

Nehemiah

Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY
Sunday morning - April 19th, 2009

A Manuel for Serving The LORD

“Mission Impossible - Accomplished”

Nehemiah 6:15-7:3

Introduction: Nehemiah had come to Jerusalem from the Persian court for a purpose - to rebuild the ruined walls of Jerusalem. As we have seen he was beset by obstacles from without and from within - mockery - open threats of war and secret plans of conspiracy - deceptive propaganda and plots against his personal integrity and character - all dovetailing together to create one of Israel's great success stories portraying Nehemiah as an example of true godly leadership. What were his expectations when he set out from Persia to engage in the work before him? Chances are that his anticipations turned out to be very different to his actual experiences. If he could have seen all the difficulties he would encounter he might have thought twice about leaving the comforts of the palace. But one by one he met each new “challenge” bravely and conquered successfully... ***So the wall was finished...in fifty-two days.*** It was a testimony to Nehemiah's exceptional leadership, and it caused his “enemies” to be ***“very disheartened in their own eyes”*** even admitting that the work was accomplished by God.

A finished work for God accomplishes at least three things:

FIRST - IT GIVES TESTIMON ...

I. To The Lord's _____

A. It reveals their _____

B. It reveals their _____

C. It reveals their _____

SECOND - IT GIVES TESTIMONY...

II. To The Lord's _____

A. It Demonstrates His _____

B. It Demonstrates His _____

C. It Demonstrates His _____

THIRD - IT GIVES TESTIMONY...

III. To The Lord's _____

A. In their _____

B. In His _____

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