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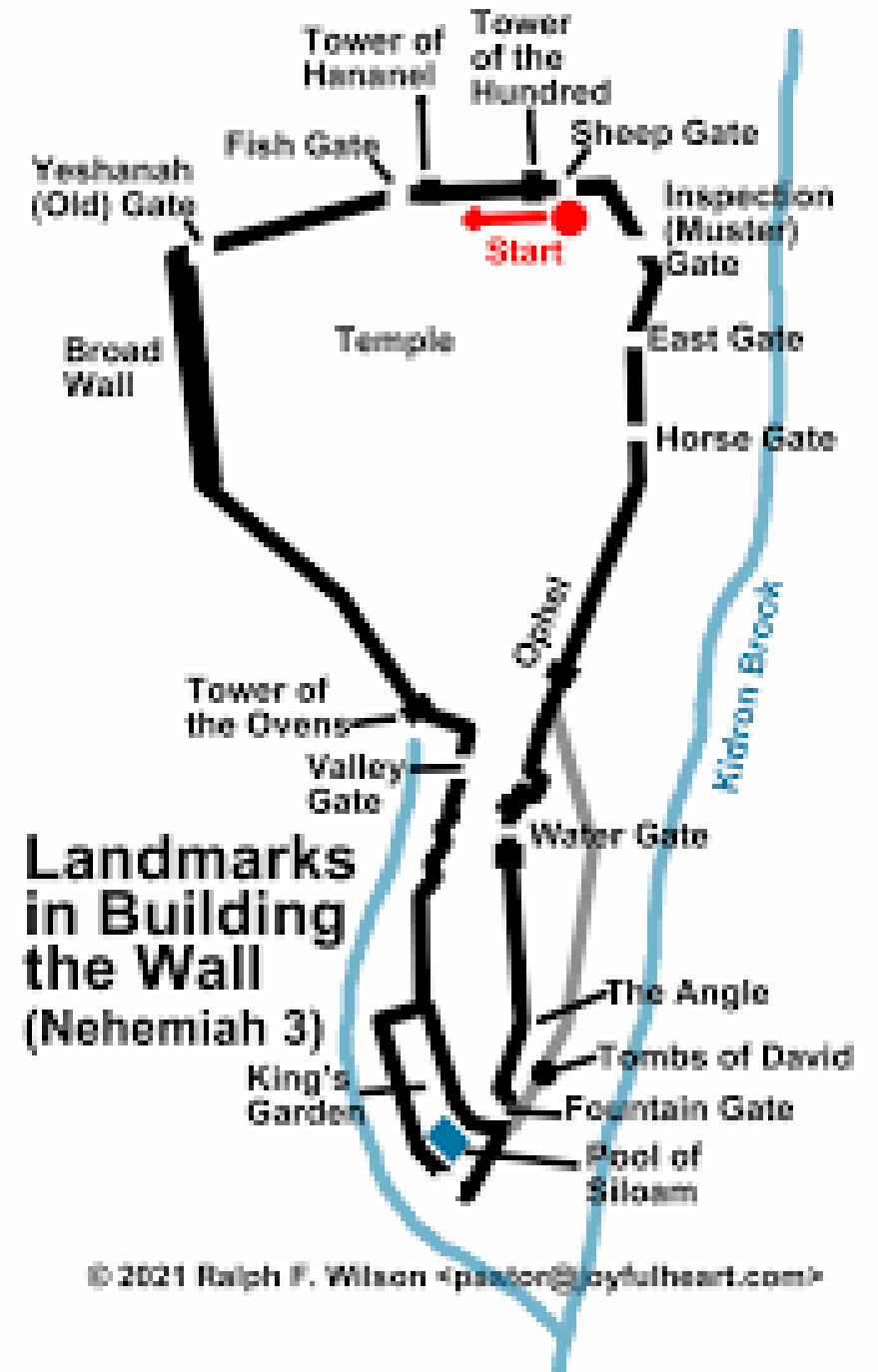
# GREAT

NEHEMIAH 1:1-11

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# Restoration

- Return
- Repent
- Rebuild
- Restore



# Leadership



# Nehemiah 1:1-11

1 These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah.

In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa.

# Nehemiah 1:1-11

2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

# Nehemiah 1:1-11

3 They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

# Nehemiah 1:1-11

4 When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

5 Then I said,

“O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands,

# Nehemiah 1:1-11

6 listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned!

7 We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.



# Nehemiah 1:1-11

8 “Please remember what you told your servant Moses: ‘If you are unfaithful to me, I will scatter you among the nations.

9 But if you return to me and obey my commands and live by them, then even if you are exiled to the ends of the earth, I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honoured.’

# Nehemiah 1:1-11

10 “The people you rescued by your great power and strong hand are your servants.

11 O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honouring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favourable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me.”

In those days I was the king’s cup-bearer.

# 1) Great Trouble and Disgrace



# Proverbs 25:28

- Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

There is no trouble too great for our Great God



## 2) A Great and Awesome God who keep his unfailing covenant of love.

- “O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, 6 listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! 7 We have sinned terribly by not obeying the commands, decrees, and regulations that you gave us through your servant Moses.

# Confession

- **When truth is released, sin exits.**
- **Confession is a blessing.**

# Rick Warren – Authentic Leadership

- “Some time we will make stupid mistakes in our life to keep us humble.”



3) Great strength and mighty hand of God will redeem us



Nehemiah 1:11

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## Ezra 4:1-5

The enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were rebuilding a Temple to the Lord, the God of Israel. 2 So they approached Zerubbabel and the other leaders and said, “Let us build with you, for we worship your God just as you do. We have sacrificed to him ever since King Esarhaddon of Assyria brought us here.”

## Ezra 4:1-5

3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the other leaders of Israel replied, “You may have no part in this work. We alone will build the Temple for the Lord, the God of Israel, just as King Cyrus of Persia commanded us.”

## Ezra 4:1-5

4 Then the local residents tried to discourage and frighten the people of Judah to keep them from their work. 5 They bribed agents to work against them and to frustrate their plans. This went on during the entire reign of King Cyrus of Persia and lasted until King Darius of Persia took the throne.

# Ezra 1:1,7

- **1** In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the LORD fulfilled the prophecy he had given through Jeremiah. He stirred the heart of Cyrus to put this proclamation in writing and to send it throughout his kingdom:
- **7** King Cyrus himself brought out the articles that King Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the LORD's Temple in Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his own gods.

# Philippians 1:6

- “being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

And the Great strength and mighty hand of God will fulfil his promises in our lives.





Jesus is the fulfiller and fulfilment of God's promises

