

“The Wall is Done—The Work is Not”

Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT—THE WALL WAS FINISHED! 6:15-16

1. The wall around Jerusalem was completed. 6:15

- It was finished on the 25th day of the Hebrew month Elul. Ref. Neh. 1:1

2. The construction project was finished in 52 days. 6:15

3. Nehemiah credited God for the work. 6:16

AND...THE PROBLEMS CONTINUED. 6:17-19

1. The nobles of Judah and Tobiah were still sending letters back and forth. v.17

- This is the same Tobiah who teamed up with Sanballat & Geshem to mock, threaten, and lie.

2. There were apparently many connections to Tobiah through business agreements and marriage. v.18

3. There continued to be ‘chatter’ that was causing problems among God’s people. v.19

- And Tobiah is still causing problems in chapter 13! (You don’t want to be a Tobiah!)

-Proverbs 14:4: Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.

THE WALL IS DONE—THE WORK IS NOT. 7:1-4

1. Nehemiah made three general categories of appointments to manage the work. v.1

- Gatekeepers, singers, and the Levites.

2. Nehemiah made two specific appointments to lead and protect the work. v.2

- He appointed his brother Hanani as the civil leader of Jerusalem.
- He appointed Hananiah as military commander in charge of defense. NASB: “commander of the citadel”

3. Nehemiah gave directions for protecting the work. v.3

- The walls and gates were to protect against enemy attack and invaders.
- Don’t open the gates “until the sun is hot” & Shut the gates while the guards are still there.

4. And...there is still more to be done. v.4

APPLICATIONS...

1. The reality in Jesus’ life.

- On Palm Sunday we celebrate the ‘Triumphal Entry’ of Jesus into Jerusalem. John 12:12-16
- It happened *at the same time* the Pharisees were seeking to arrest him and kill Lazarus. John 11:57; 12:10
- Just afterward... John 12:23-27

2. The reality in our life.

- John 16:31-33
- Revelation 21:22-27

Good Friday Service and Communion... 7:30 pm. (You’re invited to arrive early at 7:00 for music and reflection.)

Good Friday ‘Stations of the Cross’ on Main Street in Sarasota

Walk Your Faith this Holy Week by experiencing *The Stations Of The Cross*, Good Friday, April 2nd outside.

Twenty plus churches gather at 7:15 am in front of Hollywood 11 Theatre to begin. The final Station is at the Church Of The Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. at 8:30 am. Come witness to Sarasota—Christ’s passion on the day the world celebrates it.