

GREATER THAN: Part 4
Nehemiah: Greater Than My Enemy
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1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Big Idea:

You have an _____.

But he can be _____.

1 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, 2 and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?" 3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!"

NEHEMIAH 4:1-3 NIV

3 Ways to Defeat Your Enemy

1. You have to _____.

PRAYER OF _____

*4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Then I said...**I confess the sins** we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you.*

Nehemiah 1:4-6a NIV

PRAYER FOR _____

4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to

the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

Nehemiah 2:4-5 NIV

PRAYER FOR _____

*9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." **But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."***

Nehemiah 6:9 NIV

2. You have to _____.

THE PLAN TO _____

*17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. **Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem,** and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.*

Nehemiah 2:17-18 NIV

THE PLAN TO _____

*16 **From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor.** The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah 17 who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, 18 and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked.*

Nehemiah 4:16-18 NIV

3. You have a _____ who always wins.

*15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized **that this work had been done with the help of our God.***

Nehemiah 6:15-16 NIV

*8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And **the God of all grace,** who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, **will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.***

1 Peter 5:8-10 NIV