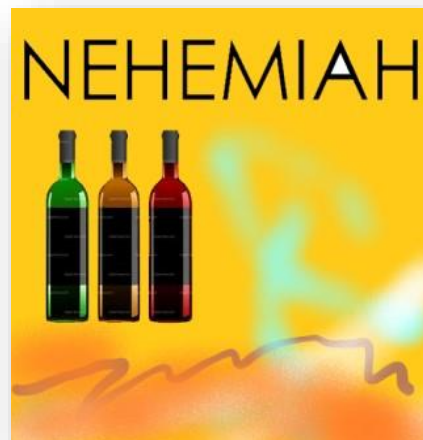


NEHEMIAH 6 vs 1

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The Book of Nehemiah originally was one book shared with Ezra; certain Greek manuscripts separated the two prior to the time of Origen and Jerome. Hebrew manuscripts kept them together until 1448. Nehemiah was a very gifted and capable man. His patriotism was infectious, moving men to leave their harvest in the field, in order to make the grueling journey back to Jerusalem. His integrity and humility made him stand out as a leader living at the highest level of trust. He attained fame as the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia.



Conspiracy Against Nehemiah,

¹ When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it -- though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates,

² Sanballat and Geshem sent me a message, saying, Come, let's meet together in the villages of the Ono Valley. They planned to do me harm.

³ So I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing important work, and cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?

⁴ But four times they sent me this message, and I gave them the same answer.

⁵ Then Sanballat sent the message a fifth time by an aid, with an open letter in his hand.

⁶ In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem agrees, you and the Jews plan to rebel; so according to the rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, you are to be their king.

⁷ and have appointed prophets to proclaim for you at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah! Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, let us consult together.

⁸ Then I replied to him, saying, There is nothing to the rumors your spreading; which you invented in your own mind.

⁹ For they were trying to intimidate us, saying, Their hands will drop the work, and it will not be finished. So now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰ I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, Let's meet in the house of God, in the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you. / since the time of Moses only the priest was permitted to enter the Holy place in the Temple, had Nehemiah done this his reputation would be destroyed; like King Saul who thought he could offer sacrifices.

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¹¹ But I said, should a man like me run away? How can one like me enter the temple and live? I will not go in!

¹² Then I knew God had not sent him, because of the prophecy he spoke against me. It was Tobiah and Sanballat who hired him.

¹³ For this purpose he was hired, to intimidate me and offend God, and with an evil report, that they discredit me.

¹⁴ My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, and what they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the other prophets who wanted to intimidate me.

The Wall Completed

¹⁵ So the wall was finished in fifty-two days, on the twenty-fifth day of Elul.

¹⁶ And when all our enemies heard it, and all the nations around us saw it, they were very discouraged; for they realized that this work was accomplished by our God.

¹⁷ During those days the nobles of **Judah** sent many letters to Tobiah, and from Tobiah came letters to them.

¹⁸ For many in **Judah** were bound by oath to him, since he was a son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berechiah.

¹⁹ These nobles often reported his good deeds to me, and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.

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