



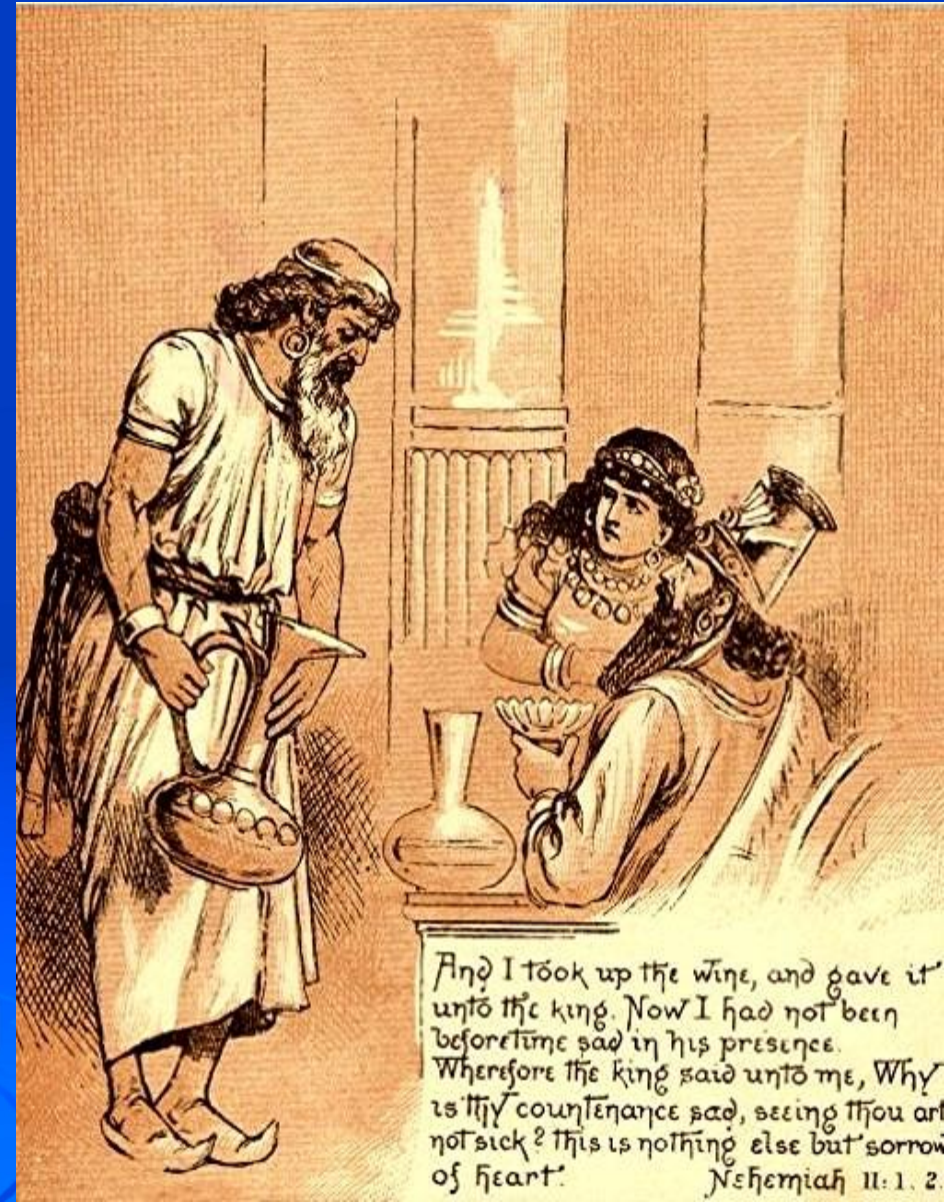
Nehemiah

The leader within

- A politician and government leader, sent to revive Judah's economy and institute safety and security
- Ezra a pious religious reformer, sent to re-establish the Law of Moses and revive Torah-based morality among the Jews
- Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem was the key, and they had lain in rubble for 175 years !
- When Nehemiah was in the Persian capital and learned about the sad state of Jerusalem he became obsessed with the desire to go there and do something about it

GOD USED THE ABILITIES THAT NEHEMIAH ALREADY POSSESSED

- The king wanted to help Nehemiah with his problem
- Nehemiah given safe passage, made governor of Judah
- Nehemiah's life in government prepared him for the task God gave him
- The Lord simply re-directed those abilities and efforts to His purposes



And I took up the wine, and gave it
unto the king. Now I had not been
beforetime sad in his presence.
Wherefore the king said unto me, Why
is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art
not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow
of heart.
Nehemiah 11:1, 2



WHEN GOD CALLS YOU OUT

- Be alert when God “calls” and say YES!
- “Who, me??!!” “How will this change things for me?”
- Nehemiah probably wrestled with those doubts, but God’s invisible hand kept drawing him along
- God is the perfect judge of our qualifications for the task, but we see ourselves in our worldview
- Be WILLING. Be SINCERE. Door WILL open for you



SANVALAT AND TOVIYAH

- On his journey Nehemiah encounters *Sanvalat* and *Toviyah*
- They were unhappy because: “..someone had come to promote the welfare of.....Israel”
- Genesis 12:3
- How can a “Believer” claim salvation in Jesus the Jew, but care nothing for His people, Israel?
- Or worse.....support Israel’s enemies !!

I will **Bless** those who **Bless** you
& **Curse** those who **Curse** you.
It will be through you,



that all the families of the earth,

shall be **Blessed!**

Genesis 12:3

YESTERDAY AND TODAY



- ***Sanvalat*** was ruler of Samaria
- ***Toviyah*** a ruler of Ammon
- Elephantine Papyri proves existence of ***Sanvalat***
- No reason given for their hatred of Israel
- The hatred of Israel is a spiritual battle
- Israel desperately needs a 21st century Nehemiah !
- Nehemiah wasn't surprised by the hostile attitudes of ***Sanvalat*** and ***Toviyah***

NEHEMIAH INSPECTS THE WALL AT NIGHT

- Rebuilding the walls only part of the plan
- By invigorating the economy Judah would gain more political clout
- Nehemiah went to inspect at night, likely on a mule or donkey
- They were sure-footed and made little noise compared to a horse

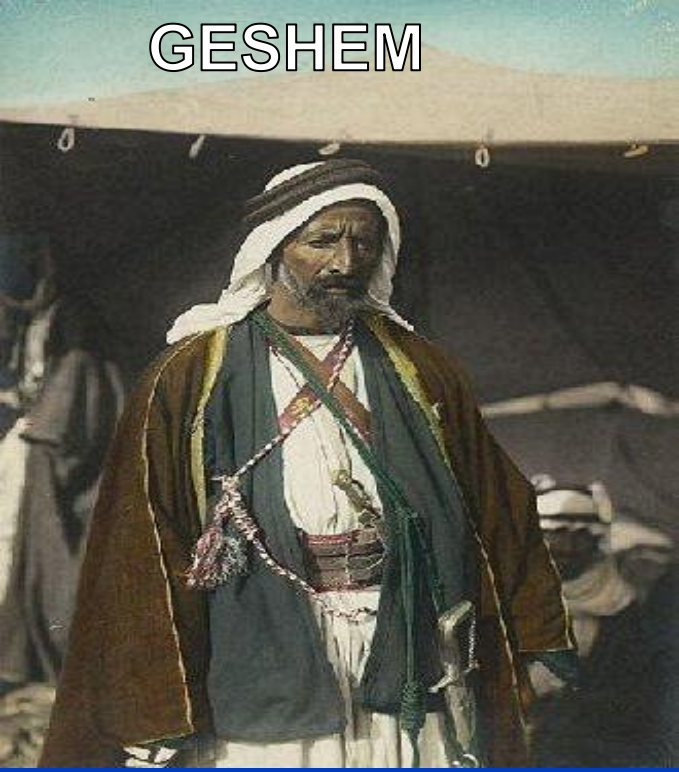


NEHEMIAH REVEALS HIS PLANS

- At first Nehemiah kept his plans secret
- Sometime after his tour of the wall he called the Jews together
- He persuaded from 3 viewpoints:
- 1) The Practical Community was vulnerable
- 2) The Cultural Community was in a social state of Shame
- 3) The Spiritual This plan is God's plan



GESHEM



THE PROBLEM WITH WALLS

- In modern terms, the rulers of the West Bank, Jordan, and Arabia come against Nehemiah's plans to protect Jerusalem with a wall
- Same issue today
- Walls work. Western nations don't WANT the walls, because it will relieve the pressure on Israel to give up land



“..You have no share in Jerusalem !!”



- Nehemiah responds to the 3 rulers' accusations with the truth
- None have a share, or the right, or a history, or a claim to Jerusalem
- Jerusalem does NOT appear in the Koran!
- God gave this land to Abraham and his descendants
- The 2-State solution is a satanic political doctrine to divest Israel of its land