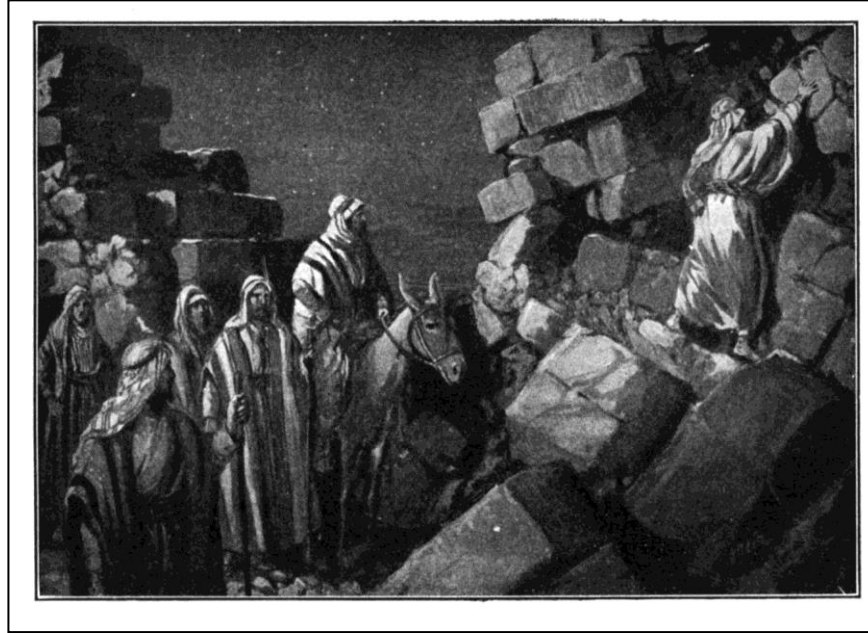




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Let Us Rise Up and Build




Nehemiah 1-6

Key Dates in the Period of the Return and Restoration*

- 538/37 B.C.** first return of the Jews under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-2)
- 537/36 B.C.** the altar built and the foundation laid (Ezra 3)
- 536-520 B.C.** the work on the temple ceases (Ezra 4)
- 520 B.C.** the preaching of Haggai (1-2) and Zechariah (1-6)
- 520 B.C.** the temple construction resumes (Ezra 5)
- 518 B.C.** the preaching of Zechariah (Zechariah 7-14)
- 516/15 B.C.** the temple is completed (Ezra 6)
- 486 B.C.** the Jews opposed in the beginning of Xerxes (Ezra 4:6)
- 483 B.C.** Xerxes holds a feast (Esther 1)
- 479 B.C.** Esther is made queen (Esther 2)
- 474/73 B.C.** Haman plans to kill the Jews (Esther 3-10)
- 464-423 B.C.** the Jews opposed in Artaxerxes' reign (Ezra 7:7ff)
- 458/57 B.C.** the second return of the Jews under Ezra (Ezra 7-10)
- 445-433 B.C.** Nehemiah returns & rebuilds the walls (Neh. 1-12)
- 433-432 B.C.** Nehemiah's recall and return (Nehemiah 13)
- 432-425 B.C.** the preaching of Malachi (1-4)

* all dates are approximate

Nehemiah Rose Up...

- ▶ **Consideration** (1:1–4): care, concern, and love for his brethren (see also 2:2, 10)
 - ▶ **Supplication** (1:5–2:4): prayer from one who was reverent, continual, humble and repentant, hopeful
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Nehemiah Rose Up...

- ▶ **Preparation** (2:5–16): asked permission to work, to travel, and to gather the needed materials; surveyed the work needed to be done
- ▶ **Motivation** (2:17–20): they said, “Let us rise up and build”; they strengthened their hands for the good work


The People Rose Up...

- ▶ **Cooperation** (3:1–32): built and worked together side by side: “and next to them...”; one exception is found in 3:5; non-builders (3:8) and young people (3:12) were included

The People Rose Up...


- ▶ **Determination** (4:1–6:19): dealt with opposition (both external and internal) until the job was finished; continued to pray for strength; ready for work and for war (see 4:4, 6, 9, 14, 17; 5:14, 16; 6:3)

Let Us Rise Up And Build...

- ▶ It is now time for us to “rise up”
(Neh. 2:12, 18; 3:1; 4:14)
 - ▶ It is now time for us to “build”
(Mt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:9–10; Eph. 2:20–21; Col. 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:11; Jude 20)
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Let Us Rise Up And Build...

We must build with...

- ▶ **Consideration** (Phil. 2:20)
 - ▶ **Supplication** (Col.4:2-3)
 - ▶ **Preparation** (2 Tim.2:21)
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Let Us Rise Up And Build...

- ▶ **Motivation** (Heb. 10:24)
 - ▶ **Cooperation** (Eph. 4:12, 16)
 - ▶ **Determination** (1 Cor. 15:58)
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