

The Path to Restoration
Preparing to Rebuild
Nehemiah 2 – Anticipating God's Great Work

Introduction

Do you see yourself as a temporal earth creature or as an eternal valuable work of creation? Christians are just time travelers passing through this life. And each believer is a piece of the magnificent masterpiece God is creating over the many centuries.

1. When you read through his many prayers, you realize _____ was working His plan through Nehemiah.
2. God raises up Nehemiah as a key person to rebuild _____ walls and encourage the people to trust God.
3. God is in the business of rebuilding _____, not buildings!
4. Nehemiah decides to get involved in God's _____.
5. God has a plan that includes _____!
6. In Chapter 2, Nehemiah is at work doing his job as a _____ to the king.
7. The cupbearer was one of the king's _____.
8. It was a position of great trust and required a person of impeccable _____.
9. The king observed Nehemiah's _____ on that day and was concerned he might not be feeling well.
10. Nehemiah realized the king had noticed his _____ and took it seriously.

A Positive Response

11. In verse 3, Nehemiah says, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with _____?"
12. The perfect response is an _____ response.
13. The king would naturally associate the name "Jerusalem" with a _____ city.

I. A Perfect Plan

14. Nehemiah knows God has given him _____ with the king.
15. The four months of _____ are being answered.
16. Nehemiah asks the king to become a _____ in getting the city and its people back to where they should be.
17. During the four months Nehemiah spent in prayer, he talked and listened to God and worked out a Spirit-led _____ he would implement when God did open the door.
18. Once the king signed on, Nehemiah asked for an official _____ of approval and financing for the project.
19. Artaxerxes was more interested in the welfare of _____ than in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

II. A Personal Investment

20. In verse 9, Nehemiah makes the trip to _____.
21. On the way, Nehemiah spoke to the _____ of the regions ruled under the Persians.

22. Nehemiah also had _____ of the army and horsemen with him and substantial lumber supplies from the king's forest.
23. But at the governor's station, Nehemiah meets up with two _____ of Jerusalem.
24. Tough times will come if you step out in _____ to accomplish the vision God has inspired.

III. A Private Investigation

25. In verse 11, Nehemiah makes a _____ tour of Jerusalem and the city walls.
26. Seeing first-hand the extent of the damage and the fear, poverty, and the broken-down walls and what all that meant in people's lives really _____ Nehemiah.
27. Proverbs 25:28 says, "Whoever has no rule over his own _____ is like a city broken down, without walls."
28. Nehemiah takes time to count the _____ before starting the work.

IV. A Public Challenge

29. After making his assessment, Nehemiah is ready to meet with Jerusalem's _____ and present them with a challenge.
30. To accomplish a God-sized vision requires a lot of _____ to get involved.
31. People are _____ to accomplishing any goal, and you must have their help.
32. Nehemiah points out to them the end result, "that we may no longer be a _____."

33. Nehemiah stirs their _____ by telling them what God had already done.
34. _____ quickly arises in response to the work of God.
35. Sanballat and _____ scornfully attack Nehemiah and his plan.

Conclusion

36. Nehemiah ignored their _____.

Nehemiah knew that no matter what evidence you present, there are some people you will never convince. Nehemiah's response is, "It doesn't matter if you are against us. God's work will succeed." The opposition may not immediately give up, but God will strengthen your faith, and your success is guaranteed. Why? Because we are more than conquerors through Christ!

ANSWERS

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| 1. God | 18. Seal | 36. Scorn |
| 2. Jerusalem's | 19. Nehemiah | |
| 3. People | 20. Jerusalem | |
| 4. Plan | 21. Governors | |
| 5. You | 22. Captains | |
| 6. Cupbearer | 23. Enemies | |
| 7. Bodyguards | 24. Faith | |
| 8. Character | 25. Private | |
| 9. Countenanc
e | 26. Impacted | |
| 10. Sadness | 27. Spirit | |
| 11. Fire | 28. Cost | |
| 12. Honest | 29. Leaders | |
| 13. Rebellious | 30. People | |
| 14. Favor | 31. Essential | |
| 15. Prayer | 32. Reproach | |
| 16. Partner | 33. Confidence | |
| 17. Plan | 34. Opposition | |
| | 35. Tobiah | |