

## Building Project

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## Ruins

### Neh 1

1 The words of(A) Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of(B) Chislev,(C) in the twentieth year, as I was in(D) Susa the capital,[a] 2 that(E) Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

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3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and(F) shame.(G) The wall of Jerusalem is broken down,(H) and its gates are destroyed by fire."

## Repentance

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4 As soon as I heard these words I(I) sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the(J) God of heaven. 5 And I said, "O LORD God of heaven,(K) the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 (L) let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants

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.(M) confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even(N) I and my father's house have sinned. 7 (O) We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules(P) that you commanded your servant Moses. 8 Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful,(Q) I will scatter you among the peoples, 9 (R) but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do

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them,(S) though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them(T) to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' 10 (U) They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. 11 O Lord,(V) let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

## King's Favor

### Neh 2

2 And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but(D) sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king,(E) "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad,(E) when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" 4 Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed(G) to the God of heaven. 5 And I said to the

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king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." 6 And the king said to me ((H) the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me(I) when I had given him a time.

## Provision

### Neh 2

7 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me(I) to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of(K) the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked,(L) for the good hand of my God was upon me.

## Opposition

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"Let us rise up and build."(AA) So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and(AB) Geshem the Arab heard of it,(AC) they jeered at us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing?(AD) Are you rebelling against the king?" 20 Then I replied to them,(AE) "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim[a] in Jerusalem."

## Opposition

### Neh 4

8(I) And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. 9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

## Participation

### Neh 3

31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate,[g] and to the upper chamber of the corner. 32 And between the upper chamber of the corner and(AT) the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

## Participation

Neh 4

6 So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

## Support System / Protection

Neh 5

8(L) And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. 9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night. 10 In Judah it was said,(d) "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." 11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work."

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12 At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us."(s) 13 So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people,(I) "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord,(K) who is great and awesome,(L) and fight for your brothers, your sons,

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15 When our enemies heard that it was known to us(M) and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. 16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and(N) coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, 17 who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.

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18 And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. 19 And I said to(O) the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. 20 In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there.(P) Our God will fight for us."

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Neh 5

23 So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes;(Q) each kept his weapon at his right hand.(f)

## Watch your Language

### Ezra 1

1 (A) In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,(B) that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so(C) that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

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1 Now the prophets,(A) Haggai and(B) Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. 2(C) Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and(D) Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God that is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were(E) with them, supporting them.