

Nehemiah - Lesson 2 - Chapter 3

Assigning Sections	Game Plan	Nehemiah
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - next to him(them) - After him - Sections were assigned near their house - People from all walks of life - men and women - Many involved in the construction especially down in the southeast corner - Gates listed counterclockwise around the city - Tekoites nobles did not support the work to the master - laziness? - could their loyalty be divided? - Most of the city is surrounded by valleys - the north and northwest were the most open for attack - Southeast portion of the wall may have been the most difficult to rebuild 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Task seems overwhelming - People were content living as it is - Break it down into smaller projects that can be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time - Each person was working beside someone else - motivation, competition, encouragement, helping each - Motivated to build quickly, build well and secure the gates because it was near their homes - Gates needed to be secured - protected them from the outsiders 	<p>Man of . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compassion - Prayer - Vision <p>Was . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creative - Strong and courageous - Inspiring - Motivating - Educator <p>Had . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a plan - Drive and desire - Leadership skills - Boldness - Determination <p>Understood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - His God - His purpose (Eph 2:10) <p>Knew how to get the most out of people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - led by example

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Strong-Armed Tactics	Nehemiah Continues Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- enemy was displeased that someone was helping Israel (2:10)- Displeasure turned to anger (4:1) - mocking- Ridiculing the Jews to the Samaritans - possibly trying to incite them to attack (4:2)- Demoralizing the people (4:3)- Brings doubt to the people's efforts (4:3)- Anger increases (4:7)- Conspire together to fight Jerusalem (4:8)- Threatened them - to put a stop to the work and kill them (4:11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- first thing Nehemiah does - PRAY (4:4-5) - dependent on God's sovereignty and His protection- The persecution was coming from all sides (4:6, 12)- Gets the people to pray (4:9)- Sets up a guard around them (4:9)- They were discouraged (4:10)- God revealed the plot against them (4:12, 15)- Stations men (family members) at weak points and low spots - they are armed to protect (4:13)- Addresses their fear (4:14) - REMEMBER the Lord who is great and awesome- The workforce was cut in half (4:16)- Station trumpeters to sound the alarm (4:20)- They continued their work - didn't get much sleep (4:22-23) <p>Today we still with opposition that stands against the work of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jn 15:16-21; 16:33; 17:13-21

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Problems from Within	Nehemiah's Response
<p>Nobles of the land didn't seem willing to work and may have had alliances with the enemies (5:1-5; 3:5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people were tired of hard labor - Drained from the harassment of the enemies - Poor and lacking necessities of life - Borrow money - Working on the wall instead of getting food - Exploited by the rich Jews - people were forced to sell homes, lands, and children - Usury 	<p>Addressed the problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex 22:25 - when giving/helping the poor - they were not to charge them interest - Lev 25:35-43 - treat the poor with respect and dignity - Dt 15:7-11 - open-handedly help the poor among us - Dt 23:19-20 - lend with no interest to a brother but a foreigner you can lend at interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - let's leave off this usury (10) - He steps in as governor (14) - An example of working hard to help the project, not taking advantage of "tax incentives" for his help - Remember me for the good that I have done for the people <p>NT examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jn 13:34-35 - love one another - I Jn 3:16-18 - we are to love in deed and truth - share with those in need - James 5:1-5 - rich were oppressing the poor and their cries are heard by God - Acts 4:32-35 - they all shared what they had with each other so there was no needy one among them