NEHEMIAH 4

• Opponents’ slander (1-3)

• Nehemiah’s reaction (4-6)

1. Imprecatory prayer (4-5; Pr 20:22; Ro 12:17-19)

2. Continued building (6; Pr 25:28; 29:8, 11)

• Opponents’ plot (7-8)

• People’s reaction (9; Pr 21:31)

1. Prayer

2. Guards

• People’s discouragement (10-12; Pr 12:25)

1. Weakness (10)

2. Willingness (10)

3. Worries (11-12)

• Nehemiah’s encouragement (13-23)

1. Guards during work (13, 16-18, 21, 23; Pr 22:3)

2. God over work (14-15, 20b; Pr 18:10; 29:25)

3. Unity in work (19-20a)

4. Ownership of work (22)

discouragement?

NEHEMIAH 5

• People’s problems (1-5; Pr 22:7)

1. Lacking food (2)

2. Mortgaging property (3)

3. Selling children (4-5)

• Nehemiah’s solution (6-11)

1. Indignation (6; Ep 4:26)

2. Contemplation (7a; Pr 28:25)

3. Accusations (7b-8a)

*- Usury--interest on loan (Ex 22:25; Dt 23:20)*

*- Slavery (Le 25:35-40)*

4. Conviction (8b)

5. Condemnation (9; Pr 14:21; 14:31; 19:17; 22:22-23; 28:8; 28:20; 28:22)

6. Corrections (10-11)

*- Stop usury*

*- Return property*

• People’s declaration (12-13)

1. We will repent

2. We will promise

• Nehemiah’s example (14-19; Pr 22:1)

1. No allotted food, excessive tax, land-grabbing as governor (14-15b)

2. His attitudes

*- God pleasing (15c)*

*- Work first (16)*

*- People sensitive (17-19; 1 Ki 4:22-23)*

NEHEMIAH 6-7

• Opponent’s traps (6:1-14)

1. Distraction (1-4; Pr 21:16)

2. Misrepresentation (5-9; Pr 26:24-26)

3. Intimidation (10-14; Pr 14:15)

*- Entering sanctuary forbidden (Nu 18:7)*

• Wall completed--October 2, 445 B.C. (6:15-16; Pr 21:30-31)

1. Opponent’s self-confidence lost (16)

2. God’s name glorified (16; Ex 7:5)

• Tobiah’s influence (6:17-19)

• Nehemiah’s leadership choices (7:1-3)

1. Gatekeepers--safety (1, 3)

*- Hananiah--competence & character (2)*

2. Singers, Levites--spiritual needs (1)

• List of returned exiles (7:4-73)