

Nehemiah Chapter 2:11-20 - Study Guide

“So What”

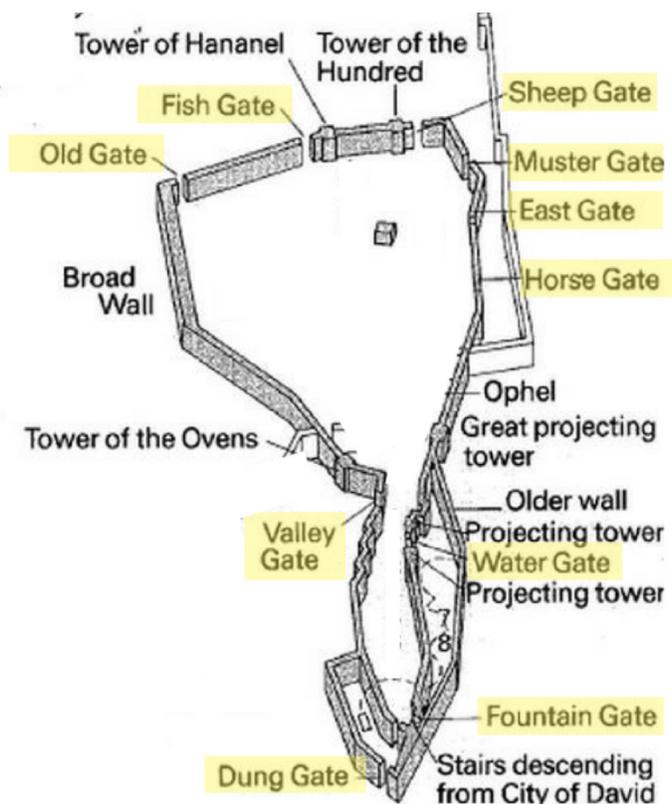
Background Information

In the first half of chapter 2, Nehemiah stood before King Artaxerxes with sorrow of heart. This very well could have resulted in his own death. However, God showed him favor in the sight of the King. Nehemiah was granted permission to go to Judah. Everything he needed to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem was also given to him. So, what is Nehemiah going to do next?

Basic Outline of Today’s Study

1. So I came to Jerusalem (vs11)
2. Viewing the walls (vs12-14)
3. So I returned (vs15-17)
4. The power behind it all (vs18)
5. Opposition arises again (vs19)
6. So I answered (vs20)

Something Helpful:



Discussion Questions:

1. What is our part in seeing the will of the Lord fulfilled? What is God's part?
2. How should the church as well as individual believers respond to opposition?
3. What are the two forms of opposition that are launched against Nehemiah? Have you experienced these in your own life?
4. How does Nehemiah respond to opposition? How can we respond in the same way?

Reference Verses:

The city of Jerusalem

Psalm 48:1-2 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Zechariah 8:3 "Thus says the Lord: 'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain.'

Jeremiah 3:17 "At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

Ridicule and Rejection

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Acts 2:12-13 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine.

Acts 17:18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

False Accusations

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.