



On Your Walls, O Jerusalem

Nehemiah Chapter 7

Nehemiah cared about places and names

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose [the things] that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls **a place and a name** better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

(Isaiah 56:4-5 KJV)

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What Nehemiah did for Jerusalem

- Rebuilt the wall
- Hung the gates
- Assigned gatekeepers
- Appointed singers
- Appointed Levites over religious service
- Appointed city managers
- Implemented some safety rules
- Made plans to occupy the city

Why Nehemiah did all this for Jerusalem

12 And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone **what my God was putting into my mind to do for Jerusalem** and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding. (Nehemiah 2:12 NASB)

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5 Then **my God put it into my heart** to assemble the nobles, the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogies. Then I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up first in which I found the following record: (Nehemiah 7:5 NASB)

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4 When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and **I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.** ... 8 "**Remember** the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples; 9 but **if you return to Me** and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, **I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.**'

(Nehemiah 1:4, 8-9 NASB)

God promised a 2nd restoration

1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ... 11 **Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people**, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea. (Isaiah 11:1-2, 11 NASB)

God never promised a 3rd restoration

6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. 7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9 NASB)

What does all this mean to you and me?

Al Chomotayeech

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Hifkadeti shom'rim

I have set watchmen

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You who remind the Lord...

KJV: Ye that make mention of the Lord

NASB: You who remind the Lord

ESV: You who put the Lord in Remembrance

YLT: Ye remembrancers of Jehovah

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Love for Jerusalem

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. (Psalm 122:6 NASB)

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, May my right hand forget her skill. 6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth If I do not remember you, If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy. (Psalm 137:5-6 NASB)

Not just for Jews!

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