

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Nehemiah 4:6**BEGINNING AGAIN 26-1**

So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

**"THE WALLS BEGUN"
Nehemiah 1:1 – 4:23**

1. What was interesting to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Nehemiah 1:1-11

2. a. When men from Judah arrived in Susa, Nehemiah inquired about the exiles and Jerusalem. What was he told?

b. What did Nehemiah do when he heard their report?

c. How do you react when faced with "bad news?" Please share.
3. a. Of what did Nehemiah remind God as he began his prayer?

b. Nehemiah confessed the sins of whom and what did he say they had done?

c. Of what did Nehemiah remind God in verse 10?

d. Study Nehemiah's prayer and note what you think are indispensable elements of intercessory prayer.
4. What was Nehemiah's position in King Artaxerxes' court?

DAY 2 – READ Nehemiah 2:1-10

5. a. Nehemiah had been carrying the burden for Jerusalem in his heart for three months. What did the king notice?

b. Write Proverbs 15:13.

c. Look at faces around you this week. Do you have any good news for those crushed in spirit? What might that be? Please share.
6. a. What do you think Nehemiah might have asked God in his quick prayer?

b. How do you handle your "golden opportunities" to speak up?
7. a. How did King Artaxerxes answer Nehemiah's request in vs. 6-8?

b. What had God said in Deuteronomy 30:2-5?

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Nehemiah 2:1-10

8. Who accompanied Nehemiah on his trip?
9. Why were Sanballat and Tobiah disturbed?

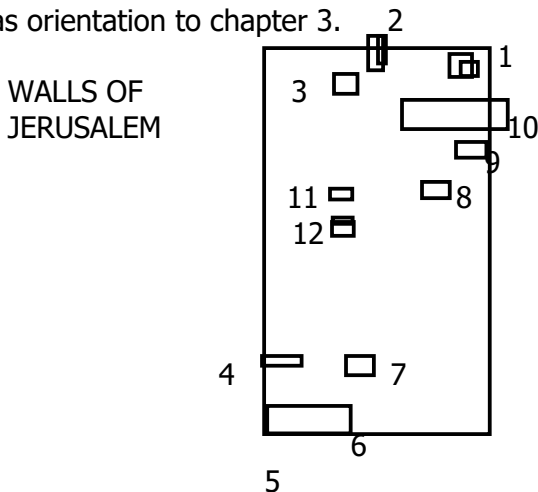
DAY 3 – READ Nehemiah 2:11-20

10. Nehemiah assessed the damaged wall in secret. Why do you think he chose to examine the walls at night?
11. Nehemiah needed to know the scope of the job ahead of him and make a plan of action. Why is that important for good leadership?
12. a. Who did Nehemiah eventually tell of his plans for Jerusalem from verse 16?

b. How did they respond to Nehemiah's call for cooperation?
13. What opposition did they meet?
14. Nehemiah had confidence in God. Share a Scripture that reinforces your confidence in God.

DAY 4 – READ Nehemiah 3:1-32

Below is an illustration of the walls of Jerusalem in the time of Nehemiah. Study it for a moment as orientation to chapter 3.



- GATES
1. Sheep
 2. Fish
 3. Old
 4. Valley
 5. Dung (refuse)
 6. Fountain

7. Water
8. Horse
9. East
10. Inspection
11. Ephriam*
12. Corner*

XX Temple
*not in this Scripture

15. a. As you read, identify occupations of the workers and/or unusual facts you discover.

b. From this reading, what do you see as Nehemiah's plan of organization?

DAY 5 – READ Nehemiah 4:1-23

16. What did Sanballat and Tobiah say to mock the Jews?
17. a. How did Nehemiah and the Jews handle the mockery?

b. The wall was built to _____ its height for the people had _____.
18. a. As the breaches in the wall began to close, what did the enemies plan?

b. What action did the builders take?
19. Where were the people stationed?
20. a. When Nehemiah saw their fear, what did he do in verses 14-16?

b. Share a project in your experience where the cooperation of many accomplished much?
21. a. At what sound were the people told to rally?

b. (IN-DEPTH) On what other occasions in the Bible was (will) this sound (be) heard?
22. Nehemiah and the people were in a constant state of preparedness. As Christians we should also be prepared for what according to 1 Peter 3:15,16?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: