

NEHEMIAH - CHAPTER 3

NOTES FROM LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

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V1-2. SERVANT LEADERSHIP

- THE BUILDING BEGAN WITH THE HIGH PRIEST AT THE SHEEP GATE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY, AND IS DESCRIBED IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION HEADING WESTWARD
- THE BEAUTY AND IMAGERY OF THE HIGH PRIEST ESTABLISHING AND DEDICATING THE SHEEP GATE IN THE CITY WITH THE TEMPLE WHERE JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD WOULD TEACH AND GO TO AND FROM
- THE LENGTH OF THE **WALLS** IS 4,018 METERS (2.4966 MI), THEIR AVERAGE HEIGHT IS 12 METERS (39.37 FEET) AND THE AVERAGE THICKNESS IS 2.5 METERS (8.2 FEET). THE **WALLS** CONTAIN 34 WATCHTOWERS AND SEVEN MAIN GATES OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, WITH TWO MINOR GATES REOPENED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

V3-4. NEXT TO AND NEXT TO

- WHAT A PICTURE OF BIBLICAL UNITY:
 - MEN & WOMEN
 - CLERGY & LAITY
 - ROYAL CLASS & WORKING CLASS
 - DIFFERENT TOWNS
 - DIFFERENT TRADES
 - DIFFERENT GENERATIONS
- THE TRANSITION OF A SEASON FROM SINGLE DIRECTOR TO A BODY
 - ADAM, EVE, NOAH, ABRAHAM, SARAH, MOSES, JOSHUA, ELIJA, ELISHA, JONAH, ESTHER, SOLOMON,
- THE BEAUTY OF SEEING A NEW COVENANT UNFOLD MAKES THIS OTHERWISE DAUNTING NAME FILLED CHAPTER GLORIOUS
- THIS WORK OF NEHEMIAH FORESHADOWS THE UPCOMING WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH
 - THE PROGRESSION IN THE HISTORY OF REDEMPTION IS POINTING TOWARD
 - MOMENTARY, CLOUD, MOUNTAIN, ARK, TEMPLE, HIGH PRIESTS, CURTAIN
- THE CLERGY COULDN'T DO IT ALONE
- THIS REBUILDING IS NEEDED TO BE DONE BY THE WHOLE PEOPLE
 - *There is much the Lord longs to rebuild, that may never be as transformed as it could be because of sin and unwillingness—pray for a willing and cooperative spirit.*

V5 SOME COULDN'T STOOP TO SERVE

- NOBLES UNWILLING
- THE BEST ABILITY IS AVAILABILITY

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- THE SON OF MAN HIMSELF DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE
 - *No one has the spiritual gift of wall building—they didn't box themselves into a category*
 - *How can you serve next to others in your body?*

V6-12. DETAILS AND FAVOR

- AGAIN WE SEE THE ORDER OF REBUILDING A GATE: BEAMS, DOORS, BOLTS, BARS
- HELPERS INCLUDE A JEWISH RULER NAMED HALLOHESH AND HIS DAUGHTERS

V13-32. MANY WORKERS-ORDERLY WORK

- SECTIONS WERE GIVEN
- ORDER WAS ESTABLISHED
- VERSE 14-SOME GATES HAD ROOFING
- VERSE 22-PRIESTS FROM SURROUNDING REGION
- RESPONSIBILITIES WERE GIVEN BY PROXIMITY TO THEIR HOMES
 - MOTIVE IS HIGHER TO COMPLETE QUICKLY AND DO IT WELL
 - TIME IS NOT WASTED IN COMMUTING OR TRAVELING TO WORK
 - OPPOSITION COULD BE FOUGHT DAY OR NIGHT
 - WOULD ENLIST THE HELP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND USE ALL RESOURCES
 - OWNERSHIP IN CHURCH WORK IS IMPORTANT
- SECTIONS WERE GIVEN

COMPOSITIONS:

LIMESTONE: CaCO_3

CARBON DIOXIDE: CO_2

What is something that was shared today that was meaningful to you or sparked an interest or excitement for further bible study?

How can you serve alongside others in your body of believers with a willing heart and your availability to accomplish a common purpose?