

BORN LEADER
NEHEMIAH / 6-24-18 / P.M.

I. NEHEMIAH'S LIFE.

- A. His name means "**Comforted by God.**"
- B. Nothing is known of him except what is written in the book bearing his name,
- C. He lived in Persia and served as King Artaxerxes cup bearer.
 - 1. They insured what the king ate and drank wasn't poisonous.
 - 2. It was an important position that put him very close to the king.
 - 3. It wasn't unusual for a cup bearer to also become a close advisor to the king.
- D. He heard that the walls of Jerusalem had not been rebuilt even though the first exiles returned nearly 100 years earlier.
 - 1. Walls provided safety for a city.
 - 2. Nehemiah determined that he would return to rebuild the walls himself.
 - 3. He asked the king for permission to take a leave of absence and it was granted along with letters instructing people to provide materials and labor for the project.
 - 4. He not only rebuilt the walls but also served as a spiritual leader for the people.
 - 5. The walls were rebuilt in 52 days—Neh. 6:15.

II. NEHEMIAH'S LEADERSHIP LESSONS.

- 1. Godly leaders have a clear vision of God's purpose and plan--Nehemiah 2:11-12a.
- 2. Godly leaders have a genuine love for his people--Nehemiah 5:7.
- 3. Godly leaders delegate, doing only what they can do--Nehemiah 2:6-8.
- 4. Godly leaders know how to motivate in a Godly manner--Nehemiah 2:17-18.
- 5. Godly leaders are determined to persevere.
- 6. Godly leaders confront wrongdoers.
- 7. Godly leaders will not compromise no matter what.

8. Godly leaders are patient--Neh. 1:11 and 2:4 and Psa. 37:7.
9. Godly leaders are courageous—Neh. 6:11.
10. Godly leaders are willing to sacrifice for others—Neh. 5:18b.