

Neh 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel,

Neh 1:2 that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

Neh 1:3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

Neh 1:4 So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Neh 2:1 And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.

Neh 2:2 Therefore the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart." So I became dreadfully afraid,

Neh 2:3 and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?"

Neh 2:4 Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Neh 2:5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

Neh 2:6 Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "How long will your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

Neh 2:7 Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah,

Neh 2:8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.

Nehemiah Inspects Jerusalem's Walls

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.

Neh 2:10 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.

Neh 2:11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

Neh 2:12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.

Neh 2:13 And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

Neh 2:14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass.

Neh 2:15 So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

Neh 2:16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work.

Neh 2:17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

Neh 2:18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

Neh 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

Neh 2:20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

- (2V4) Nehemiah response was not sudden but prayerful... NEHEMIAH PRAYED BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE KING
- (2V5) IF I HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT.... FAVOR OPENS DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY AND PROVISION - “send me to Judah to rebuild the walls”
- V7 Further more ... DOES MY THINKING AND FAITH NEED TO GO FURTHER THAN WHAT I’VE ALREADY ASKED OR BELIEVED FOR? A VISION, A BURDEN WILL STRETCH YOU BEYOND THE NORM – AND ITS ALL FOR BUILDING HIS KINGDOM....
- He asked for **letter of ACCESS** to pass throu unhindered PLUS a **letter of PROVISION** - THAT’S WHAT FAVOR DOES IT OPENS DOORS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

2V9

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to the good hand of my God upon me.

SANBALLAT - AN MOABITE (Lust of the eyes) TOBIAH - AN AMMONITE (lust of the flesh)
GESHEM THE ARAB -Alien (pride of life)

BOTH DECENDANTS OF LOTS DAUGHTERS WHO HAD AN INCESTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LOT

Deu 23:3-5 "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever, V4 because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. V:5 Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loves you.

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THERE CAN NEVER BE FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM OR ALLOW THEM TO CAST SEED
YET THEY CAN RECEIVE SEED AND BE TRANSFORMED (RUTH)

2v12 Nehemiah went to the walls of the city with a few trusted men but did not share the vision of what God had placed on his heart with them as he wanted them to SEE IT.

- CAN YOU SEE AN END TIME MOVE OF GOD?
- CAN YOU SEE A CHURCH MOVING AND OPERATING IN THE POWER AND FAVOUR OF GOD?
- CAN YOU SEE THE NECESSITY OF REBUILDING THE WALL OF THE HOUSE THE GATES OF THE FAMILIES?
- CAN YOU SEE THE NEED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION OF GODS POWER IN THE DAYS WE LIVE IN?
- CAN YOU SEE US OWNING THIS BUILDING? CAN YOU SEE US INCREASING AND IMPACTING OUR SOCIETY?

THEY EITHER SAW THE RUINS AND THE RUBBISH OR THEY SAW THE WALLS? WHAT DO I SEE?

2V13-15 PATH TO SEE GODS VISION

Nehemiah 1st went through the (1) VALLEY GATE the same gate Christ carried his cross to Calvary, Same valley of Jehoshaphat where the brook Kidron flows

One always enters and observes through THE WAY OF THE CROSS - LOVE

(2)Serpents well (ONE HAS TO DRAW) place where people draw and drink from hopeless despair gossip brokenness and believe the lie more than the truth. Nehemiah observed the well they drank from? (Samaritan woman- Jacobs well)

To the (3)REFUSE GATE:

READ 2TIM2V16-26 Vessels of honour and dishonour gold silver to honour and presentable...

Wood and clay dishonourable - taken to refuse gate (no sanitary sewers in those days) dishonourable can be cleansed and made to a vessel of honour by putting away and not entertaining AND SANITISING THE VESSEL FROM THE INSIDE OUT, no longer speaking and carrying CR_P

(4)FOUNTAIN GATE—KINGS POOL NOTICE HERE THERES A FLOW IT'S A FOUNTAIN NOT A WELL

Came out throu the (5)VALLEY GATE – my coming and going my observing my walk and building must be done throu the way of the cross....

5 things visited 5 things observed 5 is grace

WE MUST ALWAYS OBSERVE WALK AND BUILD IN GRACE

Joe 3:17 "So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

Joe 3:18 And it will come to pass in that day That the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD And water the Valley of Acacias (*shittim = dry places*).

Joe 3:19 "Egypt (*world*) shall be a desolation, And Edom (*sexual perverse*) a desolate wilderness, Because of violence against the people of Judah, For they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Joe 3:20 But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Joe 3:21 For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion.