
Ezekiel 20:21
Psalms 50:17
1 Kings 14:9, 18:4, 19:10
2 Chronicles 24:20-21
Matthew 23:37
Acts 7:52

²⁷So you handed them over to their enemies, who oppressed them. But when they were oppressed they cried out to you. From heaven you heard them, and in your great compassion you gave them deliverers, who rescued them from the hand of their enemies.

Judges 2:14
Psalms 106:41-45
Judges 2:16, 3:9, etc.

²⁸"But as soon as they were at rest, they again did what was evil in your sight. Then you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies so that they ruled over them. And when they cried out to you again, you heard from heaven, and in your compassion you delivered them time after time.

Judges 3:11-12, 3:30, etc.
Psalms 106:43

²⁹"You warned them to return to your law, but they became arrogant and disobeyed your commands. They sinned against your ordinances, by which a man will live if he obeys them. Stubbornly they turned their backs on you, became stiff-necked and refused to listen.

Leviticus 18:5
Zechariah 7:11

³⁰For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you handed them over to the neighboring peoples.

Acts 13:18
2 Kings 17:13, Isaiah 42:24
1 Peter 1:10-11, 2 Peter 1:21
Acts 7:51

³¹But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

Jeremiah 4:27, 5:10, 18

³²Now therefore, O our God, the great, mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love, do not let all this hardship seem trifling in your eyes--the hardship that has come upon us, upon our kings and leaders, upon our priests and prophets, upon our fathers and all your people, from the days of the kings of Assyria until today.

Nehemiah 1:5
Deuteronomy 7:21
2 Kings 17:3

³³In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong.

Psalms 106:6
Daniel 9:5

³⁴Our kings, our leaders, our priests and our fathers did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the warnings you gave them.

³⁵Even while they were in their kingdom, enjoying your great goodness to them in the spacious and fertile land you gave them, they did not serve you or turn from their evil ways.

Deuteronomy 28:47

³⁶But see, we are slaves today, slaves in the land you gave our forefathers so they could eat its fruit and the other good things it produces.

Ezra 9:9

³⁷Because of our sins, its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have placed over us. They rule over our bodies and our cattle as they please. We are in great distress.

Deuteronomy 28:33, 51