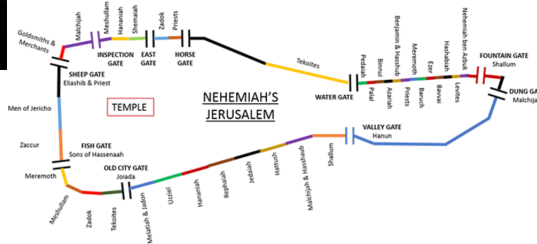


This month we are looking at Nehemiah:

The cupbearer travels the 40+ days from Persa to Jerusalem.

- 2:11 Nehemiah spends three days inspecting
- 2:17 Nehemiah inspires the people to take up the work to build the wall
- Chapter 3—the building begins



Everyone was involved

- High Priest (1)
- Goldsmiths (8)
- Perfumers (8)
- City Officials (9, 12, 15,16, 17,18,19)
- Levites (17)
- Priests (22)
- Temple servants (26)
- Guards (29)
- Daughters (12)

1. What value do you see in starting with the high priest (3:1) building the wall?
- Why get everyone involved?

Four Momentum Stoppers in Nehemiah 4

1. **Loss of Strength**
"the strength of the burden bearers is failing" (v. 10)
- they demoralized the others (4:5b)
2. **Loss of Confidence**
"we are unable to rebuild the walls" (v. 10)
3. **Loss of vision**
"There is so much rubbish" (v. 10)
4. **Loss of Security**
"Our enemies said" (v. 11)
"they came and told us TEN TIMES" (v. 12)

Sanballat, the enemy (4:1-5, 11-12)

- He attacks the _____ (feeble)
- He attacks the _____ (going to do it themselves)
- He attacks their _____ (sacrifices)
- He attacks their _____ (stones from rubble)

- We ended with: "What did Nehemiah do to keep the momentum going?"

2. Nehemiah's Powerful Plan: the marks of a true Leader (John 10:12-13)

- (a) P _____ (4:9)
- (b) P _____ the people (9b, 13, 16-18)
- (c) P _____ (14)
- (d) P _____ a means to communicate (19-20)

Two Take-a-ways:

1. "I saw their fear" (4:14)
Nehemiah did not dismiss it
What would Nehemiah have seen?
What does fear do to people?
- apply this to your family...
- apply this to the congregation...



2. Everyman built in front of his house (3:23,28)
What is the importance of that?
What wall of protection do you need to help strengthen in front of your house?

- Next time: The Prayers found in Nehemiah