

The background is a close-up photograph of a stone wall. The stones are irregular in shape and color, ranging from light tan to dark grey. The mortar is a light, sandy color. The text is overlaid on the wall in a white, stylized font. The font has a slightly distressed or hand-painted appearance. The words are arranged in two lines: "NEHEMIAH:" on the top line and "REBUILDING THE WALL" on the bottom line. The word "THE" is smaller and positioned between "REBUILDING" and "WALL".

NEHEMIAH:
REBUILDING THE WALL

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MORNING READING

PSALM 66: 4-9 NASB

- 4** All the earth will worship You,
And will sing praises to You;
They will sing praises to Your name.” Selah
- 5** Come and see the works of God,
Who is awesome in His deeds toward the
sons of mankind.
- 6** He turned the sea into dry land;
They passed through the river on foot;
Let’s rejoice there, in Him!

7 He rules by His might forever;
His eyes keep watch on the nations;
The rebellious shall not exalt themselves!
Selah

8 Bless our God, you peoples,
And sound His praise abroad,

9 Who keeps us in life,
And does not allow our feet to slip.

Main Reading

Nehemiah 1 NASB

Nehemiah's Grief for the Exiles

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the **[a]** capitol, **2** that Hanani, one of my brothers,

[b] and some men from Judah came; and I asked them about the Jews who had escaped **[c]** and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. **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.”

4 Now when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. **5** I 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: **6** let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night,

on behalf of the sons of Israel Your
servants, confessing the sins of the sons of
Israel which we have committed against
You; I and my father's house have sinned.
7 We have acted very corruptly against
You and have not kept the
commandments, nor the statutes, nor the
ordinances which You commanded Your
servant Moses. **8** Remember, please, the
word which You commanded Your servant
Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful,

I will scatter you among the peoples;
9 but if you return to Me and keep My
commandments and do them, though
those of you who have been scattered
were in the most remote part of the
heavens, I will gather them from there
and bring them to the place where I have
chosen to have My name dwell.’ **10** They
are Your servants and Your people whom
You redeemed by Your great power and by
Your strong hand.

11 Please, Lord, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to [d]revere Your name, and please make Your servant successful today and grant him mercy before this man.”

Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah chapter 2: 1-10

Nehemiah 2 NASB

Nehemiah's Prayer Answered

1 And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I picked up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. **2** So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, though you are not ill?"

This is nothing but sadness of heart.” Then I was very much afraid. **3** And I said to the king, “May the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the **[a]** site of my fathers’ tombs, is desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?” **4** Then the king said to me, “**[b]** What would you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. **5** 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." **6** Then the king said to me, with the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. **7** And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, so that they will allow me to pass

through until I come to Judah, **8** and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, so that he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which is by the **[c]** temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

9 Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen. **10** And when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite [d]official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.



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