

# From Ruin to Revival

A Study of the Book of Nehemiah

**LESSON SEVEN Introduction:** Now that the job had been completed, Nehemiah really had no reason not to return to the palace. So as good leaders do, Nehemiah appointed those who would oversee the religious and civil matters in Jerusalem. In this lesson we will see how Nehemiah polished off the city's repairs and prepared for the city's revitalization.

## 1. Nehemiah's Finished Product of the City's Repairs (6:15-19).

- a. It was a result of **purpose** (v.15).
- b. It was a result of **planning** (v.15).
- c. It was a result of **problems** (v.16-19).
- d. It was a result of **perseverance** (v.16).
- e. It was a result of **providence** (v.16).

## 2. Nehemiah's Fitting Plan for the City's Revitalization (7:4-73).

- a. It takes **people** to revitalize a city (v.5-69).
  - i. The **Leaders** were involved (v.6-7).
  - ii. The **Laymen** were involved (v.8-38).
  - iii. The **Priests** were involved (v.39-42).
  - iv. The **Levites** were involved (v.43).
  - v. The **Singers** were involved (v.44).
  - vi. The **Gatekeepers** were involved (v.45).
  - vii. The **Temple Servants** were involved (v.45-56).
  - viii. The **Descendants of Solomon's Servants** were involved (v.57-60).
  - ix. The **Descendants without Pedigree** were involved (V.61-65).
- b. It takes **provisions** to revitalize a city (v.70-73).

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## 3. Nehemiah's **Faithful** People for the City's Rule (7:1-3).

- a. He was a **faithful** man (v.2).
  - i. The **search** for faithfulness.
  - ii. The **rewards** of faithfulness.
    - **Blessings** (Proverbs 28:20)
    - **Preservation/Rewards** (Psalm 31:23)
    - **Protection** (Psalm 101:6)
    - **Ruler over many things** (Matthew 25:23)
  - iii. The **need** for faithfulness.
- b. He **feared** above many (v.2)
  - i. Hananiah understood the **requirement** of fear.
  - ii. Hananiah embodied the **reality** of fear.
- c. He followed **wisdom** (v.3)
  - i. Hananiah received **direction** from Nehemiah.
  - ii. Hananiah responded **dependably** to Nehemiah.

**Conclusion:** Hanani and Hananiah were ushered into influence because they were faithful, God-fearing, wisdom-following men. We can and should learn these same principles that set them apart from the rest of Jerusalem. More than ever before, we need people of that caliber! Is that someone *you*?