
Nehemiah
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A Time to Celebrate

Nehemiah 12: 1 - 47

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The occasion – dedication of the wall

- **Nehemiah 12:27** Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem …

The purpose – to celebrate

- **Nehemiah 12:27** so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness,

How – with music

- **Nehemiah 12:27** with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs *to the accompaniment* of cymbals, harps and lyres.

Numbers 10:2-10 Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out….

10 "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

Who? – the singers, Levites, priests, leaders, people

- **Nehemiah 12:27** Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem
- **Nehemiah 12:28** So the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around Jerusalem,

How prepared? - Purified

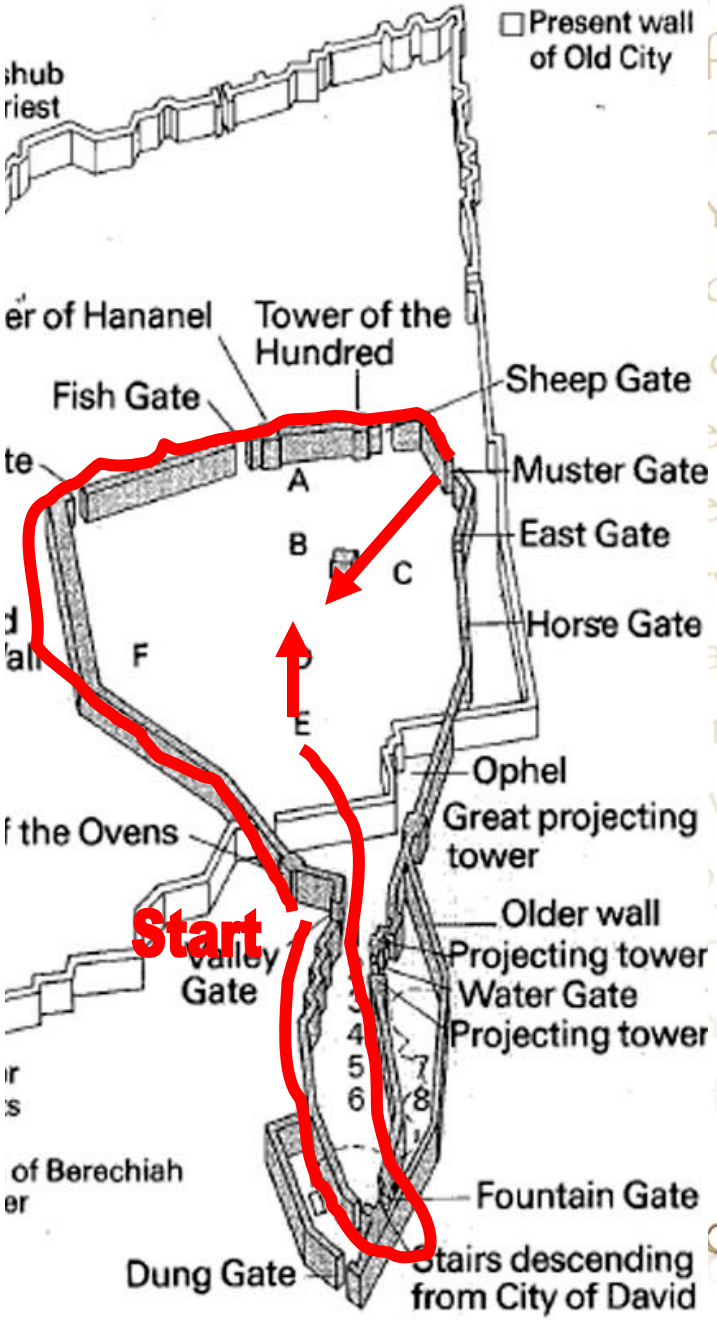
- **Nehemiah 12:30** The priests and the Levites purified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates and the wall.

Layout? – Organized march around the walls ending at the temple

- **Nehemiah 12:31** Then I had the leaders of Judah come up on top of the wall, and I appointed two great choirs, the first proceeding to the right on top of the wall toward the Refuse Gate.

Nehemiah 12:38-39 the second choir proceeded to the left, while I followed them with half of the people on the wall above the Tow e Bro ve the he Old te, the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped at the Gate of the Guard.

Nehemiah 12:40
Then the two choirs took their stand in the house of God.



With the result? – Heartfelt explosion of joy

- **Nehemiah 12:43** and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because God had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.



With the result ? – of setting up a system to support the priests and Levites

- **Nehemiah 12:44** On that day men were also appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the law for the priests and Levites; **for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who served.**

Live and work for spiritual





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d to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distr
, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire." When
rds, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before
n. I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who pr
nant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, let Your



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Live and work for spiritual significance

- Never again clutter your days or nights with so many menial and unimportant things that you have no time to accept a real challenge when it comes along. This applies to play as well as work. A day merely survived is no cause for celebration. You are not here to fritter away your precious hours when you have the ability to accomplish so much by making a slight change in your routine. No more busy work. No more hiding from success. Leave time, leave space, to grow. Now. Now! Not tomorrow!

Celebrate

- With gladness
- Pay the price
- Sing your heart out
- Be purified
- Be organized
- Let it roar!