

Ezra-Nehemiah Part 10

Major Theme

Our God will fight for us so we continued the work

Builders of Gates and Wall - Nehemiah 3:1-32

- 3:1-2—Sheep Gate
- 3:3-5—Fish Gate
- 3:6-12—Old Gate
- 3:13—Valley Gate to Dung Gate
- 3:14—Dung Gate
- 3:15-27—Fountain Gate
- 3:28-32—Horse Gate to Inspection Gate to Sheep Gate

The Nations Rage - Nehemiah 4:1-5

- Nehemiah is seeking the good of others, and Sanballat and Tobiah are seeking their own advantage at the expense of others.
- John 2:19-22
- He answered, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out.” // Luke 19:40 (CSB)
- Psalm 2
- In 4:4-5, Nehemiah prays in response to the criticism and attacks
 - Prays for God to execute justice upon God’s enemies

The Peoples Plot in Vain - Nehemiah 4:6-14

- Nehemiah and the people again pray in response to the opposition that God’s work among them faces
- “I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.” // John 16:33 (CSB)
- Internal and External Threats
 - The people themselves begin to doubt (4:10)
 - Physical attacks begin from outside (4:11-12)
 - Nehemiah responds to both threats by pointing people to their God and their goal

Swords, Spears and Shovels - Nehemiah 4:15-23

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- Romans 8:31-39