

# “Through the Bible: Nehemiah 1-4”

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## I. Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem; Troublemakers Loom (Nehemiah 1-2)

A. What distressing report did Nehemiah receive from Hanani (Neh. 1:1-3)?

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B. “And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ certain days, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ before the God of heaven” (Neh. 1:4).

C. In his prayer, what confessions did Nehemiah make (Neh. 1:6-7)?

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D. In his prayer, what did Nehemiah ask God to remember (Neh. 1:8-9)?

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E. Nehemiah asked God to “grant him \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of this man,” referring to the king. What position did Nehemiah hold in reference to the king (Neh. 1:11)? \_\_\_\_\_

F. Artaxerxes noticed something different about Nehemiah. What observation did the king make in Neh. 2:2? \_\_\_\_\_

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G. Nehemiah said, “Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be \_\_\_\_\_, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth \_\_\_\_\_, and the gates thereof are consumed with \_\_\_\_\_” (Neh. 2:3)? After having said he prayed, and requesting he be allowed to leave so that he “may \_\_\_\_\_ it” (Neh. 2:5), how did the king respond (Neh. 2:6)?

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H. Upon arrival to the governors beyond the river, what two individuals did Nehemiah meet, and how did they react to his being there (Neh. 2:9-10)?

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I. Nehemiah took a night-time journey to survey the damage to the walls and gates of Jerusalem. When he told the people of his plans, they replied, “Let us \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_” (Neh. 2:18). This verse additionally says, “So they strengthened their \_\_\_\_\_ for this good \_\_\_\_\_.”

J. How did Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem react to this news (Neh. 2:19)?

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K. Nehemiah replied, "The God of heaven, he will \_\_\_\_\_ us; therefore we his servants will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (Neh. 2:20).

**II. Enumerating the Wall and Gate Builders (Nehemiah 3)**

A. A large portion of Neh. 3 is dedicated to declaring who helped build what gate or portion of wall. Answer the following questions concerning this topic.

1. Upon an investigation of Neh. 3:1-31, three phrases appear several times. Look at these verses and show the common phrase in each.

a. Neh. 3:2,8,10,12,17 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Neh. 3:4,5,7,9,10 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Neh. 3:16-18, 20-25, 29-31 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Neh. 3:19 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do we learn about the nobles in Neh. 3:5?

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B. What gates are mentioned in this chapter (Neh. 3:1,3,6,13-15,26,28-29,31-32)?

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**III. More Trouble Arrives; Plans to Build & Safeguard Put in Place (Nehemiah 4)**

A. Sanballat was "wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews" (Neh. 4:1). His partner Tobiah remarked, "Even that which they build, if a \_\_\_\_\_ go up, he shall even break \_\_\_\_\_ their stone wall" (Neh. 4:3).

B. The first thing Nehemiah did was turn to God saying, "we are \_\_\_\_\_: and turn their reproach upon their own \_\_\_\_\_, and give them for a \_\_\_\_\_ in the land of captivity" (Neh. 4:4).

C. Even after all of this trouble, what good news does Neh. 4:6 report?

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D. Who conspired to "come and to \_\_\_\_\_ against Jerusalem, and to \_\_\_\_\_ it" (Neh. 4:7-8)?

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E. Once again, the builders turned to God. However, what statements in Neh. 4:10-11 indicate there was great stress being placed upon the builders?

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F. "And it came to pass from that time forth, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of my servants wrought in the \_\_\_\_\_, and the other \_\_\_\_\_ of them held both the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah" (Neh. 4:16).

G. Which important person stood next to Nehemiah (Neh. 4:18)?

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H. Neh. 4:23 expresses the serious situation. Summarize it. \_\_\_\_\_

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