

# Nehemiah

“A Worker for the Lord”

# Important Dates

- Nebuchadnezzar conquers Judah and deports God's people to Babylon (606 BC).
- Cyrus (559 – 530 BC) (536 BC)
- Cambyses (Ahasuerus / Xerxes) (530 – 522 BC)
- Gomates (Pseudo-Smerdis) (521 BC)
- Darius the Great (521 – 486 BC)
- Artaxerxes / Ahasuerus (464 – 424 BC)
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# Nehemiah's Story

- Nehemiah is told that the wall around Jerusalem laid waist (444 BC) (1:3).
- Gained permission from Artaxerxes to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls (2:6)
- Nehemiah completes the wall project in 52 days (6:15) by the providential help of God (2:8).
- If we have a mind to do God's commandments He will always be with us.

# 52 Days Reveal a Man's Character

- Response to the news of disobedience (Neh. 1:4-11 – weeping, fasting, and prayer)
- Laughed at (Neh. 2:19)
- Mocked (Neh. 4:1-3)
- Threatened (4:11)
- Plotted against (Neh. 6:1ff)
- Falsely accused (Neh. 6:5-8)
- Intimidated (Neh. 6:9, 13, 19)

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- A man of great faith (Neh. 2:20)
- Prayer (Neh. 1:5-11; 2:4; 4:4, 9)
- Confident in God's providential care (Neh. 2:2-4, 8, 18).
- Bold to do right (Neh. 2:5ff; 4:14)
- Hated sin (Neh. 4:4-5)
- Willing to expose sin (Neh. 5:6-7)
- Deeply concerned about the spiritual (1:3-4) and physical well being of people (5:10, 14, 17).
- Determined to do his duty (2:5, 17-18; 4:6, 14; 5:15; 6:3; 10:29).

# Lessons Learned from Nehemiah

- When the duty of keeping God's commandments call let us go to the work (Neh. 4:14).
- Let us not allow those of the world (or even brethren) discourage us from doing God's will (Neh. 13:14, 22, 31).