

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of many people's heads are visible as they sit in pews. In the background, a large banner hangs from the ceiling with the text "Is Now" and "Let's Live Together!" written in cursive. A group of people is standing on a stage in the background, holding hands and raising their arms in a gesture of unity or praise. The overall atmosphere is one of a large, active religious gathering.

SERMON OF THE WEEK

“Strength in Unity”

Neh 3-4 *Strength in Unity*



When the Buffalo *Stick together*, the Lions *Scatter*.
Lions try to break them up to get one separated.
It they stick together- they are *Invincible* !

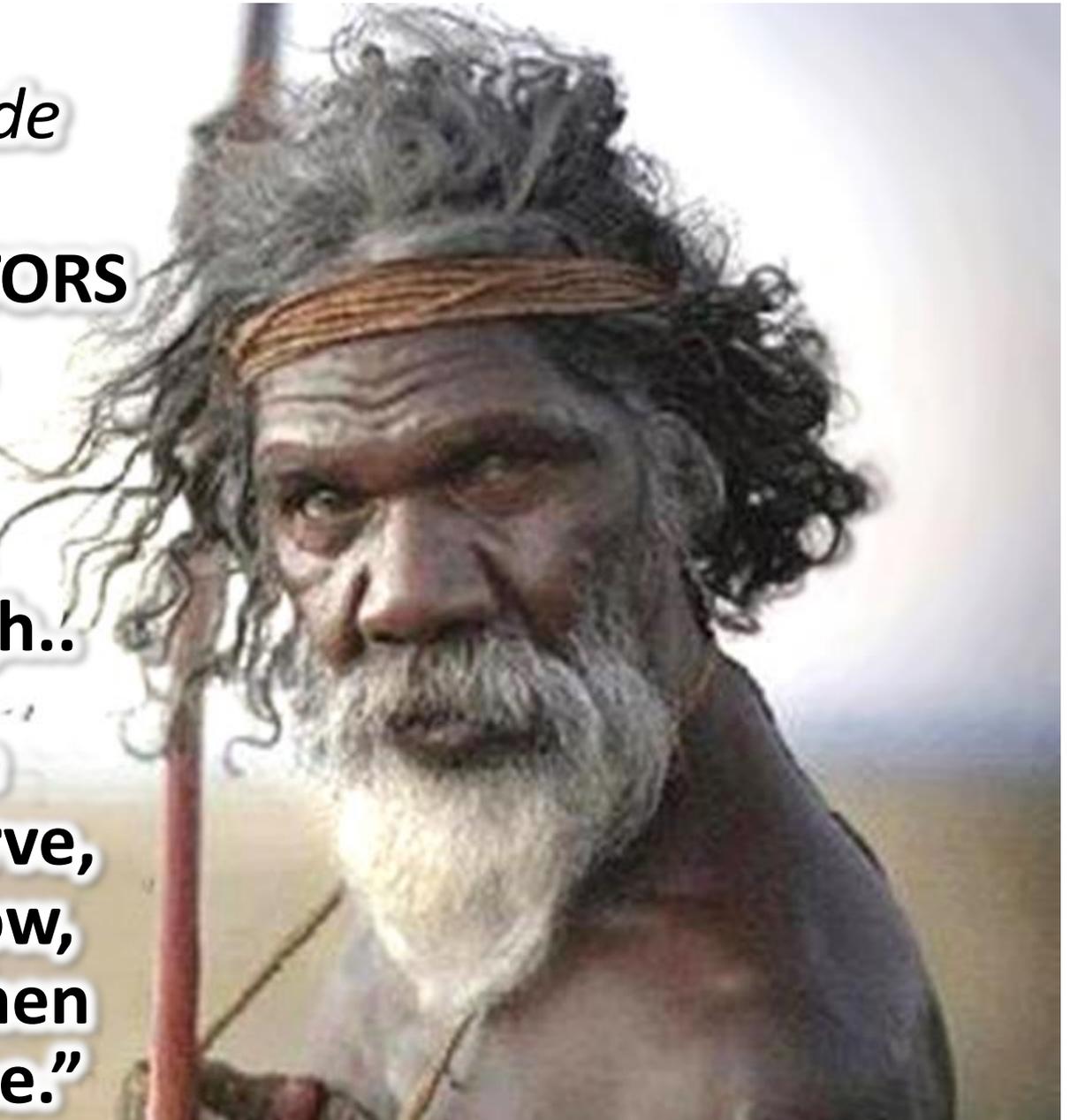
Col 3:14 Put on *love*... the perfect bond of *Unity*.

Balanced Attitude

**“We are all VISITORS
to this time,
this place.**

**We are just
passing through..**

**Our Purpose
here is to observe,
to learn, to grow,
to love... and then
we return home.”**



1. *The Joy* in a Common Effort

Neh 2:17

“Let us rebuild
the *wall* of
Jerusalem.

v.20 The God
of heaven *will*
give us success;
therefore we
...will arise
and build.”



Fun Working Together

Jerusalem

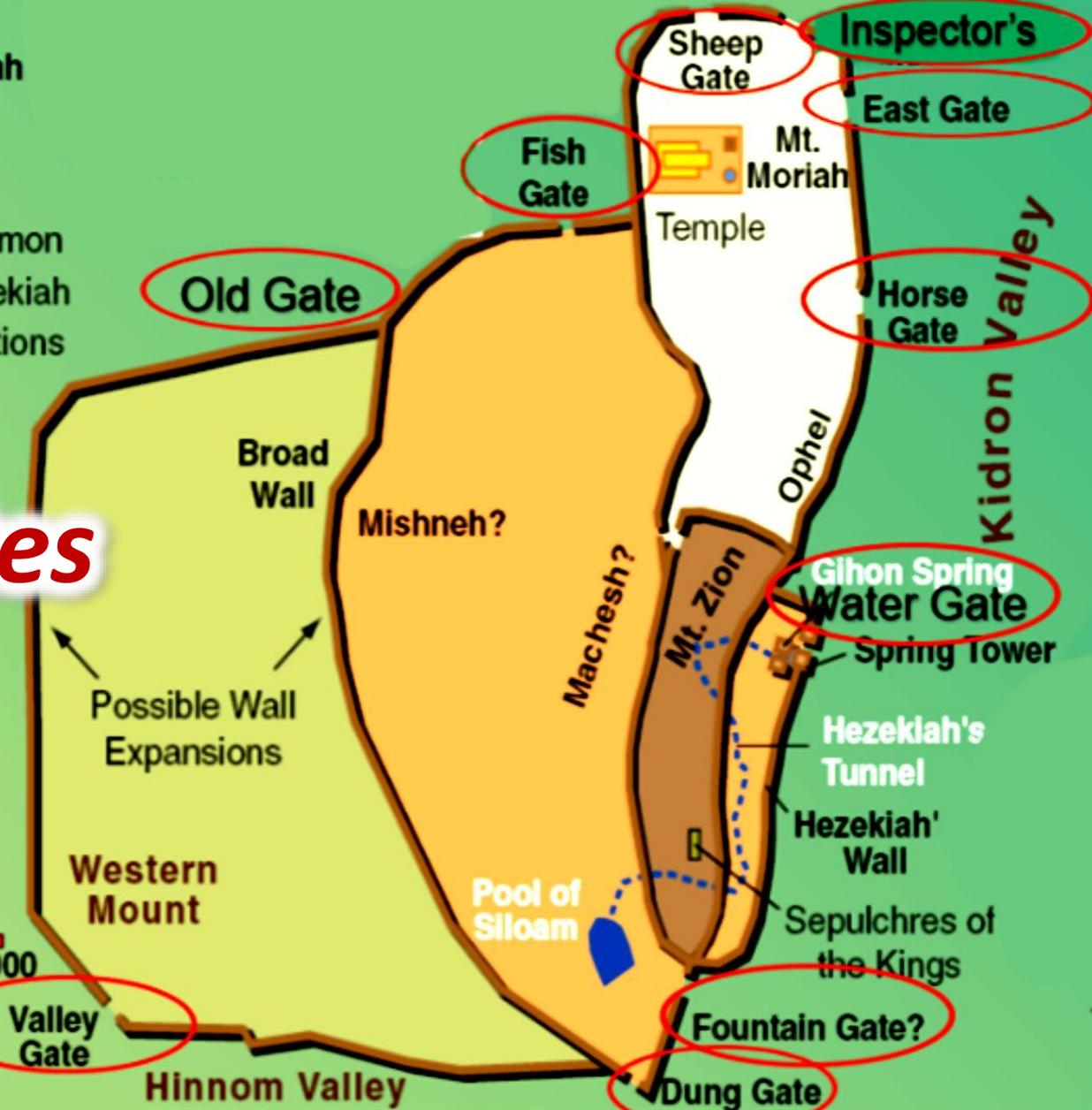
Rebuilt by Nehemiah
circa 440 B.C.

- City of David
- Additions by Solomon
- Additions by Hezekiah
- Hasmonean Additions

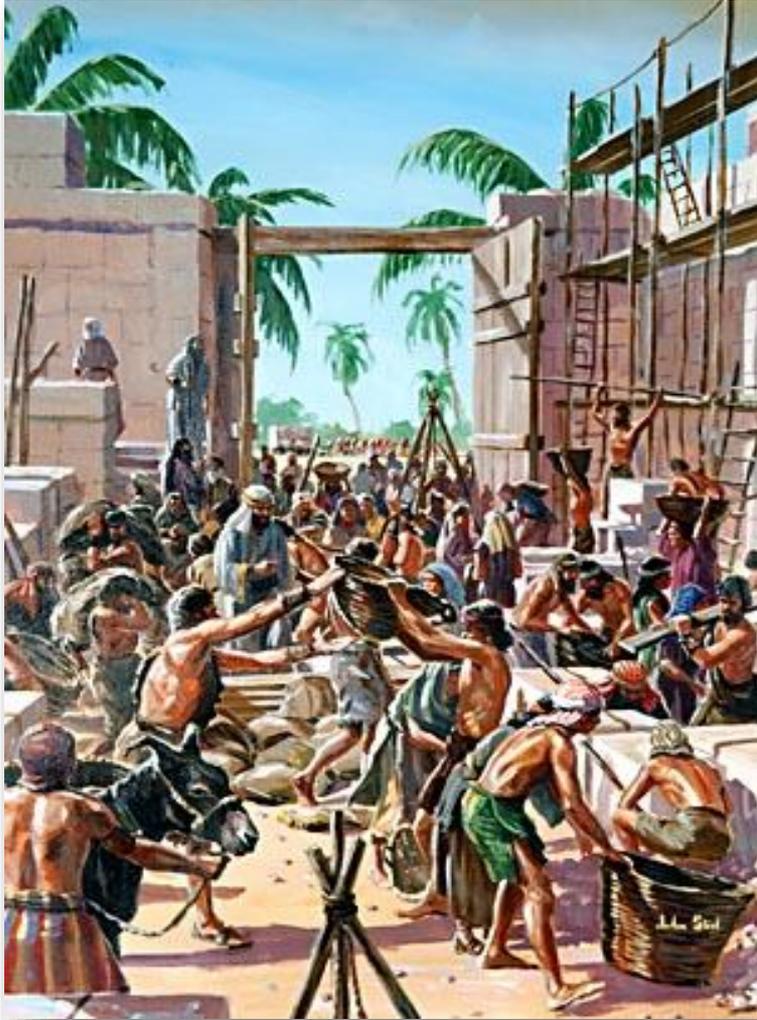
10 Gates



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2. *Enthusiasm in Unity*



*Neh 3:1 “Then Eliashib **the high priest** rose up with his brethren **the priests** and built **the Sheep Gate**”* ←

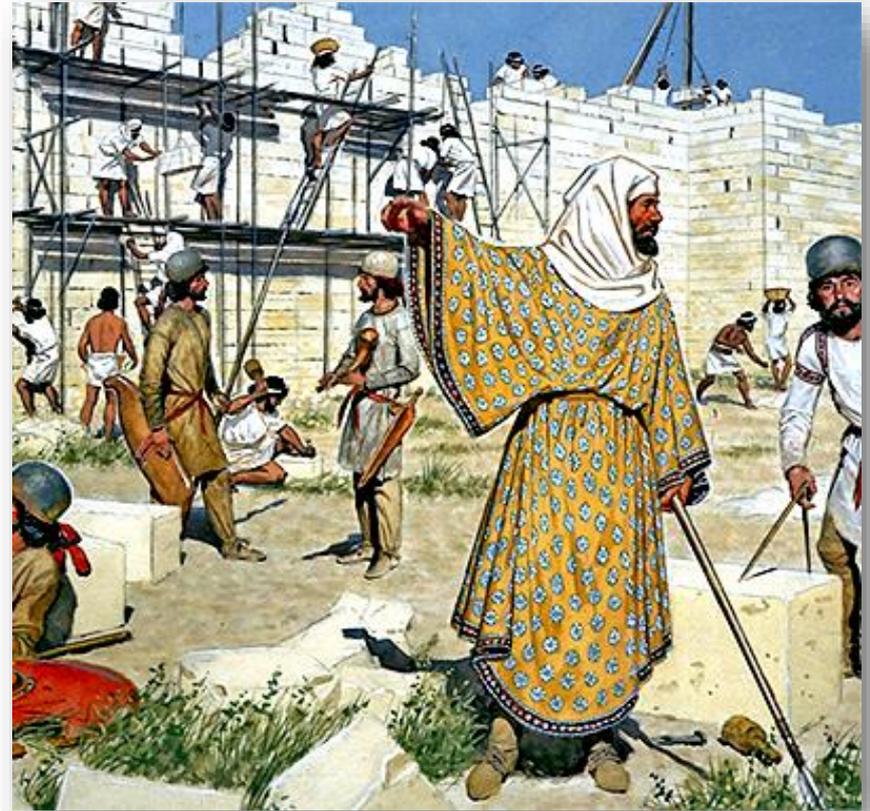
*He wasn't too spiritual for hard work. If you're a leader.. **Set the example & the pace!** (1 Tim 4:12)*

3:1 They consecrated it. Our work belongs to God. (Col 3:17)

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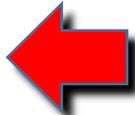
v.2 Next to Eliashib *the men of Jericho built:*

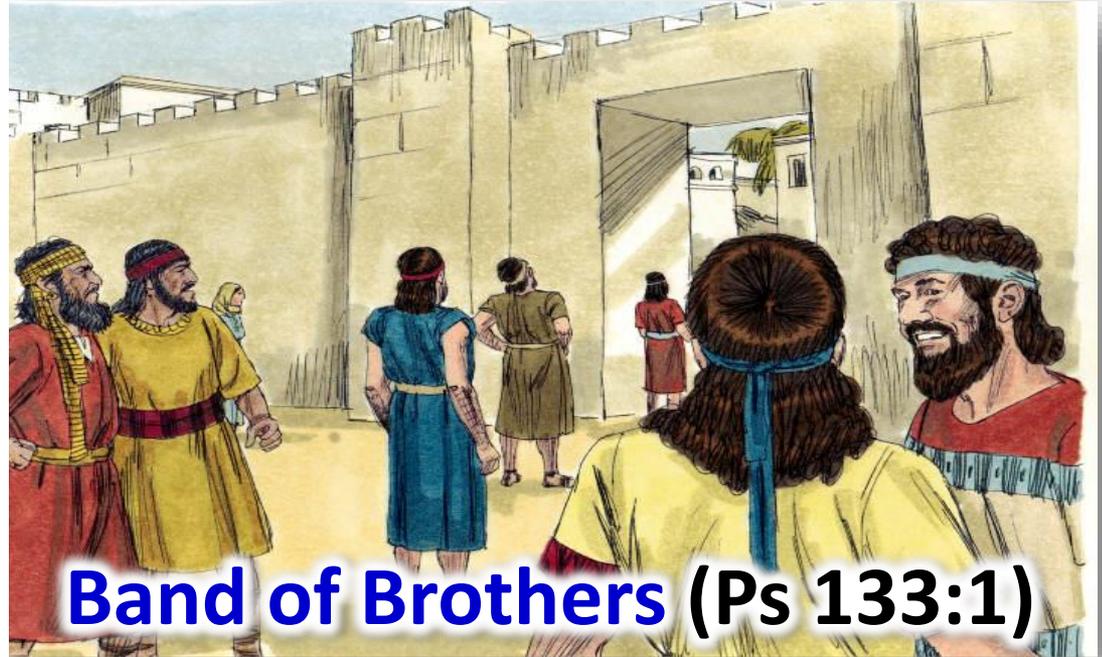
Every man's work was *important*, and though these did not work on a gate, they did a critical job of building the walls.



Jericho was in the restored Judea (Ezra 2:34)
Jericho is *15 miles from Jerusalem* —but they came.

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3:3 “The **SONS** of **Has-sen-a-ah** built the **Fish Gate**,  they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.?”

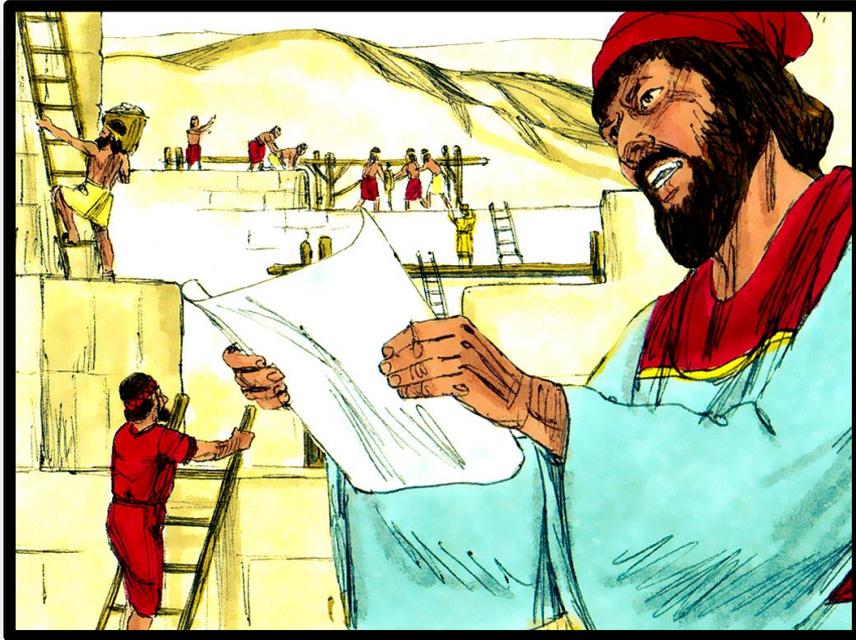


3:4 Meremoth.. Meshullam.. Zadok & the *Tekoites* made **repairs** (to the wall).

“**Made repairs**” (Chazak) Heb for Strengthened.

(Eph 4:12) Leadership to **equip** the saints to serve

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They're *not professional* builders—but willing !

The most important *Ability* in the work of the LORD is *Availability!*

v.8 “**Uzziel... one of the GOLDSMITHS made repairs.”**

“Alongside him was **Hana-ni-ah, one of the PERFUMERS made repairs and they restored Jeru as far as the broad wall.”**

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v.9 “Next to them, **Reph-ai-ah** the son of Hur, *leader of half the district of Jerusalem* made repairs.”

Here was another *leader* who knew real leadership is getting your hands dirty.

Greatness means being a *servant* (Mt 23:11),
Not just expecting others to do it for you.

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v.10 “**Jedaiah ...**
made repairs
opposite of **HIS**
house.”

Five times in Neh 3,
it speaks of those
who worked on the
section right in front
of **THEIR** house.

*Sometimes folks are excited about the work of
God somewhere **but neglect it their front yard.***

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3:11 “**Malchijah son of Harim...** repaired another section and the tower of furnaces.”

Ezra 10:31 Says this man was *confronted by Ezra* for the sin many years before.

But **He** made things right with God.

A believer should never let a **Past** failure get in the way of *Presently* serving God. Set it right and get on serving God. (John 21:17)



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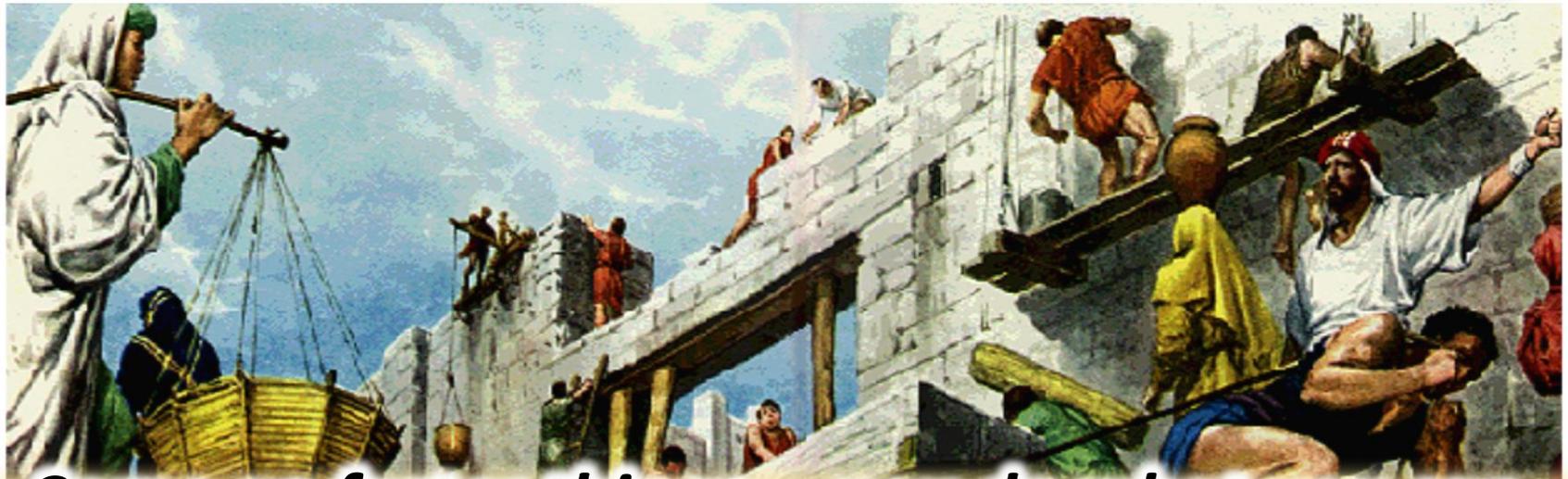
3:12 **Shallum**. . the *official*
of half the district of
Jerusalem, made repairs,
he and his DAUGHTERS.

Woman ***POWER***

Check exact measurements, read the “Blueprints”
relay messages, spread the mortar.

Here is another leader with his family !!
Not everyone CAN help the same way...
(2 Cor 8:12) It is acceptable as a man HAS...

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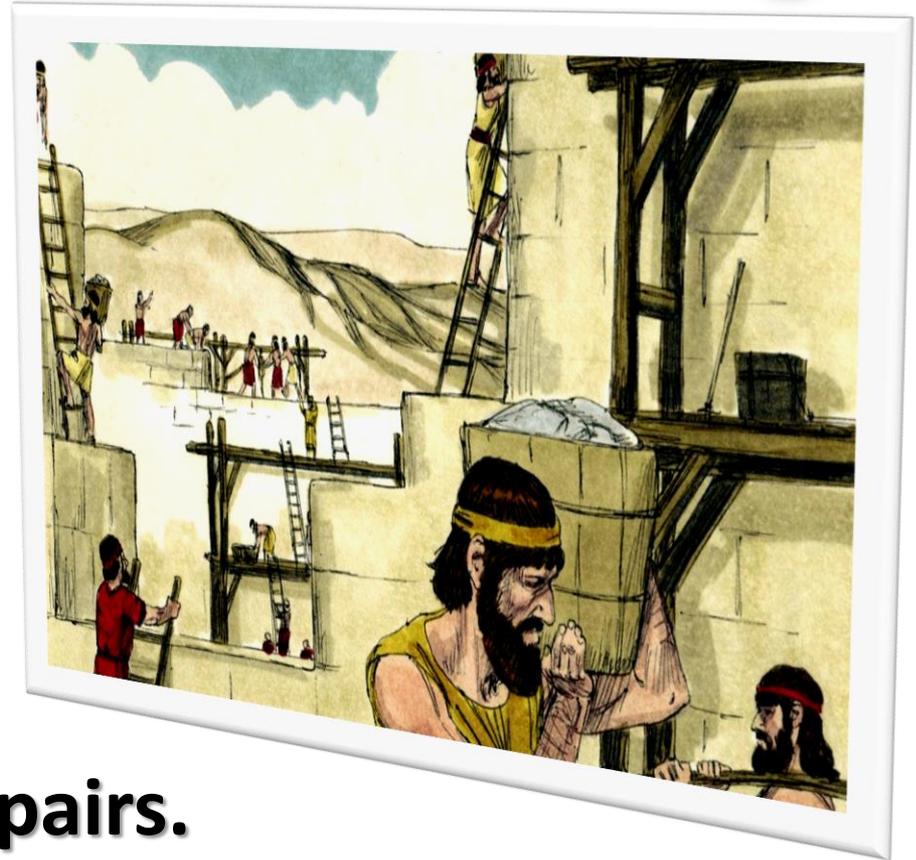
*Some go faster things— you do what you can.
Remember We are saved by **GRACE** ! (Eph 2:8)*

3:13 *Hanun* and the *inhabitants of Zanoah* repaired the *Valley Gate*. They built it, hung its doors with bolts & bars, and repaired a 1,000 cubits of the WALL as far as the Refuse Gate.

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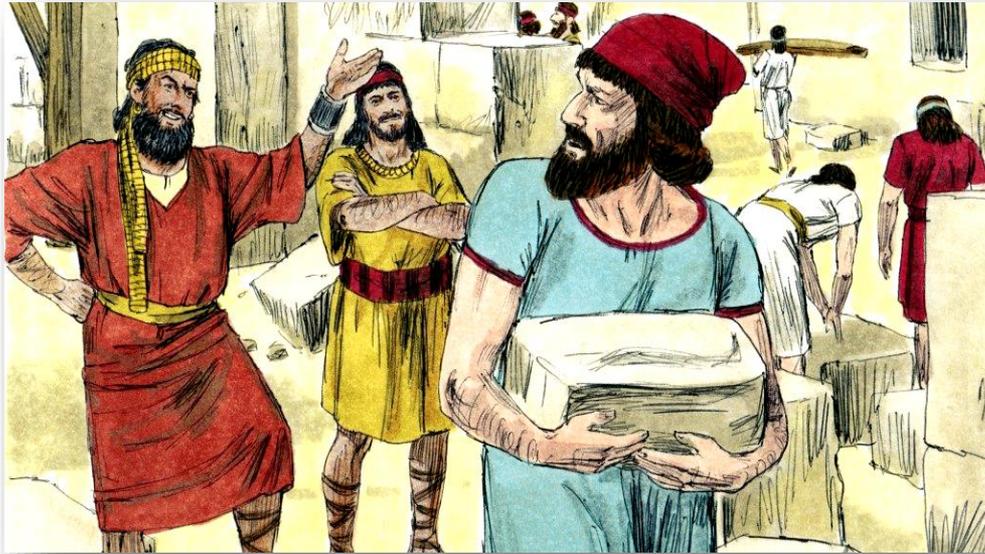
Neh 3:29 “*Shemaiah..*
the *Keeper of the East Gate*, carried out repairs.

Neh 3:32 “And between
the upper room of the
corner & the Sheep Gate
the *goldsmiths and the
merchants* carried out repairs.



Enthusiasm begets Enthusiasm

3. *Expect Opposition*

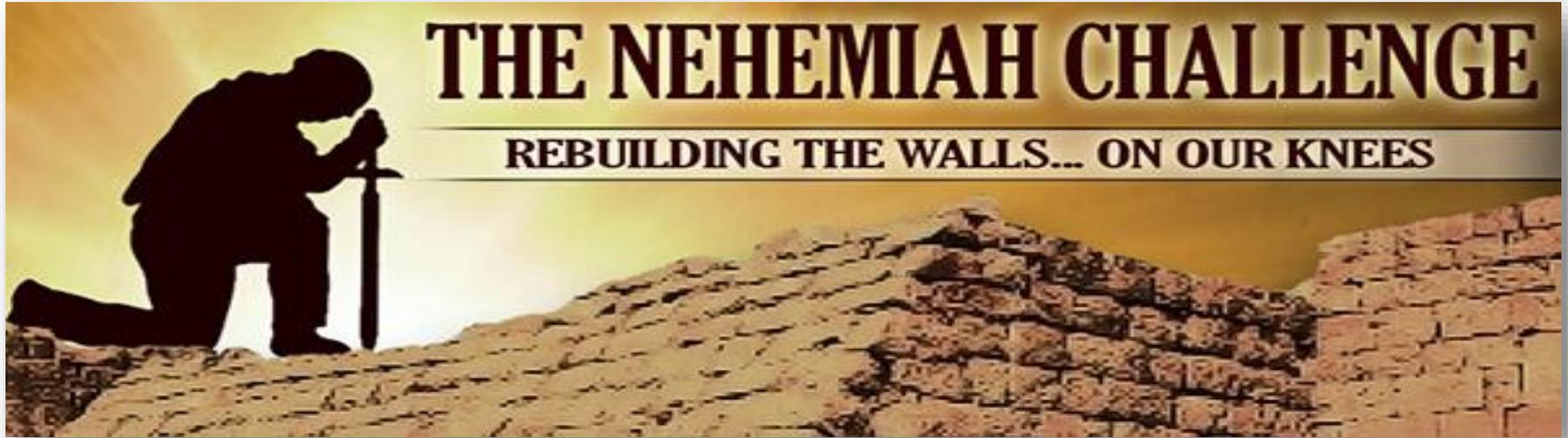


Neh 4:1 When *Sanballat* heard that we were rebuilding the wall, *he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.*

4:1-3 Loudest Boo's come from the cheap seats !

Teddy Roosevelt: THE MAN IN THE ARENA!

4. Prayer Puts the Responsibility **on GOD**

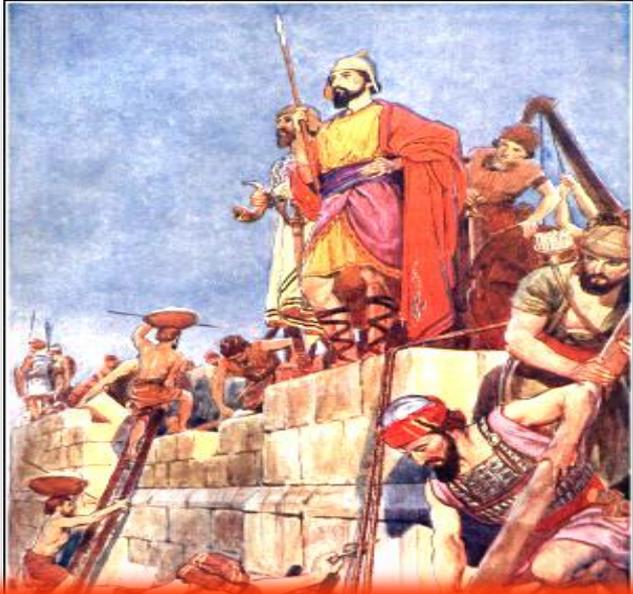


Neh 4:4 “**Hear, O our God**, how we are despised!”

Neh 4:5 “**They have demoralized the builders.**

v.6 So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the **people had a mind to work.**”

5. Make Preparation and **TRUST** God



Neh 4:13 “I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the **people in families** with their swords, spears, & bows.

Read Neh 4:15-17

14 **When I saw their fear**, I rose and spoke to the... people: “**Do not be afraid** of them; **remember the Lord** who is great and awesome, **& fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.**”

Nehemiah *Strength in Unity*

