

# Nehemiah 2

In our last chapter, we left Nehemiah praying to God that the king's heart would grant him compassion. Chapter 1 opens in the month of **Chislev** (Nov-Dec). Chapter 2 begins in **Nisan** (March-April). Four months have passed by. Between these two chapters, Nehemiah has been waiting for the right opportunity to talk to the King and he has been praying and forming plans. He is ready when he approaches the king. In this chapter you will find: a P \_\_\_\_\_, a P \_\_\_\_\_, and a P \_\_\_\_\_.

## Before the King (1-8)

- Nehemiah is fearful because the king recognized his sadness. Four immediate things come from this:
  - Nehemiah's \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
  - Nehemiah's \_\_\_\_\_ prayer (4)

Nehemiah's answer did not put the king on the spot. It did not accuse him nor make him defensive. Nehemiah won the sympathy of the king.

**Notice:** Nehemiah does not call the city Jerusalem. To the king, he refers to it as "the city of the tombs of my father" (3,5)

## Three things about Nehemiah's answer :

- He involved \_\_\_\_\_. He did not ask the king to do this
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_: I may rebuild it
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_
- Nehemiah's detailed \_\_\_\_\_ (He needed safe passageway and materials)
  - Nehemiah's definite \_\_\_\_\_ table (6)

## The Journey to Jerusalem (9-16)

- Whenever one does right, he can expect opposition (10)  
Sanballat is believed to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Samaria  
Tobiah: \_\_\_\_\_ name but an Ammonite official
- Nehemiah was three days in Jerusalem looking things over
  - He told no one his plans (12, 16)
  - He inspected at night, beginning on the SW side to the SE  
He doesn't travel to the North side

*It is estimated that at this time Jerusalem had a population of about 300,000. The city would have 200 acres enclosed. The distance around the city was four miles.*

## The Plans Revealed (17-18)

- Brings the current condition to their eyes (17)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ them to make changes (17)  
Notice the language: "let us"
- Reveals D \_\_\_\_\_ Help (18)  
God has been favorable to me  
The king has been favorable to me
- The people are inspired (18)  
Let us rise and build

## Silencing the Opposition (19-20)

- Sanballat & Tobiah: mock, despise and spread false rumors
- Nehemiah answered them
  - He answered them with God (20)  
This is \_\_\_\_\_ work  
We are God's \_\_\_\_\_  
You have \_\_\_\_\_ to do with this

## Night Rider

Nehemiah 2:13-15

Nehemiah examines Jerusalem

- Through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate
- From the Dung Gate toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool
- From the King's Pool up the valley
- From the valley back through the Valley Gate

