## **Nehemiah Chap 1-6**

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# **FOUNDATIONAL BOOK**

# **#11 NEHEMIAH**

## **KEY WORD: POLITICAL RESTORATION**

## **KEY CHAPTER: 6 (Wall rebuilt)**

## **KEY DATE: 425 B.C. (End of O.T.)**

## **YEARS COVERED: 12** **years**

## **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

## **(1) CITY OF JERUSALEM RESTORED**

## **(2) REVIVAL AND RESTORATION**

## **Keeping it straight:**

## **Zerubbabel… first return, Reconstructed the Temple (Ezra 3:8)**

## **Ezra… second return, Restored the worship and knowledge of the Word Of God (Ezra Chap 3, 7-10)**

## **Nehemiah… third return, Rebuilt the walls (Neh chap 1 and 2)**

## **(1) They developed a greater loyalty to and interest in the Scriptures.**

## **(2) They were basically cured of idolatry…at least it was not the problem it had been before.**

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# **NEHEMIAH 1 & 2**

## **About 12 years have passed since the group led by Ezra returned.**

## **Nehemiah was the CUPBEARER to King Artaxerses.**

## **Nehemiah’s brother returns from Judah with a discouraging report: the walls and gates of Jerusalem are destroyed.**

## **Nehemiah is deeply grieved.**

## **He prays a great deal; is sad; the King wants to know why he is sad; fear.**

## **Nehemiah requests: (1) to rebuild Jerusalem; (2) safe passage to Judah; (3) access to the King’s forests.**

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## **Nehemiah is really a handbook on leadership/faith.**

## **When you see what needs to be fixed and you see the problems that created it, the devil will use all kinds of tactics to discourage and dissuade you from continuing.**

## ***1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith,***



## ***knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.***



## **1. Problems from without**

## ***Neh 2:9 Then I went to the governors in the region beyond the River, and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.***

## ***10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of it,***

## ***they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.***



## **They used fear, doubt, intimidation, threats and discouragement!**

## **Nehemiah stayed focused because He stayed on the Word Of God!!!!!**



## **Faith in what God Promised!**



## **Faith in what God taught!**



## ***1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.***

## ***Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***



## ***James 5:7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,***



## ***waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.***



## στηρίζω **sterizo = Establish**



## **to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm.**

## **To stand solid!**



## **TO REMAIN!**



## **How does a body of Christ *as a whole* and individually not chase the wind?**

## **1. *Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,***



## ***2 Tim 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,***



## ***Be steadfast AND OCCUPIED IN YOUR OWN WALK IN CHRIST!***

## **Stop talking and complaining of others, you have enough to work on by yourself and Jesus!!!!!!**



## ***Col 1:10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him,***



## ***being fruitful in every good work***



## ***and***

## ***increasing in the knowledge of God;***

## **“Pleasing” is, compliant and agreeable!!!**

## **It doesn’t say SOME BUT EVERY.**



## **The knowledge of God = to become fully acquainted with!**

## Next week: More lessons from Nehemiah