

NEHEMIAH'S RELIABILITY

Nehemiah 5:1 – 7:72a

Key Verse 6:3

“so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”

* The formation of unity (5:1-19)

1. What problems arose among the people in Jerusalem? (5:1-5) How did Nehemiah respond to the problems? (6-13) How did he set a good example as a godly leader? (14-19) What do you learn about his faith in God? (9,15b, 19)

* The completion of the wall (6:1-19)

2. How had the rebuilding of the wall progressed (1)? What schemes did the enemies use to kill Nehemiah and to prevent the people from rebuilding the wall? (2-14) How could he recognize and overcome the evil schemes (2b, 3-4, 8-9, 11-14)?
3. How long did it take to complete the wall? (15) Why were all enemies and the surrounding nations discouraged? (16-19) What might it have taken to complete the wall in 52 days?

* Securing the city of Jerusalem (7: 1-72a)

4. Why did Nehemiah appoint responsible men to guard the city gates? (7:1-3) What problem did Nehemiah notice after the wall was built? (4-5a) Why did Nehemiah make a specific list of those who had returned from Babylon? (5b-69) What does the sacrificial gift of the leaders and the people show about their attitude towards God? (70-72)