USED BY GOD: NEHEMIAH



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Kingdom of Israel

Temple Built → King Solomon

CONTEXT

Destruction & Exile → King Nebuchadnezzar

(2 Kings 25:8-11)



Jews Longed to Return to Jerusalem
(Psalm 137:1-6)

Kingdom of Israel



Return to Rebuild Temple
(Ezra)



Temple Rebuilt



Walls Not Completed
(defenseless)



Enter Nehemiah



NEHEMIAH I:3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in **great distress and disgrace**, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire."

NEHEMIAH 2:4-5

Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, I request that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

NEHEMIAH 6:15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, <u>in</u> <u>fifty-two days</u>.







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NEHEMIAH I:6-7 confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have committed against You; I and my father's house have sinned. 7We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.



NEHEMIAH I:5

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51 said, "Please, LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps the covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments

10They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.



NEHEMIAH I:9 9I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I have chosen to have My name dwell.

I PETER 2: 9-12

9 But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal** priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. I I Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God on the day of visitation.





ROMANS 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

NEHEMIAH 6:16

When all our enemies heard about it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they realized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.