



## July 14th, 2019 || **Nehemiah** || Rebuilding the Walls

### Seeing God's Big Story, Fitting Our Story Into His Story

536 B.C.		516 B.C.		457 B.C.		444 B.C.		432 B.C.
Return under Zerubbabel	Haggai Zechariah	Completion of Temple	Esther	Return by Ezra		Nehemiah		Malachi

#### **The Cultural Mandate**

Given to Adam & Eve in the beginning (**Genesis 1:26-28**)

1. Multiply and fill the earth with the image of God.
2. Subdue the earth & have dominion over it. (bring order to the chaos)

Given to the Israelites as they are going into Exile (**Jeremiah 29:4-14**)

1. Multiply people while in captivity.
2. Seek the welfare of the city. (bring order to the chaos)

Given to each and every Christian

1. Multiply disciples of all nations. (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
2. Seek the welfare of our city & subdue the earth. (bring order to the chaos)

#### **Biblical Outline**

Nehemiah 1 - Nehemiah hears there are no walls and is heartbroken in prayer  
Nehemiah 2 - Nehemiah seeks approval to go rebuild and goes to inspect the work  
Nehemiah 3 - The rebuilding work begins and the names of those rebuilding are listed  
Nehemiah 4 - Opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah & others against the rebuilding  
Nehemiah 5 - Nehemiah stops the opposition from within the Israelites  
Nehemiah 6 - Nehemiah presses through other obstacles to finish the wall in 52 days  
Nehemiah 7 - Counting of the 50,000 people who were there when the wall is done  
Nehemiah 8 - Ezra reads the law and the people weep and rejoice at understanding  
Nehemiah 9 - The people confess sins and recount their big story to remember  
Nehemiah 10 - The people recommit themselves to their covenant with God  
Nehemiah 11 - The naming of the leaders and villages surrounding Jerusalem  
Nehemiah 12 - The dedication of the wall and the beginning of temple service again  
Nehemiah 13 - Other reforms that Nehemiah brought about in his time as governor

#### **Application Points**

- We have to be single-minded and focused on our purpose, otherwise we will waste our 70 years.
- We will face opposition and difficulty when we try to live our lives all for God. Expect it and overcome it.
- We can only accomplish God's purpose for our lives if we have the help of the Spirit.

**UP NEXT:** July 21st, 2019 – **Malachi** - The Elijah to Come