

**Women's Bible Study – Spring 2019**  
**Nehemiah 6-7:4**  
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Recap.

- \*Attacked with threats, fear, mockery, intimidation.
- \*Then had to deal with the conflict of the nobility and the poor.
- \*All the while trying to finish the wall.

You would think he would be given a break....but he was attacked several more times.

**Chapter 6.**

1. Four times Sanballat sent messages wanting to have a meeting with Nehemiah. The plain of Ono was about 20 miles away. Nehemiah said, "Oh no!" The message seemed nice....alluring and intriguing. **"Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." (v. 2)** But Nehemiah was discerning through the deception and wisely saw it for what it was, a trap.

\*A nice and attractive offer, but one with spiritual consequences, is not easy to refuse.

- \* A nice and attractive offer can be given over and over. Sanballat was persistent.
- \*Nehemiah rejected the offer by standing firm in his beliefs. **"I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" (v. 3)**

2. And there was a fifth time which consisted of false rumors and threats. **(v. 6) "It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together."**

Nehemiah openly refused this instead of simply ignoring it because the letter was public. Sometimes if a lie is said in private or only to a couple of people the lie dies. Nehemiah said, **"Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." (v.8)** Nehemiah's response. **But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." (v.9)**

3. Next a probable priest who was house-bound encouraged Nehemiah to attend a meeting in the temple. The priest was proposing that this strategy would save him. It sounded so kind and protective and worthy. He was a "man of God" claiming to have a message for Nehemiah about his safety. **"Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you." (v. 10)**

By doing this, Nehemiah would have spread a lot of fear and would have disobeyed God by fleeing to the temple (it was not allowed for a non-priest to enter the

part of the temple that was being talked about). And it comes out that this priest was hired by Sanballat.

Nehemiah responded by saying, **but I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" (v. 11)** He realized the truth. Then he prayed, **Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me. (v.14)**

4. Result. **So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. (v.15) And the enemies saw the completion, knew it was because of God, and lost their courage. (v.16)**

5. All is still not well. THEN ..... **Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. 18 For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shekaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah. 19 Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me. (Vs. 17-19)**

Nehemiah's response in chapter 7 is simply to set up the guards on the wall to be cautious and wise.

Application.

We must stand firm and never compromise. We must remember that other people can be used to tear us down. And remember that Satan is out to devour us.

#### **2 Cor. 11:14-15**

**And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will correspond to their actions**

Good to know about this, but we are to stand firm in God. Here is why...

#### **[Psalm 145:3](#)**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

#### **[Zephaniah 3:17](#)**

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

#### **[Romans 5:8](#)**

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### [Isaiah 40:31](#)

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint

### [Isaiah 41:10](#)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

### [John 16:33](#)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

### [Matthew 19:26](#)

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

### [1 Chronicles 29:11](#)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

### [Joshua 1:9](#)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

### [Proverbs 18:10](#)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe

Remember what Nehemiah said in chapter 4. **Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome!**