



Nehemiah

RISE *Up* & RE: *build*



RE: *fresh*



RE: *build*



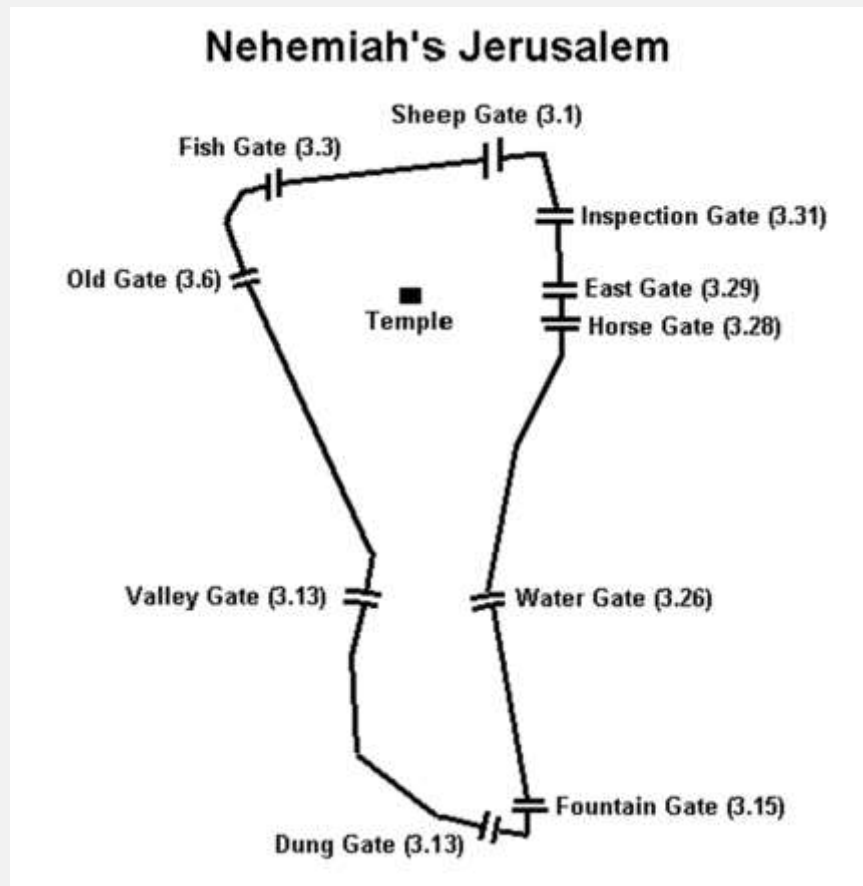
RE: *lease*

Rebuilding Overcomes Opposition

Nehemiah 4



The walls



Their enemies

- Sanballat & Samaritans – North
- Tobiah & Ammonites - East
- Geshem & Arabs – South
- Men of Ashdod – West



Their enemies

- Ridiculed
- Planned to attack
- Spread fear



RE: fresh RE: build RE: lease

Nehemiah's response

- Prayer
- Priorities
- Promises
- Persistence



Nehemiah's response ... Prayer

4 Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.



Nehemiah's response ... Priorities

Built the city wall ...

¹⁶ From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armour. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah ¹⁷ who were building the wall.

Protected the City ...

⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.



Nehemiah's response ... Promises

14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

19 Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. 20 Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"



Nehemiah's response ... Persistence

²¹ So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. ²² At that time I also said to the people, "Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so that they can serve us as guards by night and workmen by day." ²³ Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.



Our response

- Prayer
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- Persistence

Our God will fight for us!"

