

The Prophets: Nehemiah 2011

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Torah Portion

Exodus 25:8-9

8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah, for it is the power of G-d to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

James 5:10 (NIV)

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the L-rd.

James 5:10 (MSG)

Take the old prophets as your mentors. They put up with anything, went through everything, and never once quit, all the time honoring G-d.

Nehemiah 3:26 (NIV)

26 and the temple servants living on the hill of Ophel made repairs up to a point opposite the Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower.

Service Portion

1) Guard your low points

Nehemiah 4:10 - 13

10 Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

11 And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."

12 So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us."

13 Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

Nehemiah 4:7

7 Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry,

2) Don't leave your post

Nehemiah 6:1-4

1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates),

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

3) Keep your weapon with you

Nehemiah 4:17- 18

17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

Nehemiah 4:23

23 So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, except that everyone took them off for washing.

4) Don't despair, rejoice!

Nehemiah 8:8-10

8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of G-d; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the L-RD your G-d; do not mourn nor weep.” For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our L-rd. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the L-RD is your strength.”

5) You will complete the task!

Nehemiah 6:15–16 NKJV

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

16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that **they were very disheartened** in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our G-d.

Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified Bible)

10 For we are G-d's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), **recreated** in Messiah Yeshua, [born anew] that we may do those good works which G-d predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Ephesians 2:10 (New Living translation)

10 For we are G-d's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Messiah Yeshua, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

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