

REBUILDING THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:20

Key Verse 2:17

“Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”

*** Nehemiah's Prayer for Jerusalem (1:1-11)**

1. When and what did Nehemiah learn about the situation of the Jews in Jerusalem? (1:1-3; Ezra 4:23; 6:15; 9:1-2) How did Nehemiah react to it, and what can we learn about him? (1-4) What did the broken wall of Jerusalem mean to the Jews? What may correspond with the broken walls of Jerusalem these days?
2. Consider the content of his prayer. How did Nehemiah acknowledge God in his prayer? (5) With what attitude did he pray to God? (6-7) What was the basis of his prayer? (8-9, Lev 26:33, Dt 30:4) How did he ask for the grace of God? (10-11)

*** Nehemiah's act of faith for Jerusalem (2:1-20)**

3. What did the King notice in Nehemiah? (1-2) Why was he “very much afraid”? What requests did he make to the king overcoming fear? (3-8, Es 4:12-16) How did God bless his venture of faith? (8)
4. What practical preparations did Nehemiah undertake upon his arrival? (11-16) What was Nehemiah’s challenge to the leaders of Jerusalem and their reaction? (17-18) How did the enemies resist, and how did Nehemiah respond? (19,20) What are the qualities of spiritual leadership we learn from Nehemiah?