

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME TWO
THE STORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF JOSHUA—ESTHER
NEHEMIAH: SOFTHEARTED HARD HAT
A SURVEY OF NEHEMIAH



The Heart of the Matter

Nehemiah is one of the great lesser-knowns of the Bible. A man of tremendous zeal, Nehemiah also exhibited tenderness toward the Lord that balanced his character like few people in Scripture. Nehemiah was a man who saw a need—a need to travel from his home in Babylon and rebuild the destroyed walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah couldn't do this alone; he needed the king's support. And with much prayer, he approached the king and received the backing he needed. What Nehemiah didn't realize was that his toughest tasks were still before him.



Discovering the Way

1. Background to the Book

Nehemiah was a child of the captivity. He was born in Babylon but eventually immigrated to Jerusalem with a group of returning exiles.

2. Three Roles to Fill

Throughout his life, Nehemiah played three strikingly different roles, each of which had a unique impact on the nation of Israel: cupbearer to the king, builder of the wall, and governor of the people.

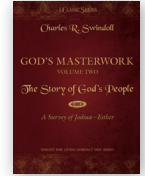


Starting Your Journey

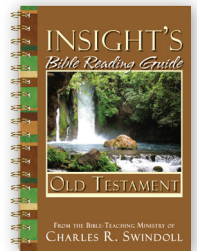
Three truths emerge from our study of Nehemiah. First, dealing with problems begins with honest observation; before there can be a solution, there must be detection. Second, correcting what is honestly observed demands fearless conviction. And third, honest observation and fearless conviction must be tempered with authentic devotion.



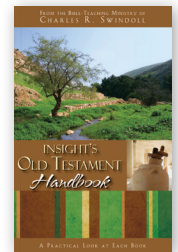
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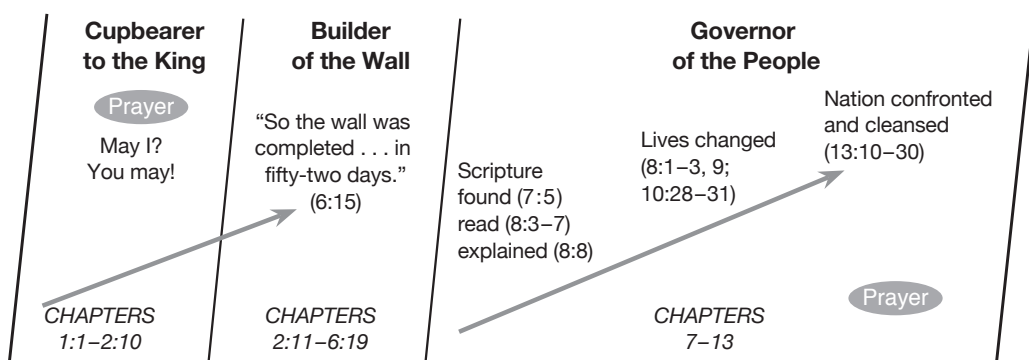


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NEHEMIAH



Location	Susa, Persia		Jerusalem in Judah	
Focus	Leadership of a man		Revival of a nation	
Subject	Burden	Project	Scriptures	Reforms
Difficulties	The King	Enemies	Tradition	Compromise
Victories	Release	Accomplishment	Obedience	Changes
Theme	Nehemiah's trust in the covenant-keeping God			
Key Verses	6:15-16; 8:8-10; 9:1-38			
Christ in Nehemiah	Suggested in Nehemiah, who leaves an exalted position to identify with the plight of his people and lead them into restoration; pictured in Nehemiah's prayerful dependence on God			

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