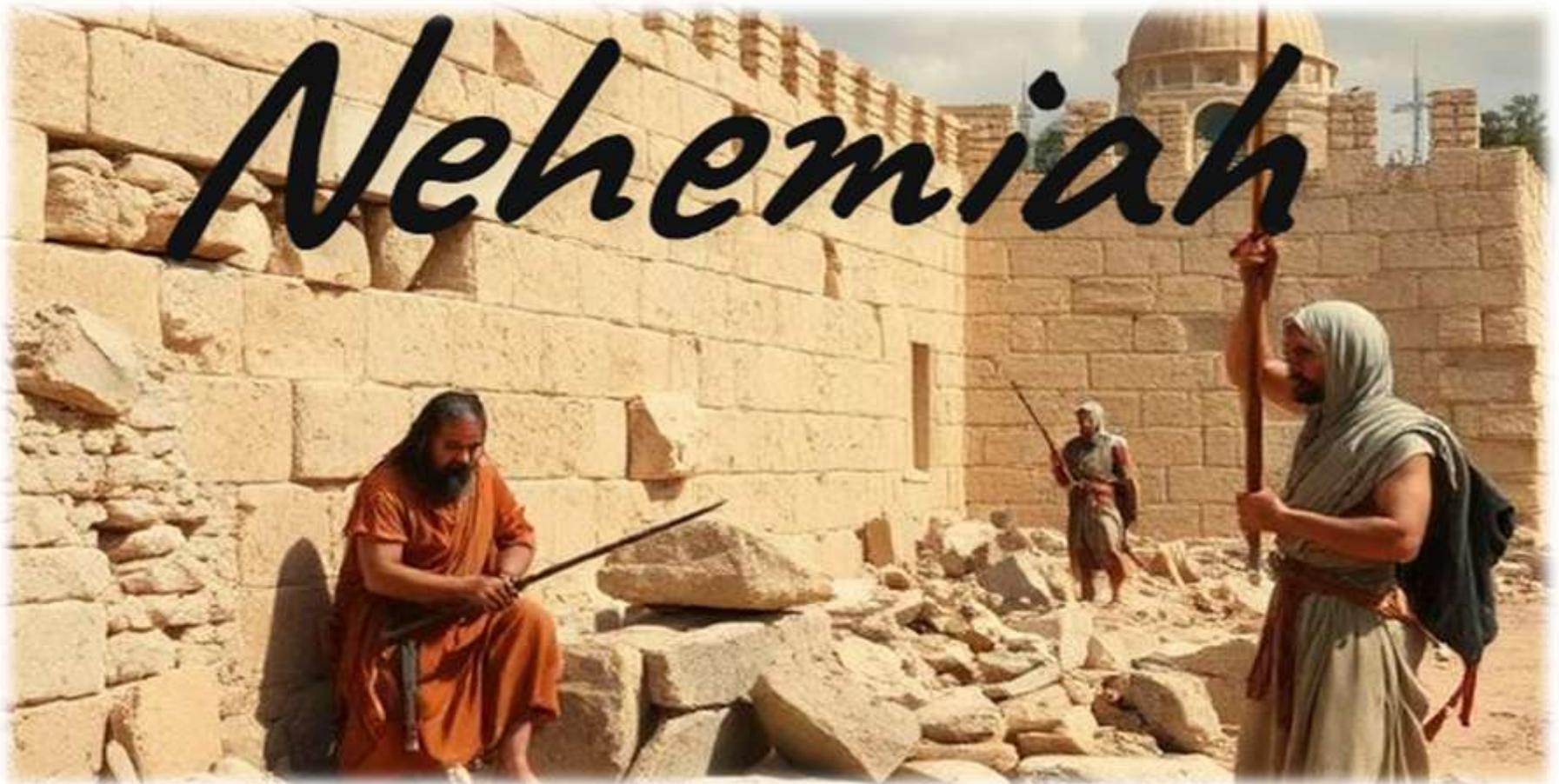


The Wall Rebuilt

1:5-11; 6:2-9,15-16



Key Concept

God restores His people when they repent so that the world would know He is God.

**The first group of Jews
returns and rebuilds the
temple (Ezra 1-6)**

**Nehemiah returns and
rebuilds the wall around
Jerusalem (Neh 1-6)**

**Ezra the priest returns to
Judah and instructs the
people in the law (Ezra 7-10)**

**Esther and Mordecai
rescue God's people
from destruction
(Esther 1-10)**

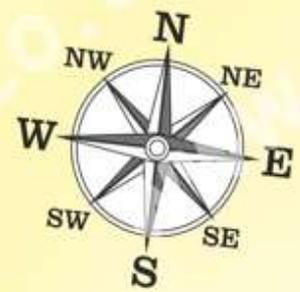
**Today's Lesson
Nehemiah returns and
rebuilds the wall around
Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1-6)**

The gates and walls of Jerusalem at the time of Nehemiah



Red lines & numbers 1-41 indicate the 41 wall & gate sections mentioned in Nehemiah chp3.

Position & direction of view in each scene



Wine-drinking vessel inscribed with the name of Artaxerxes I, his father Xerxes and his grandfather Darius. It dates to 5th Century BC and would very likely have been used by Nehemiah in his royal duties as cup bearer to the King of Persia. Discovered in 1935, on display at the British Museum in London



Corner Tower

EASTERN GATE



**950-586 BC Stones of the
Corner Tower of 444 BC in
Nehemiah 3:31**





Stones of
CORNER TOWER





The Single Gate in the south wall of the Temple Mount used by Crusaders to enter the caverns below the Temple Mount to stable their horses. It is now blocked shut. This gate is very close to Nehemiah's Horse Gate that was in the east wall of the city.



NEHEMIAH'S WALL OF 444 BC



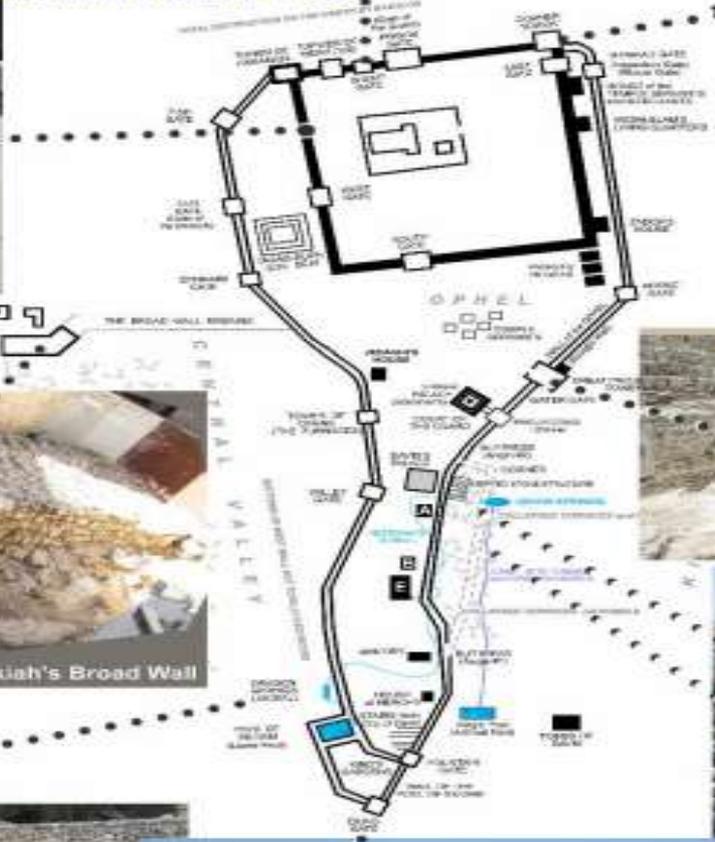
Remains of CORNER TOWER



Nehemiah saw these stones at the CORNER TOWER



Stones from the west wall of Solomon's retaining wall left by Babylon in 586 BC and visible to Nehemiah in 458 BC.



Labels: Tower of the Women, Sheep Gate, Fish Gate, Corner Tower, East Gate, Corner Tower.



22 feet

Hezekiah's Broad Wall



Royal Stables

Gate House



WATER GATE



Dragon Springs



TOMBS



City of David

Dung Gate

Nehemiah on Horse

- **What is a historical factoid about the book of Nehemiah? Originally it and Ezra were combined into one book**
- **(T/F) Although not covered in today's lesson, Nehemiah refused the help from Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem because he hated them for killing Israelites.**
False – Those men represented a remnant of Israelites never exiled. Nehemiah opposed their offer because they had intermarried, intermixed religion and could interfere with the purity of the returning Jews

•(T/F) The wall that Nehemiah rebuilt was not the exact same as the original?

True – The rebuilt wall was smaller due to smaller population and limited resources

•(T/F) Nehemiah had traveled to Jerusalem several times but never realized the severity of destruction to the wall.

False – He was born in captivity and had never visited Jerusalem

•What is a significant factor regarding time keeping in this story that is different from our modern time keeping? **A year was considered 360 days for admin records**

•What are the many tactics Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem, and Satan sought to stop the completion of Jerusalem's wall?

- 1) Distraction – tried to lure Nehemiah away
- 2) Deceit – plan to harm instead just meeting
- 3) Character assassination – accused Nehemiah
- 4) False rumors – rebellion to become king
- 5) False prophets – hired by enemies to trick him
- 6) Intimidation – to make him hide in the temple
- 7) Direct threat of attack while rebuilding the wall

•(T/F) A kings cup bearer was strictly for testing the King's drinks. False – It was a high honor in the court and a trusted confidant / advisor of King Artaxerxes

•What are some ways we can learn from Nehemiah to rebuild the destroyed ruins in our life?

- Strengthen your resolve in prayer**
- Fasting and supplication**
- Remain positive**
- Have confidence that God will provide if you truly seek His will for your life**
- Stand firm in the face of opposition to serving the Lord (by family / friends / others)**
- Cast any anxieties upon God, seek His presence in your life**