

## NEHEMIAH 6:17-7:3; 11:1,2

### Introduction

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There are times when spiritual problems that is, problems in our relationship with the Lord, manifest themselves in other areas of our life. Doubting God's justice leads a person to bitterness and vengeance. A lack of trust in God's ability to provide leads a person to lie on their tax forms. Questioning God's design for marriage leads to altering it. The need for spiritual "repair" demonstrates itself in other ways that might not seem so direct.

We've talked about how the walls of the city of Jerusalem which Nehemiah found as rubble was reflective of the people's relationship with the Lord which was also in need of repair. Jerusalem was to be the capital city of God's chosen people who were to produce the promised Savior, and was the location where the temple, the symbol of God's presence and relationship with people, was to stand. Putting off the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls was reflective of how God's people had put off their relationship with the Lord, trusting and following him in faith.

The walls of Jerusalem had been reconstructed, but there was still plenty of work to be done, especially in the area of spiritual "rebuilding." Let's see how Nehemiah leads the way in this work as well.

### Nehemiah 6:17-7:3

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1. Remember that Tobiah was part of the resistance who had joined Sanballat and Geshem to oppose the rebuilding of Jerusalem. What relationships had some of the Jewish nobility established with Tobiah?
  
2. Who did Nehemiah put in charge of Jerusalem and why?
  
3. How do Nehemiah's instructions to the gatekeepers in verse 3 show Nehemiah's continued concern for the safety of Jerusalem?

### Nehemiah 11:1-2

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4. What problem did Nehemiah discover when it came to Jerusalem's population and how did he solve it?