

Nehemiah 2:11-18

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HAVING NO FLIGHT PLAN:

You will never arrive at a destination that
you do not have a plan to get to

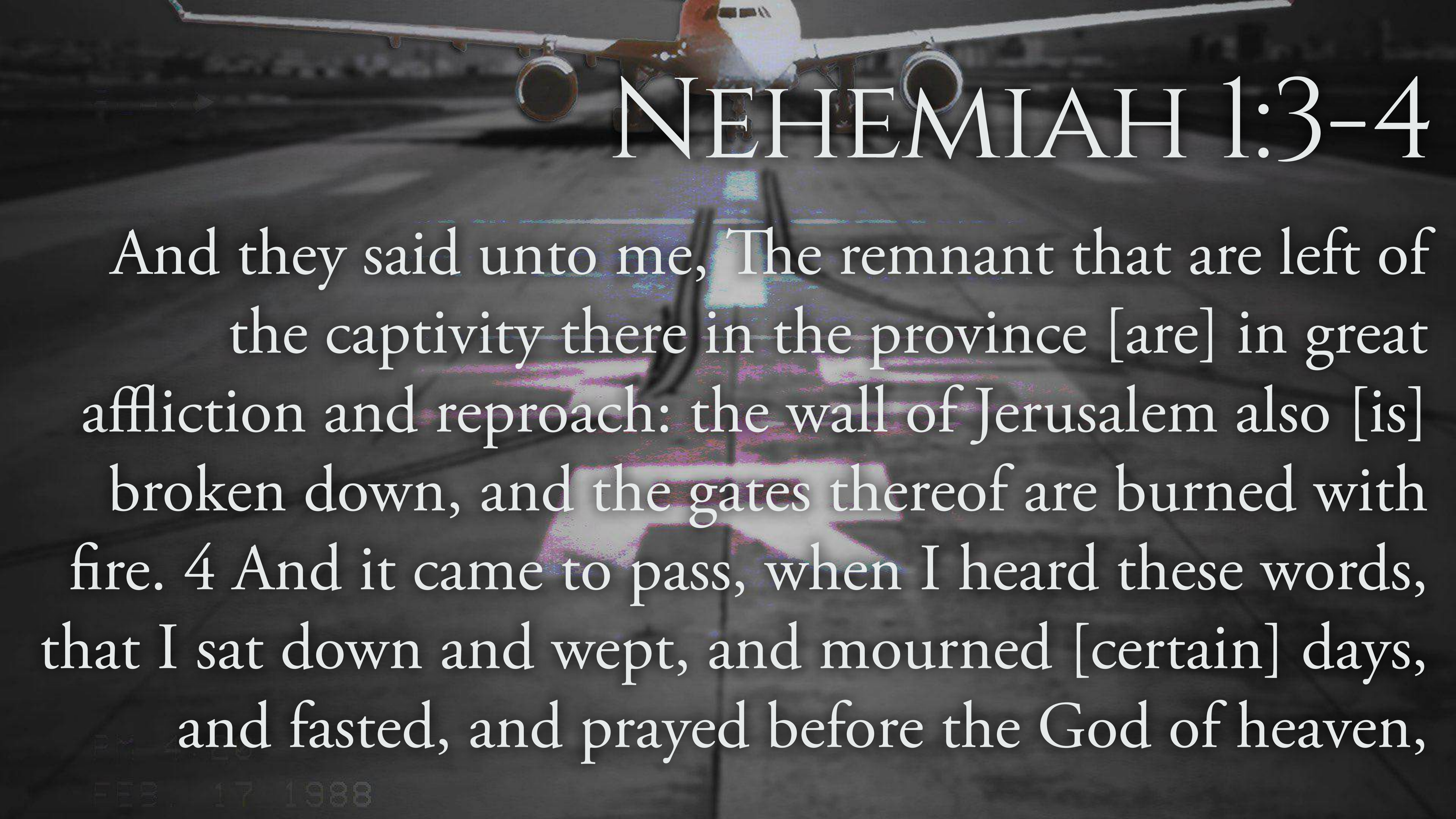
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YOU CAN BE MOVING
EVERY DAY AND STILL BE
GOING NOWHERE





NEHEMIAH 1:3-4

And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province [are] in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also [is] broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned [certain] days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

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PRINCIPLE 1:

Vision Starts Right Where You Are

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GOD HAS MOVED ON YOU
WITH A VISION FOR
SOMETHING YOU HAVE
NEVER SEEN FROM A
DESTINATION YOU NEVER
EXPECTED TO LEAVE

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PRINCIPLE 2:

Vision Must Be a Picture
Beyond Your Current Reality

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PLATITUDES CAN INSPIRE
YOU FOR A MOMENT;
VISION GIVES YOU A
DIRECTION FOR YOUR LIFE





YOU WILL NEVER MOVE
CONSISTENTLY TOWARD
SOMETHING YOU
CANNOT CLEARLY SEE

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PROVERBS 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish





IF YOU DO NOT GET A
VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE
– YOU WILL PERISH IN
YOUR CURRENT REALITY

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GOD CREATED YOU TO BE A VISIONARY



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WHAT YOU REPEATEDLY SEE
IN YOUR MIND BEGINS TO
INFLUENCE WHAT YOU
REPEATEDLY DO WITH
YOUR LIFE

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IF ALL YOU SEE IS WHO YOU
USED TO BE – YOU WILL
NEVER WALK INTO WHO GOD
IS CALLING YOU TO BECOME





ROMANS 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.



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PRINCIPLE 3:

Vision Demands Supernatural Intervention

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NEHEMIAH 2:11-12

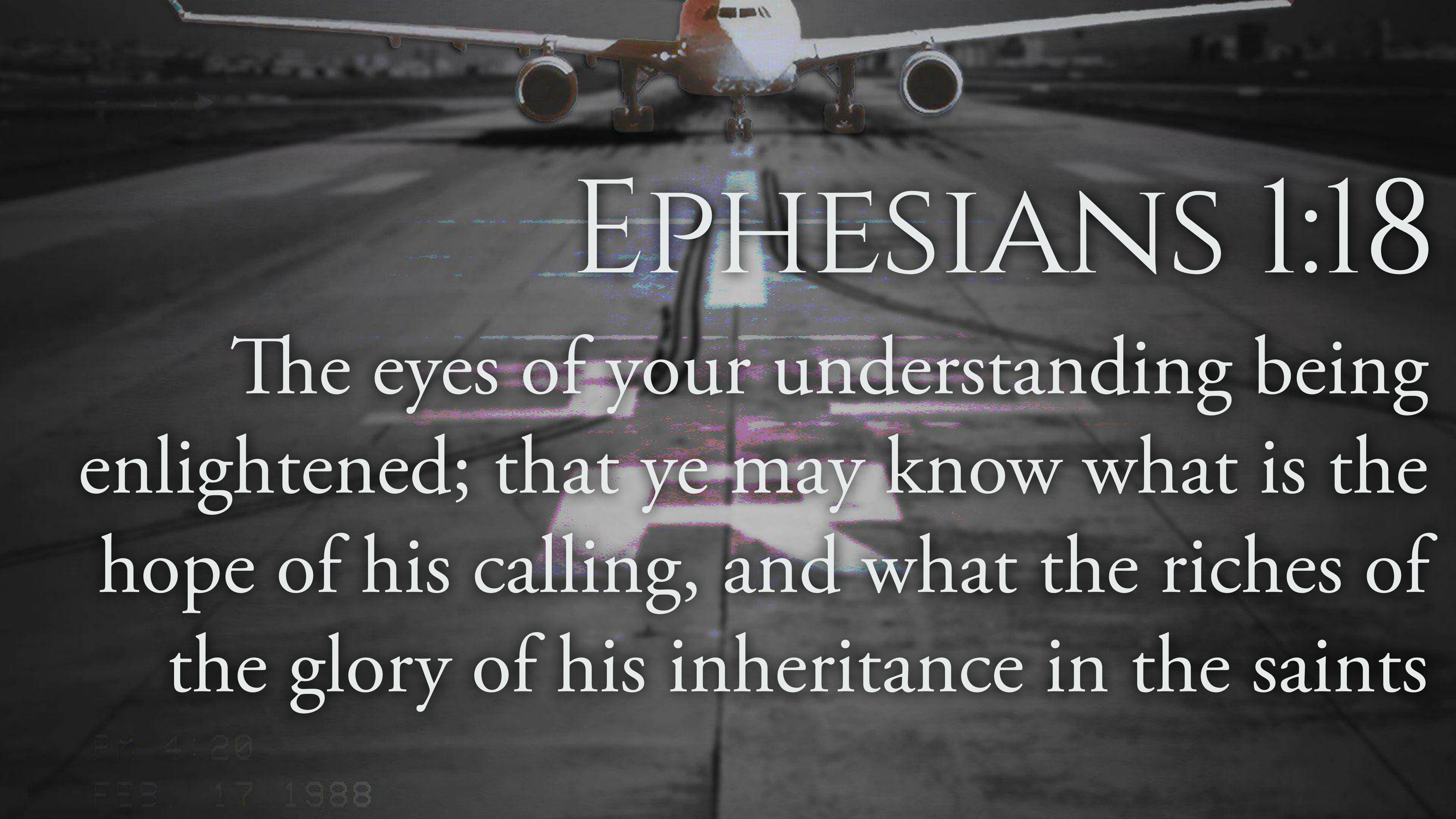
So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I [any] man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither [was there any] beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon

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VISION IS A SUPERNATURALLY
INDUCED STATE WHERE GOD WILL
ILLUMINATE POSSIBILITIES AND
FUTURES THAT YOU CANNOT SEE
NATURALLY



A large commercial airplane is positioned on a runway, viewed from a low angle looking down the center. The runway has a prominent white star painted on it, which is brightly lit. The background is dark and out of focus.

EPHESIANS 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being
enlightened; that ye may know what is the
hope of his calling, and what the riches of
the glory of his inheritance in the saints

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PRINCIPLE 4:

Vision Requires Action

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NEHEMIAH 1:4

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned [certain] days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,



NEHEMIAH 2:4-5, 7-8

Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it...

NEHEMIAH 2:4-5, 7-8

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; 8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which [appertained] to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.



NEHEMIAH 2:11

So I came to Jerusalem, and
was there three days

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A VISION WITHOUT
ACTION IS NOTHING
MORE THAN A WISH
WITH A RELIGIOUS
VOCABULARY

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PRINCIPLE 5:

Vision Attracts the Right People

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NEHEMIAH 2:17-18

Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we [are] in, how Jerusalem [lieth] waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for [this] good [work].





WHEN PEOPLE CAN SEE
THEMSELVES IN THE VISION –
THEY WILL STOP WATCHING
YOU BUILD IT AND START
BUILDING IT WITH YOU

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SACRIFICE FOR A VISION
THEY BELIEVE IS WORTH
SACRIFICING FOR





NEHEMIAH 3:8

Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of [one of] the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

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SOMETHING WORTH
BUILDING – BUILDERS
START SHOWING UP





WHO YOU ARE INFLUENCES
WHO YOU ATTRACT INTO
YOUR LIFE AND WHO YOU
KEEP IN YOUR LIFE

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THE SIZE OF THE
VISION YOU CARRY
WILL DETERMINE THE
SIZE OF THE PEOPLE
YOU ATTRACT

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PRINCIPLE 6:

Vision Outlasts Opposition

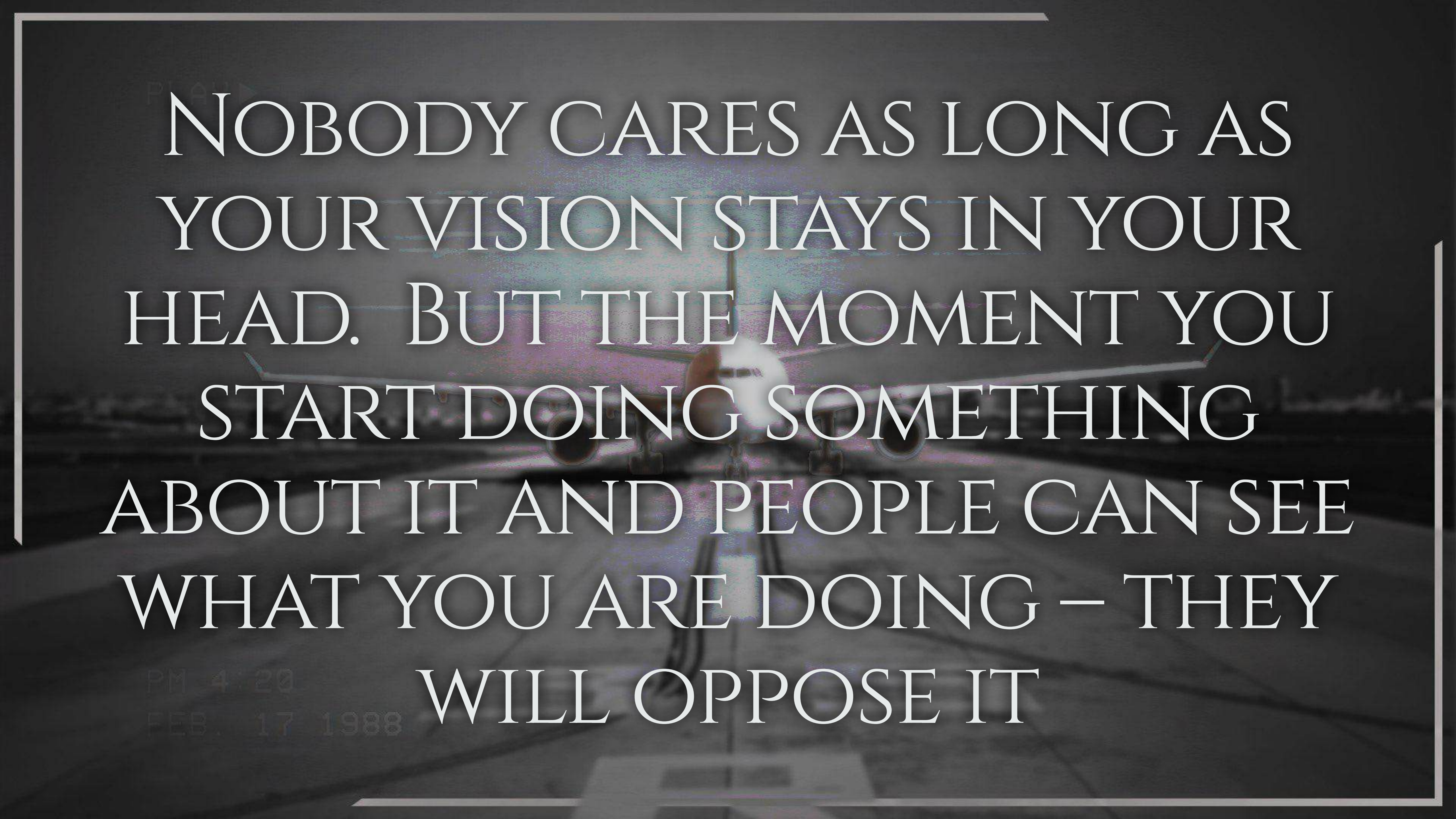
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NEHEMIAH 2:19

But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard [it], they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What [is] this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

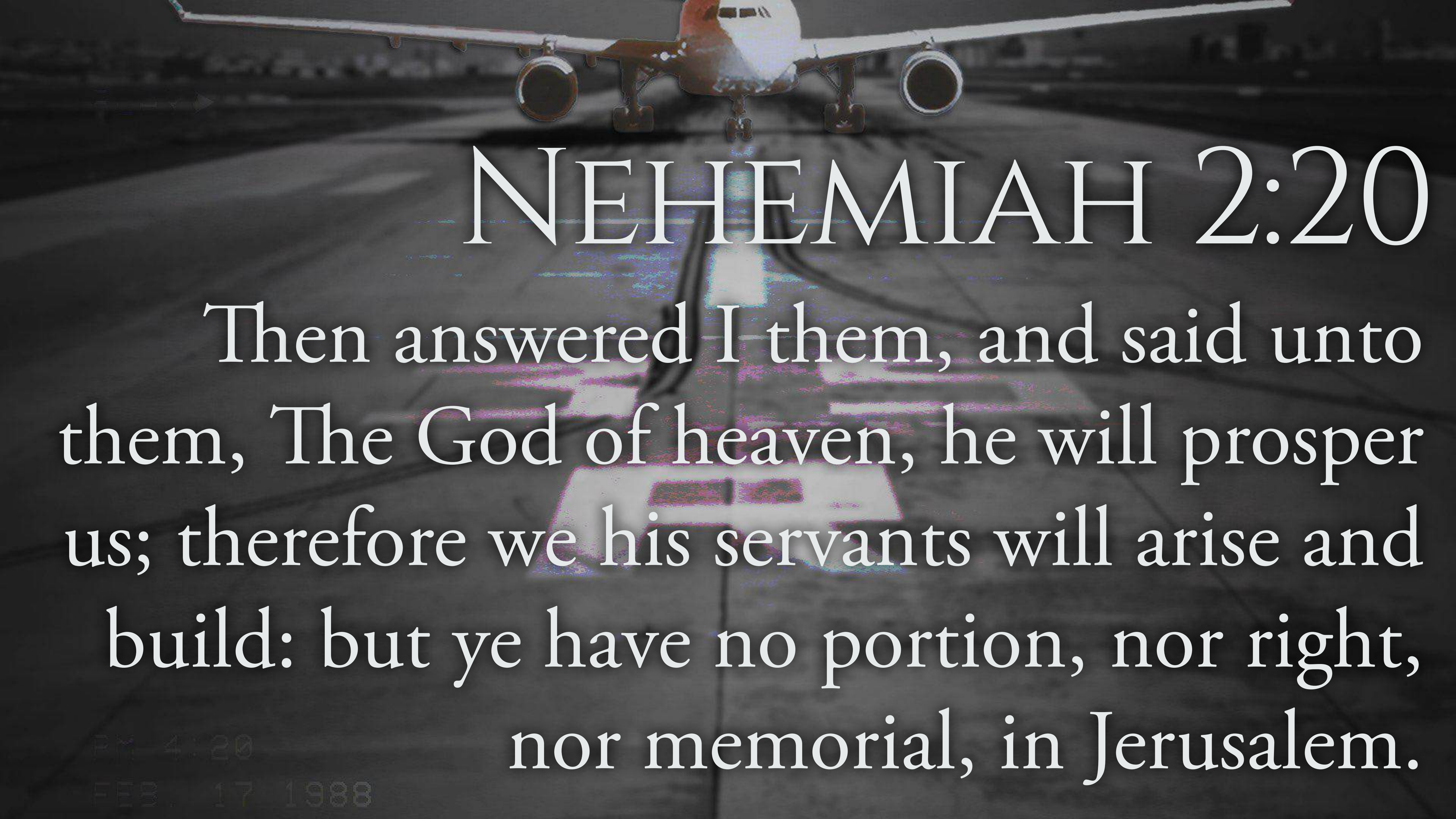




NOBODY CARES AS LONG AS
YOUR VISION STAYS IN YOUR
HEAD. BUT THE MOMENT YOU
START DOING SOMETHING
ABOUT IT AND PEOPLE CAN SEE
WHAT YOU ARE DOING – THEY
WILL OPPOSE IT

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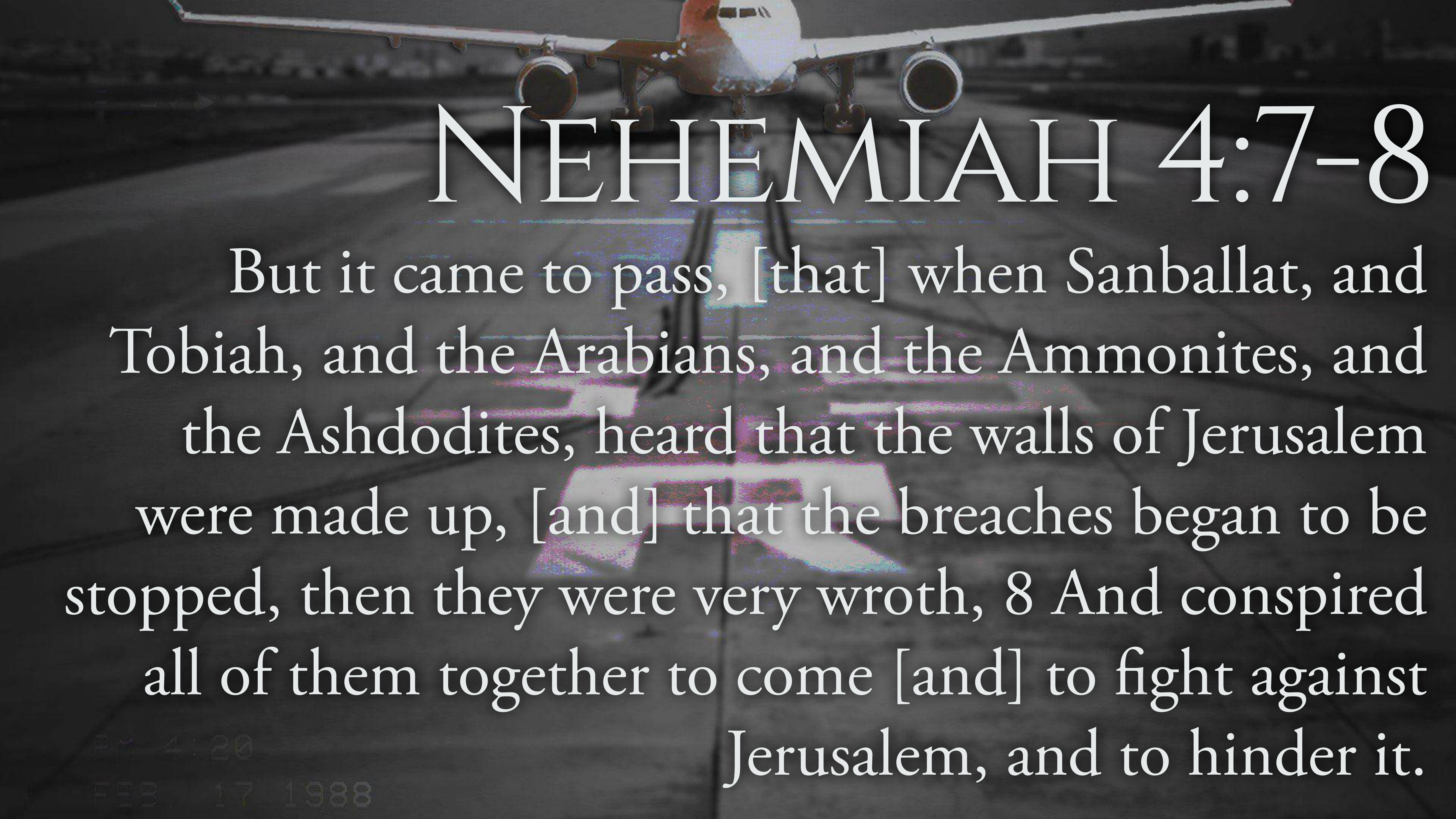
Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

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THE PEOPLE WHO ARE YOUR
BIGGEST CRITICS ARE THE
PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE
NOTHING WITH THEIR LIVES





NEHEMIAH 4:7-8

But it came to pass, [that] when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, [and] that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, 8 And conspired all of them together to come [and] to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

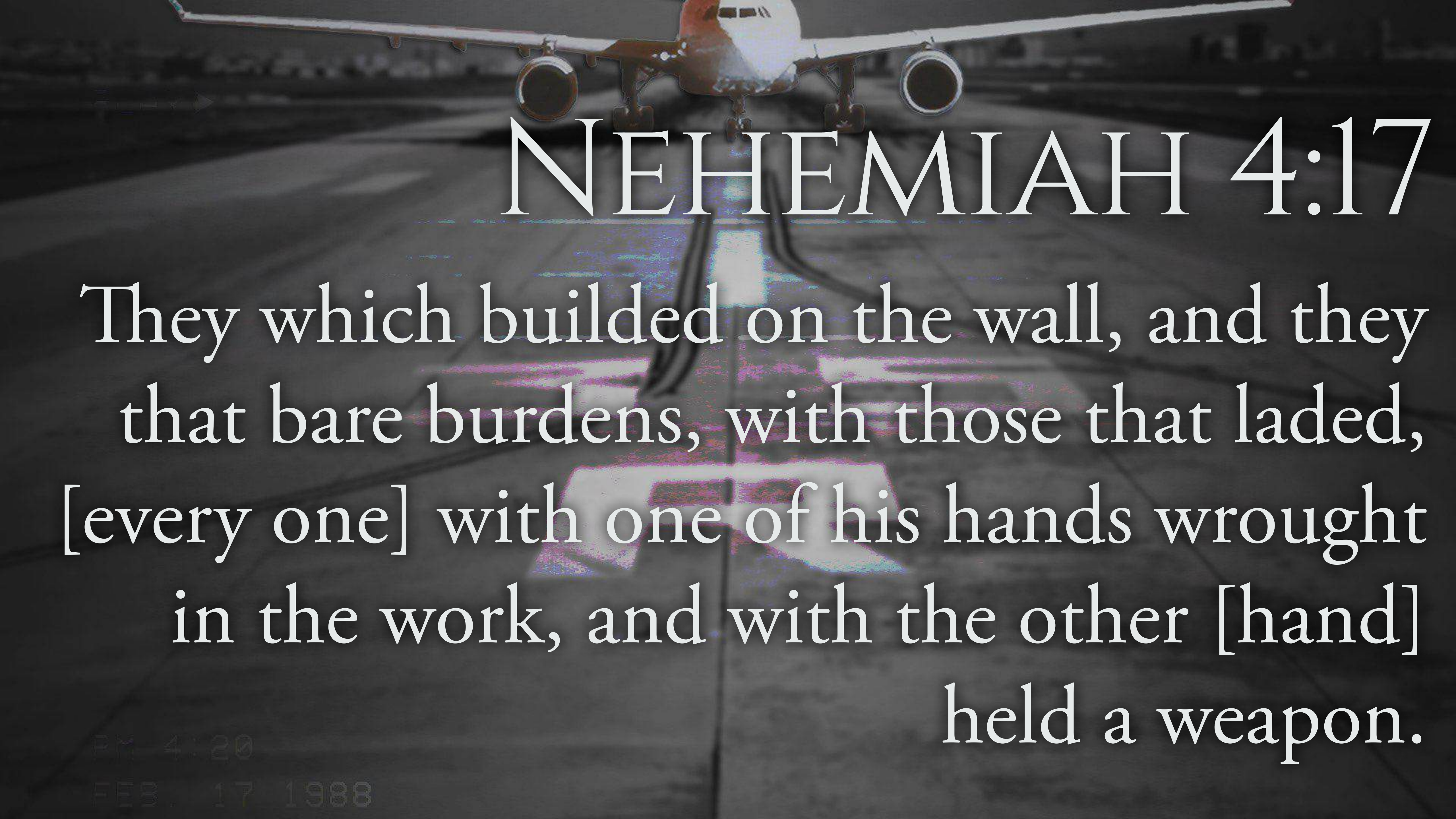
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NEHEMIAH 4:9

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.





NEHEMIAH 4:17

They which builded on the wall, and they
that bare burdens, with those that laded,
[every one] with one of his hands wrought
in the work, and with the other [hand]
held a weapon.

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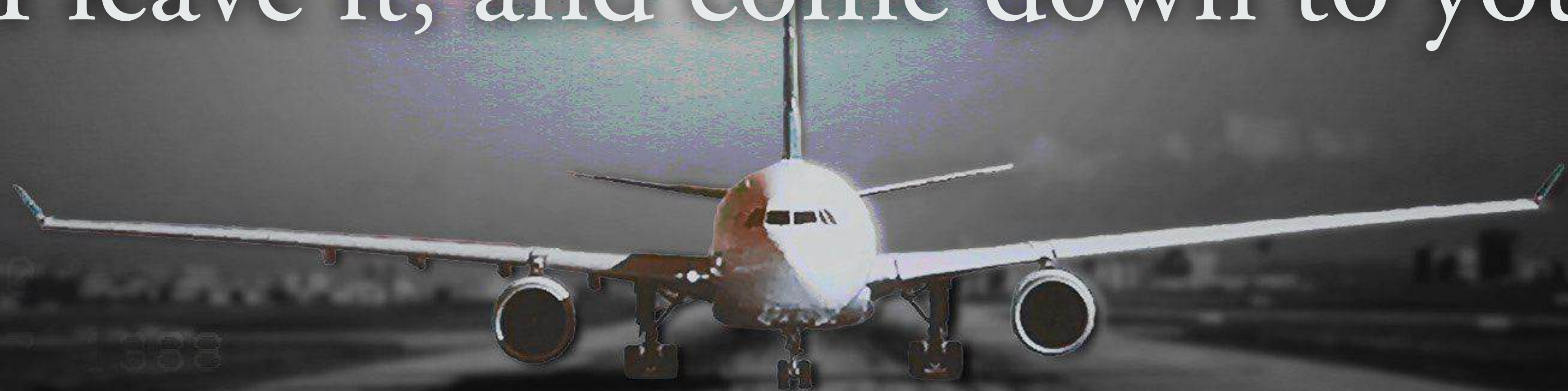
YOU CANNOT WAIT
FOR CONDITIONS TO
BE PERFECT TO
FOLLOW YOUR VISION

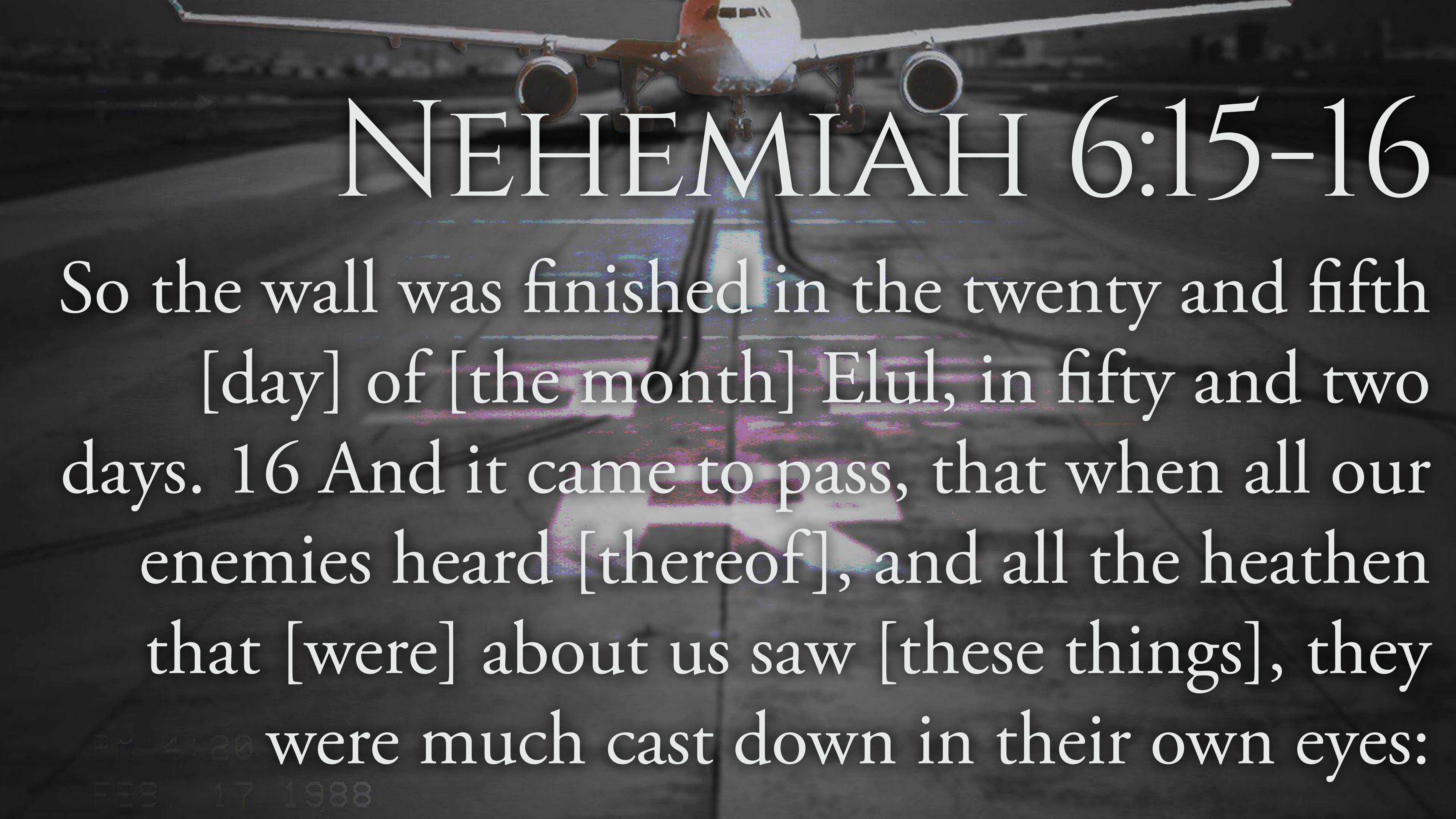
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NEHEMIAH 6:3

And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I [am] doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?





NEHEMIAH 6:15-16

So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth
[day] of [the month] Elul, in fifty and two
days. 16 And it came to pass, that when all our
enemies heard [thereof], and all the heathen
that [were] about us saw [these things], they
were much cast down in their own eyes:

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YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WIN
EVERY ARGUMENT WITH
YOUR OPPOSITION—YOU
JUST HAVE TO FINISH THE
WORK GOD GAVE YOU

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NEHEMIAH 6:15-16

...for they perceived that this
work was wrought of our God.

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