

Rebuilding the Wall Nehemiah 3

I. Workers for Building – Neh. 3

1. General observations

- Each family unit given a specific area to build
 - Words “next to them” found 28 times
 - Those living in city worked where they lived – 28
 - This would cut down travel time
 - Make it easier for the whole family to be involved
 - Working next to a neighbor, building community pride
 - Providing protection where they lived

2. The Workforce

- God takes note of those who are willing to serve
 - And those who were not willing to serve - 5
- Great variety of people involved in the project
 - Priests – 1
 - Rulers – 9, 12, 14-19 (But not nobles of Tekoa – 5)
 - Both men and women were involved - 12
 - Professional craftsmen (goldsmiths, apothecaries) – 8
 - Merchants – 32
 - Commuters from Jericho, Tekoa & other towns – 2, 5, 7
- Some noted for doing more than expected
 - Baruch is said to have “earnestly repaired” – 20
 - Workers from Tekoa took on additional section – 27

- Tombs of David were in this section
- Next section repaired by the Levites – 17-19
- Next section was the section of Priests - 20-24
- Then home of the king at court of guard – 25
- 7. Water Gate – 26-27
 - From gate to Projecting tower & wall of Ophel
- 8. Horse Gate – 28-29a
 - Priests repaired near where they lived
- 9. East Gate – 29b-30
 - The keeper of the gate did repairs
 - 2 families repaired from gate to next gate – 30
- 10. Muster (Inspection) Gate – 31-32
 - Repaired gate & section to Sheep gate

II. An Organized Plan

Sections from Gate to Gate

1. Sheep Gate – 1-2

- Priests worked on the sheep Gate – 1
 - Important to them – where sheep entered for Sacrifice
- Two towers were included in this section – 1
- Families listed to were next to the Priests
 - Men from Jericho and Son of Imri

2. Fish Gate – 3-5

- Builders are listed by family – 3-4
- Men from Tekoa – but not their nobles - 5

3. Old Gate (Yeshanah) - 6-12

- Those who repaired the gate – 6
- Those connected with Governor of Province – 7
- Those repairing section of city wall – 8
 - Extending to the Broad Wall
- Next the ruler of half district of Jerusalem – 9
- Next family Harumaph opposite his house – 10
- Next section including Tower of Ovens – 11
- Next ruler of 2nd half of Jerusalem -12
 - With his daughters

4. Valley Gate to the Dung Gate – 13

- Hanun & people from Zanoah repaired section

5. Dung Gate – 14

- Son of a ruler rebuilt this gate

6. Fountain Gate – 15-25

- This section was at the City of David – 15-16