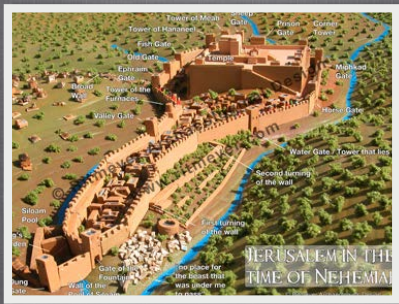


# NEHEMIAH

Book of Walls



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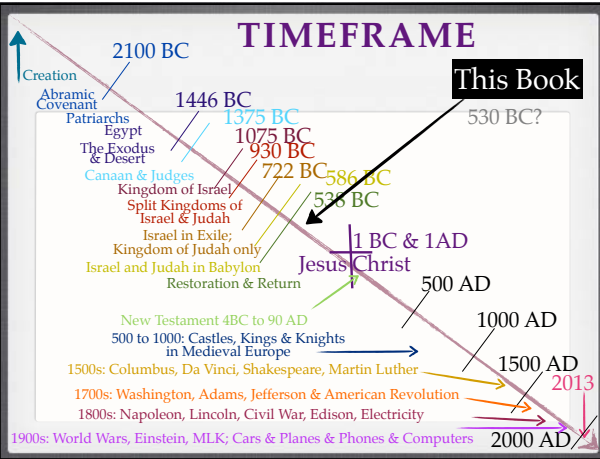
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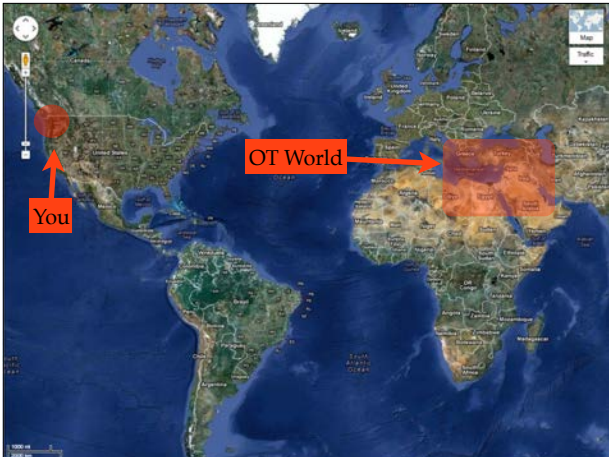
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### TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History ✓
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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### AUTHOR

- Nehemiah, governor of Judah
- Energetic!
- "Nehemiah's story will inspire you to pray, organize, and overcome." (LSB 738)
- Demonstrates that all things are possible by God's gracious and providential care. (LSB 738)

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

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## STORYLINE

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- Chapters 1-7 Restoration of the Wall  
Ch 8-13 Restoration of the People
- Ezra focuses on religious restoration--  
Nehemiah focuses on political and  
geographical restoration
- God fulfills his promises; God's hand  
guides history and the lives of His  
people.

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## Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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## THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- CBH--"Nehemiah is an excellent case study in courageous, resourceful leadership and the power of prayer. Against overwhelming odds, [Nehemiah] encouraged the people to 'rise up and build' (2:18). Their rapid completion of the wall has been an inspiration to countless Christians across the centuries who have faced the challenge of completing some major task to the glory of God." (83)

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## KEY VERSE

- 6: 15-16
- Copy it down.
- ESV: “So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.”

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## REQUIRED READING

- Chapter 1--Report from Jerusalem and Nehemiah's Prayer
- Chapter 6--Conspiracy; The Wall is Finished
- Chapter 9--The People of Israel Confess Their Sin

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- What walls does God provide you with? What walls do you build so that others don't see what's going on in your mind?

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## LUTHER SAYS:

- "Let God handle the matter, He will do it properly." (That's the point of the book of Nehemiah). (LSB 738)

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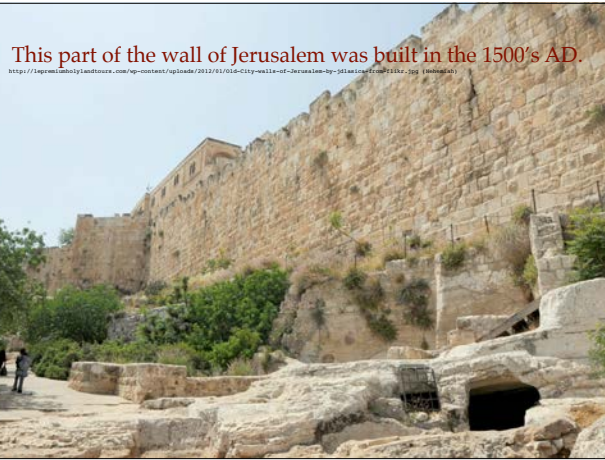
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This part of the wall of Jerusalem was built in the 1500's AD.  
<http://www.123rf.com/photo/100000000/Old-City-wall-of-Jerusalem-by-Jehonathan.jpg>

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**MR. MARTIN SAYS:**

- Walls--Makes a city a city --Ezra is Temple; Nehemiah is Wall--All of Chapter 3
- What is a city wall good for?--Why does Nehemiah care about the wall?
- Why do some people want to build a border fence on the Mexico-U.S. border?
- Answer: There is a comfort--a sense of peace and security that come with walls--without walls it doesn't feel like a house; Jerusalem didn't feel like a city.

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**LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH**

- Read Nehemiah 6:16
- When can people see God working through you? God is a part of your life and sometimes helps you to shine. When? What God-given talents do you show?

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