

SERMON NOTES

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A Vision to Build

Nehemiah 1

What did Nehemiah do for a living?

Nehemiah 1:11, Nehemiah was the _____ to the king.

What did God call Nehemiah to do?

To _____ the rubble and _____ the walls around Jerusalem.

What is the 2026 verse of the year?

Psalm 127:1 “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

Nehemiah 1:1 his father is named _____ - of the priestly family.

Nehemiah 1:2 his brother is named _____ a ruler in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah was _____, but was born in _____.

The Babylonian empire overthrew Israel in 586 BC.

The people were deported to Babylon, about _____ miles away.

The Persians overthrew the Babylonians and deported people _____ miles away to Susa, the Persian capital.

This was all part of _____ plan for His story.

Nehemiah 1: 2-3 “Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.” When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.”

A key foundation stone: A key foundation stone:

Regular, meaningful _____ is essential to a successful ministry.

Why was it humanly impossible for Nehemiah to leave the king's service?

He was the royal _____.

Nehemiah 1: 2-4 “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.” As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”

Nehemiah was concerned about the _____ of Jerusalem.

We too need to pray for the condition of _____ of our ministries.

Verse 4 says he _____, _____,
_____, and _____.

Become _____ about our church and its future.

Verse 5 Nehemiah leans into God's _____

"O Lord, God of heaven, the _____ and _____ God..."

Verse 6 Nehemiah refers to himself as God's _____ to the "*God of Heaven.*"

God " _____ *His covenant of love.*"

God can be _____.