

HAPPY  
FATHERS  
DAY

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Mother's day

Father's day





Nehemiah

52 days

# Nehemiah

- Ezra-Nehemiah, the events of these books likely took place between 458 BC and 445 BC, with Ezra coming first
- Ezra had a letter from King Artaxerxes that gave him the authority to lead Israel in its religious observances.
- The book of Nehemiah begins with King Artaxerxes sending Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild its walls.

# Nehemiah

# chapter 1

- What bothers you?
- Shopping carts left in the parking lot
- People who don't tell the truth
- Inconsiderate drivers
- Christmas in November

# Nehemiah

# chapter 1

- The city is in shambles
- 4 When I heard these words, I **sat down and wept** and **mourned for days**; and I was **fasting and praying** before the God of heaven.
- There were approximately 15,000 people living nearby Jerusalem.

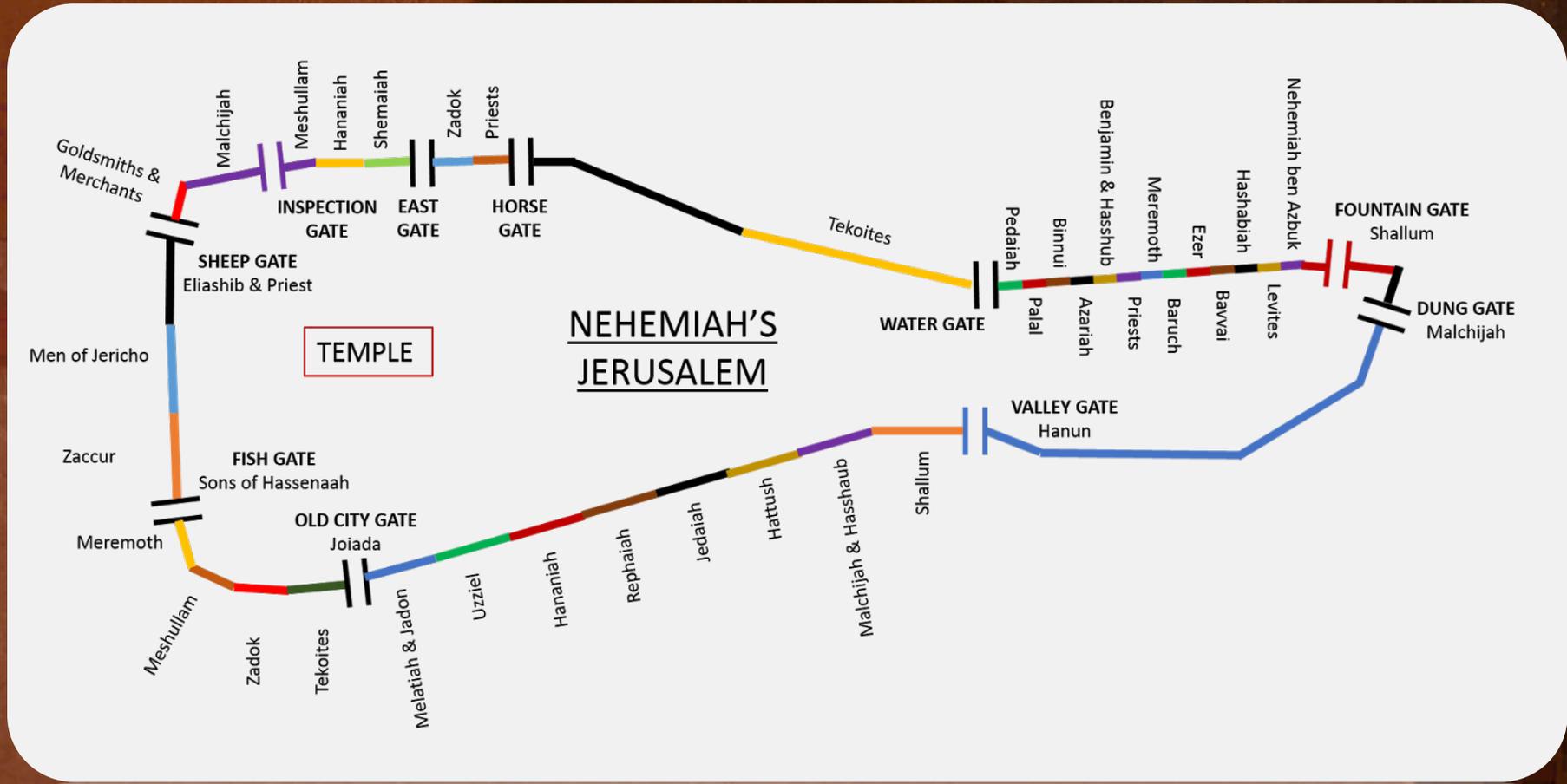
# Nehemiah

## chapter 2

- 17 Then I said to them, “You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.”
- 18 I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king’s words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, “Let us arise and build.” So they put their hands to the good work.

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# chapter 3



# Nehemiah

## chapter 4

- Opposition?
- 13 then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears and bows.
- 14 When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: “Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.”

# Nehemiah

# chapter 6

- 15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, **in fifty-two days.**
- 16 When all our enemies **heard of it,** and all the nations surrounding us saw it, **they lost their confidence;** for **they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.**

# Nehemiah

## chapter 8

- 9 Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.
- 10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

# Nehemiah

# chapter 8

- 18 He read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they celebrated the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly according to the ordinance.

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# chapter 9

- Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel **assembled with fasting**, in sackcloth and with dirt upon them.
- 2 The descendants of Israel **separated themselves from all foreigners**, and **stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers**.
- 3 While they stood in their place, **they read from the book of the law of the Lord their God** for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth **they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God**

# Nehemiah

- What bothers you?
- What are you tired of?
- Set a goal and build that wall

