



Completed Wall, Sin's Curse, Future Hope

Nehemiah 4-13, Malachi 4

Lesson 93 Visuals

- **Nehemiah was the cupbearer for the king of Persia but then became the governor of Judah.**
- **To encourage the workers on the wall, Nehemiah said, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the LORD who is great and awesome.”**
- **The new strategy was half the men doing the work while the other half was standing guard to protect the men working on the wall.**
- **Also, those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other hand.**
- **And each builder of the wall had his sword at his side as he worked.**
- **Nehemiah told the rich Jews to stop charging the poor Jews interests.**



- **As governor, Nehemiah did not take any money from his fellow Jews out of respect for God.**
- **The enemies of the Jews tried to entrap Nehemiah three different times. For the first trap, Geshem tried to get Nehemiah to meet him.**
- **For the second trap, Sanballat threatened to report a revolt to the king unless Nehemiah met with him.**
- **For the third trap, Shemaiah pretended to be a prophet of God.**
- **Shemaiah was a false prophet.**
- **After 52 days of work, the wall around Jerusalem was complete.**
- **When all the surrounding nations heard about the quick completion of the wall, they realized this work had been done with God's help.**
- **After the wall was completed, all the Jews gathered for Ezra the priest to read aloud from the Book of the Law.**



- **Ezra and the Levites read aloud from daybreak until noontime. The people did not get bored. They listened attentively, wanting to hear God’s Word.**
- **Ezra and the Levites translated God’s Word and gave them meaning so that everyone there could understand what was being read.**
- **Hebrew was the primary language that the Old Testament was originally written in.**
- **The New Testament was originally written in Greek.**
- **The people cried after hearing and understanding God’s Word because they realized how sinful they had been.**
- **Ezra said, “Do not grieve, because the joy of the Lord is your strength.”**
- **If we find our joy in the Lord, then we will also find our strength in the Lord.**
- **The Israelites began spending a quarter of the day listening to the Law of the LORD and then spending a quarter of the day confessing sin.**



- **After they made a covenant to carefully obey God's commands, they faithfully obeyed the LORD, for a while.**
- **Nehemiah returned to Susa so that he could continue his work as cupbearer for the King of Persia.**
- **Years later when Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, he found out that the Israelites had stopped faithfully obeying God's commands.**
- **Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament.**
- **Malachi gave the last message from God before the close of the Old Testament time period.**
- **Malachi announced that God was going to send His messenger who would prepare the way for the LORD. This prophecy was about John the Baptist who would prepare the way for Jesus.**
- **To prepare the way for Jesus, we must turn from sin. We turn from our sin so that we can turn to Jesus.**