



Nehemiah

RISE *Up* & RE: *build*



RE: *fresh*



RE: *build*



RE: *lease*

Nehemiah

Name means "The Lord has comforted."

Son of Hachaliah (other men called Nehemiah)

He was a devout Jew

Living in Susa in Persia (modern day Iran)

Cup bearer to the King Artaxerxes II

Never visited Jerusalem

445 BC - Nehemiah is called to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem

Month Chislev – mid November to mid December



Biblical Jewish History

1400 BC – Law given to Moses

1062 BC – King David on throne of Israel

931 BC – Nation broken into two Israel (10 tribes) and Judah (2 tribes)

740 BC – Assyria attacks Israel

606 BC – Nebuchadnezzar attacks Israel & takes children off to Babylon (Daniel)

586 BC – Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar attack and destroy Jerusalem

538 BC – Cyrus lets Zerubbabel take 50,000 Jews go home (Ezra 1 – 6)

522 BC - Foundation of temple laid but people stop building

520 BC – Haggai and Zechariah – call to finish the temple.

516 BC – Temple was finished

457 BC – Ezra return with 2000 to re-establish worship

445 BC - Nehemiah is called to rebuild the walls



Nehemiah's Heart (v 1 – 4)

¹ The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, ² Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. ³ They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." ⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1 v 1 – 4



Nehemiah's Prayer (v 4 – 11)

⁴ *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. **Nehemiah 1:1-11 (ANIV)***



Nehemiah's Prayer (v 4 – 11)

a. Worship (v 5)

⁵ Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands,



Nehemiah's Prayer (v 5 – 11)

b. Confession (v 6 – 7)

⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. ⁷ We have acted very wickedly towards you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.



Nehemiah's Prayer (v 4 – 11)

c. Reminding (v 8 – 11)

⁸ "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, ⁹ but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.' ¹⁰ "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man."



Nehemiah's Prayer (v 4 – 11)

d. Requesting (v 11)

¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man."



Nehemiah's Decision (v 11)

11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man."



Our Decision

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."

*18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. **Nehemiah 2:17-18 (ANIV)***

