



BIBLE STUDY

Nehemiah 6:1–7:3

February 11-17

DISCOVERY UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION



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Principle

Nehemiah 5:1-19



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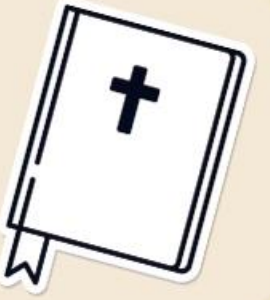
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Further Opposition to the Rebuilding

6 When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates—
2 Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages[a] on the plain of Ono.”



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But they were scheming to harm me; 3 so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”
4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.



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5 Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter 6 in which was written:

“It is reported among the nations—and Geshem[b] says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king



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7 and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: ‘There is a king in Judah!’ Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together.”

8 I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.”

9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.”



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But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”

10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.”

11 But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”



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12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.



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15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.

Opposition to the Completed Wall

16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.



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17 Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. 18 For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shekariah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah. 19 Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.



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7 After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed. 2 I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.



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3 I said to them, “The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses.”





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Like Nehemiah, I will remain steadfast in doing God's work amidst the assaults of the enemy.



What did the enemies of Nehemiah do when they learned that the wall of Jerusalem had been rebuilt?



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How did Nehemiah
respond to his
enemies' schemes?



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In Nehemiah 7:1-3,
what did Nehemiah
do when the wall was
finished?



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Nehemiah was attacked three ways: 1) through false friendship offers of his enemies; 2) slander; and 3) false prophecy. What could be the reason behind these relentless, intensified attacks, and how did Nehemiah overcome them?

UNDERSTANDING

Questions **1**

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What is the one positive thing that turned out from Nehemiah's experience with his enemies/detractors?

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Questions 2

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How is Nehemiah's experience similar to that of Jesus in the New Testament?

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Questions 3

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Have you experienced being assaulted by 'enemies' as you obeyed God? Share to your group how you responded and what God taught you through it.



APPLICATION

Questions **1**

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Discernment played a crucial role, allowing Nehemiah not to fall for his enemies' schemes and stay focused on rebuilding the wall. How can we be more discerning?



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Questions 2

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Following the examples of Nehemiah and our Lord Jesus Christ, how can you remain focused and steadfast amidst enemy opposition to the work that God called you to do?



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Questions 3

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