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#### Welcome Nehemiah Lesson Overview

- 1. Victory robs the enemy of confidence.
- 2. The enemy realizes it is God who won the battle.
- 3. While it is great to celebrate, however, keep your sword handy.
- 4. Victory ignites revival.
- 5. The highest positions reward the Holy insight of a leader.





And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel. Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it before the square which was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose...Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground...explained the law to the people while the people remained in their place. They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

Nehemiah 8:1-8

### MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

With the Lord's help, **Nehemiah survived three** separate attacks, fearful workers, conspiracy, and a host of challenges. Not one of these things worked on slowing his mission given to him by God. Persistence and immovability offer rich rewards.



It was time for Nehemiah to sit back and relax. The leaders of Jerusalem gathered the people at the city square – directly in front of the Water **Gate. The Water Gate was** part of the Temple complex rather than in the wall. It was so named because it led to the city's main source of water, the Gihon Spring (Fountain of The Virgin). It was a traditional place to have the Law of God read to the masses.



#### THIS DAY IS HOLY

Once the reading and worship had been completed, Nehemiah, Ezra & the 12 Tribal leaders proclaimed before the people, This day is Holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep, for all the people were weeping as a result of hearing the Word of God spoken. When was the last time you wept as the Word was read to you? The Jews wept because they were overcome by the memory of being released from captivity, facing the giants in the land (their enemies), investing blood, sweat, and tears rebuilding the wall, and now their newfound freedom as bloodline Jews.



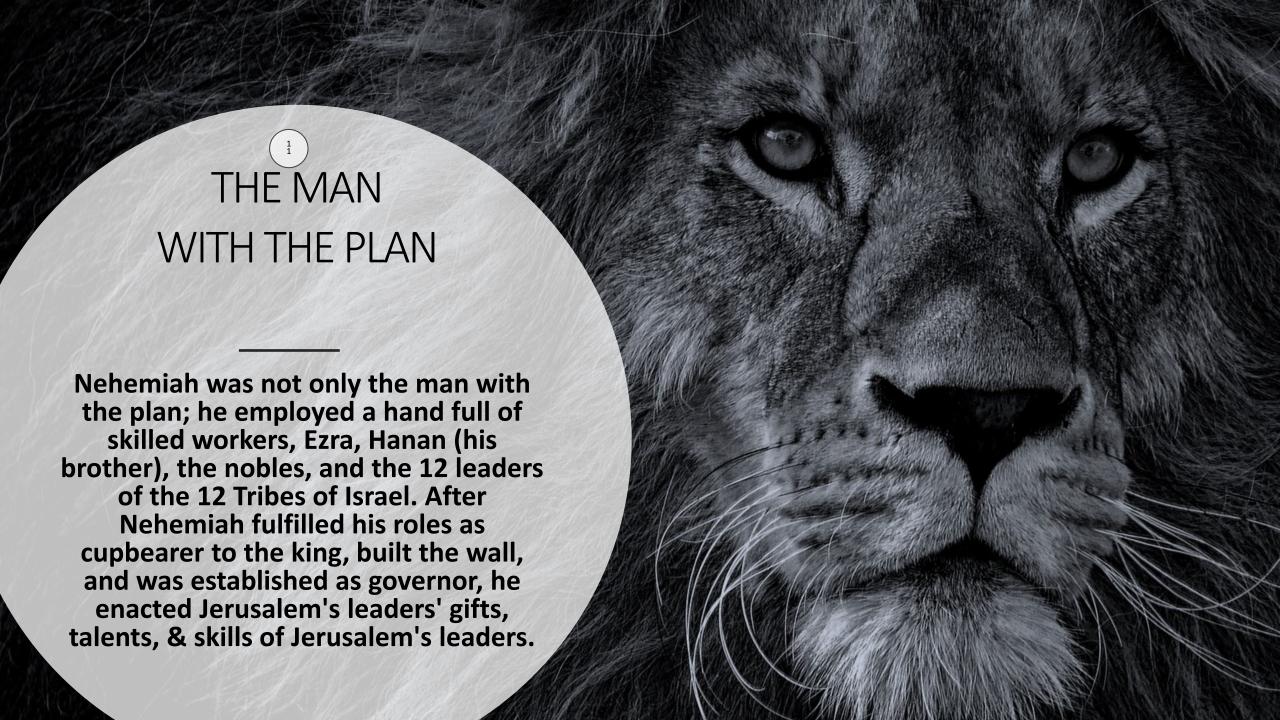
# THE SPIRITUAL VACUUM

Did you know that the revival of the Word of God is a result of Nehemiah's work, which is noted as the first in world history? Well, it was! You cannot have a revival without a spiritual vacuum. God's people certainly had that being exiled to Babylon for over a generation of living. Each grew up under the spiritual, psychological, and environmental deception of the aftermath of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, capturing the people of God – the bloodline Jews (chp 7:6).

# FINELY TUNED MATCH



Allow me to give you an illustration that has impacted me. We are to function like a finely tuned watch, whether Jews or today's graphed Jews (indwelt Christians). The Body of Christ (His Church) is like an impressive well-constructed watch. It has hundreds of wheels, cogs, gears, and a host of other moving parts. The beauty of this illustration is, each part does one thing and one thing well. As long as all the parts work in harmony with the single part connected to it, it sets in motion for all parts to produce the end results – the perfect timepiece of God's eschatological timeline.



#### **Primary Principles of Our Lesson**

Remembering The Top Points of Quality Leadership

1.

2.

**3.** 

4.

#### **MISSION**

An immovable leader results in an immovable mission.

#### **REVIVAL**

Accomplished work is a precursor to a revival.

#### **VACUUM**

Quality leaders create a vacuum of beliefs.

#### **HARMONY**

Building a finely tunned timepiece by way of the people. Remembering

## IN CONCLUSION FINAL NOTE



Discerning leaders & followers know how to distinguish the means from the end. When looking through the mind of Christ from within, we are free from demonic tunnel vision. As in Nehemiah's case, leaders & their followers always keep the horizon in focus, not just their contributions to the project. Nehemiah made provision for the final completion of God's plan not only for Jerusalem but his life calling. He learned the art of submission to an ungodly king. The results? He wisely avoided the pitfall of passivity.

Nehemiah, the Christ Representative of Governorship.

# ISRAEL CONFESSES SIN Worship Leads To Repentance

It was a fast that men appointed, but such a fast as God had chosen.





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