



CHAPTER ONE

The Back Story

We live in troubling times—political, cultural, and Church fighting at every turn. We live in a society that is simply upside wrong; where what once was wrong is right and what was once right is wrong. Where are the Lord's quality leaders? Where are our modern-day Nehemiah's? Do they exist? We need sound teachers who present accurate facts as they relate to scripture, who are clear and free from meaningless cliches and relevant to our current events—men and women like Nehemiah.

Our study, *Hand Me My Sword*, sets out to present realistic observations to our present culture while evaluating how each applies to the eschatological truths contained in the Old and New Testaments. In the book of Nehemiah, the man who led god's people is presented in three roles. Early in the book, he is the cupbearer of the king, a servant. Midway through the story, he is a builder of the wall, and in the third part of the book, he is governor of the city and surrounding sections of Jerusalem. He was an authentic leader of god. *Hand Me My Sword* is framed within the emphasis of using one hand to rebuild while keeping the Sword of the Spirit in the other hand. We are praying that this miniseries blesses you beyond measure.

Nehemiah is considered the Old Testament depicitive of Jesus Christ Himself. We are going to take the verses given to us from the book of Nehemiah and extract the eschatology or the end-times, which is stated throughout this book. We will also go on to other books and other leaders that god placed in the Old Testament, literally to set up for the Great Messiah, and of course, that's Jesus Christ.

Most of the prophecies stated in the Old Testament were given to us by god to set up, not only for the arrival of Jesus Christ but also to set us up to understand the book of Revelation.

THE PROPHETIC LIFE OF NEHEMIAH | KEY POINTS

- We live in a world that needs a modern-day Nehemiah.
- Israel is under attack 24-hours a day.
- One by one, countries are turning against our motherland—Israel. On most days you will see Israel in the news. How is it this small country seems to create such a global crisis in many countries today?
- Israel's political and cultural walls are down.
- The populous in general does not understand that today Israel is one of the most "liberal" countries in the entire world. We need to look at some of the reasons why this is true. Since she is considered one of the most "liberal" countries, the culture that has crept into the authentic, Orthodox, Jewish Judaism becomes our concern as born-again, indwelt believers.
- What can the Body of Christ do to help her?

"The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire." Nehemiah 1:3

There are significant circumstances and history behind how and why Israel was able to drop its guard so that the influence of the Babylonian culture would overpower their lives as they knew it. This is one of the key reasons why we need to look at the history behind the time of Nehemiah.

HISTORY

At the time of Nehemiah, the protective walls guarding Jerusalem were broken down. The morale and infrastructure of the city were deplorable. The Jews were acting like Babylonians. The men of the city were lazy and functioned like cowards, literally turning their city over to their greatest enemy. The leadership was covertly allowing religions outside of Judaism to penetrate the hearts of their people, resulting in a pluralistic, lukewarm, liberal society.

Does all this sound familiar to you? Well, even though the United States is known for dropping its borders, Israel and many other countries are in the process of being set up by Satan one more time, to return to the state of affairs of the days of Nehemiah.

The story of Nehemiah is so significant it almost parallels what is happening in global religions, cultures, and governments. The reason why I am doing this study is that I believe that most people, saved or not, need to understand that history truly does repeat itself. God usually repeats history to help people understand what He said, even thousands of years ago.

ESCHATOLOGY OF NEHEMIAH

According to sound eschatology, there will be NO Nehemiah to be found in this last and final round. In fact, two prophets in the likeness of Nehemiah will be sent directly from Heaven. However, since the Age of Grace will have passed by this time, these prophets will handle the liberal modalities of Israel through the Law. Now, just to keep the timestamp in front of us, I am referring to a time toward the end of the seven-year reign of the Antichrist. At the end of the seven-year reign, Christ comes in His Second Coming. Please don't confuse the Second Coming with the Rapture; they are two separate events. Toward the end of this reign, which will be fully managed by Satan, God sends these two prophets from Heaven. These prophets will do exactly what Nehemiah did but in its final state, and the beauty of these two prophets is they will evangelize the remaining pure bloodline Jews, and there will only be 144,000—not one more and not one less. Through their work, God sets up to finish the work of Nehemiah, but this time it will be in its final state. Take some time and read about this in Revelation 11:1-14.

NEHEMIAH'S CHARACTER

Nehemiah was a gifted young man. He was known for his immovability in Judaism, politics, and his ability to build. He was born in Babylon and raised in exile. He understood the ramifications of bondage. He grew up under a father who was passionate regarding the preservation of Israel—so much so that he equipped his son with the skills that mark the idealism of leadership to this day. In fact, present-day Orthodox Jewish leaders consider him one of their greatest historical leaders.

Nehemiah led three returns of the Jewish people following their 70-year exile in Babylon to set up a plan to rebuild the morale, Judaist rights, practices, and political rule. Little did he realize his leadership actions would one day become the last historical writings of the Old Testament, literally ushering the birth, life, and prophetic actions of Jesus Christ. This leader was the “needle's head” of Old Testament prophecies. Today we know Nehemiah demonstrated the exact actions that Jesus would fulfill in Revelation's book. I believe that Nehemiah is the Old Testament's preview of the abilities, actions, and character of Jesus Christ.

The methodology most known by Judaists and indwelt Christians is Nehemiah's mandate for rebuilding Jerusalem by way of keeping a brick in one hand and a sword in the other—meaning, while rebuilding, always be ready to defend your homeland, and the doctrines of god—something that we do not practice today in “modern Christianity.” The method that Nehemiah used propagated a form of leadership that has preserved countries and corporations to this day. However, due to the satanic pressure of keeping the masses of countries happy, the lion's share of governments has dropped their walls to unify under the banner of one-world peace—even Israel.

To keep our message congruent, the greatest percentage of countries are returning to the now updated New Babylon stated in Revelation's book. The obvious connection is that Israel and global societies will indeed return to the place where Nehemiah and God's people were once in bondage (Revelation 18:1-21).

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Solomon once said, “*There is nothing new under the sun.*” No truer words. Satan is predictable. Since he is not an originator, he reuses the same madness methods throughout continuous history. The keynote to remember is, Babylon is and will continue to be Satan's kingdom of darkness until it is all over. Many eschatologists consider America to be this New Babylon. While I get their logic in this claim, Babylon is a global system of function—in belief and governance. If you look carefully, you can see symbols, rhetoric, and religious beliefs splattered throughout every country in our modern world today.

Satan is relentless in embedding his system of religious governance in every culture, country, and individualized belief of our global society. The main symbol that has been in existence with old Babylon is the *all-seeing eye*. It is historically stated as *Horus* or *Her*. In ancient Egypt is one of the most significant ancient Egyptian Babylonian deities who serve many functions—most notably, the *god of kingship*. In fact, that's the definition—*god of kingship and the sky*—“*principality of the air*” according to Ephesians 2:2.

Horus is ultimately depicted as a feminine god who rules all kings. Revelation's book refers to this entity as *Jezebel* (Revelation 2:20). Back in Nehemiah's day, he fought this Horus influence, which was permeating Israel. While the Israelites were in bondage to Egypt, they integrated this she-god into Judaism, which later surfaced as feminism throughout the modern cultures. Since Nehemiah was more than familiar with this demonic ideology, he set out to rid this she-god from the land of Israel. This was his primary motive hidden behind his God-sized ability to lead and rebuild.

Our ministry is destined to accomplish Nehemiah's objective in modern times, and that's why we're calling this mini-series *Hand Me My Sword*, which is a study to bring back the methods and principles, and a call to renounce the New Babylon that is soon to arrive on the doorstep of humanity in the end times. Therefore, this makes the book of Nehemiah not only congruent but necessary to study today.

PRIMARY PRINCIPLES OF OUR LESSON

Since it's proven that most listeners only pick up about 2% of what is being said, this is a great way to keep the primary points of communication clear and upfront.

1. **REMNANT:** God Always maintains a “remnant” in each generation—that's a fact.
2. **NEW NEHEMIAH:** When a city or culture falls, god is known for raising a Nehemiah in every single generation.
3. **HEROS NEEDED:** When Men act as “cowards,” god shifts into high gear, and He raises and reveals a hero to our age.

4. **LEADERSHIP:** God only uses leaders who are immovable in beliefs, politics, and leadership. Nehemiah certainly filled that mandate.

I am eternally thankful that God gave us the story of Nehemiah; although it's not a story, it's an action which God took through this young man to preserve the land of Israel, to take back what belonged to them. As we go through our historical study—not only in Nehemiah but other major and minor prophets, we will discover that Israel, for some reason, dishes up their culture, their beliefs, and their leadership and hand it right back to the Babylonians. Well, we're going to talk about why they keep doing this.