



# **STONE BY STONE: LIFE LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH**

**Nehemiah 1:1-4  
"How Did We Get  
Here?"  
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## **I. Historical Background**

## **II. Meaning of the Walls of Jerusalem**

## **III. The Questions of Nehemiah**

### **I. Historical Background**

Read 2 Chronicles 36:19-20. What significant things are referred to in these verses that relate to the book of Nehemiah?

What would have been the reaction of the people to the destruction of the temple and of Jerusalem? Why?

How do we react to the devastation and destruction that happens in our lives and the lives of those we are close to?

Judah and Jerusalem were destroyed by Babylon. Babylon was defeated by Persia. What amazing things does 2 Chronicles 36:23 refer to?

How does the passage in 2 Chronicles 36:23 give us encouragement when we deal with the heartache and pain of brokenness?

### **II. Meaning of the Walls of Jerusalem**

Why was Jerusalem so important to the Jewish people?

What do the following verses tell you about Jerusalem?  
2 Chronicles 6:6, Psalm 46:4, Psalm 48:1, Psalm 102:21

What was the problem with the walls of Jerusalem being in ruins?

What were the walls of Jerusalem symbolic of?

What do 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 1 Peter 2:5 tell us about our Christian lives?

### **III. The Questions of Nehemiah**

What biographical details are given to us in Nehemiah 1:1? Read Nehemiah 1:11. Why was the position of Nehemiah so important?

What do Nehemiah's questions in Nehemiah 1:2 tell us about him?

What was the bad news given to Nehemiah in Nehemiah 1:3?

How does Nehemiah respond to this news in Nehemiah 1:4?

What are the various reactions to the bad news of spiritual brokenness in our lives and the different responses they will bring? Note 2 Corinthians 7:10.