

# Restoring the Ruins: A Study in Nehemiah

## Week 1: When You See the Ruins

Key Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1–4

### PART 1: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

1. After King Solomon, the kingdom divided into the northern kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ and the southern kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The people of God fell into persistent \_\_\_\_\_ and disobedience.
3. The northern kingdom was conquered by \_\_\_\_\_ in 722 BC.
4. The southern kingdom (Judah) was conquered by \_\_\_\_\_ in 586 BC.
5. The destruction of Jerusalem included the temple being \_\_\_\_\_ and the walls being \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The exile lasted approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years.

### PART 2: IGNORING THE PROPHETS

7. God sent prophets like \_\_\_\_\_ to warn the people to turn from their sin.
8. Instead of listening, the people chose \_\_\_\_\_ over correction.
9. In 2 Chronicles 24, the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ was killed for speaking truth.
10. When conviction is rejected long enough, it can turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

### PART 3: MORAL COMPROMISE

11. King \_\_\_\_\_ allowed his heart to be turned by foreign influences.
12. Compromise often begins in \_\_\_\_\_ before it spreads to others.
13. King \_\_\_\_\_ led the nation into deep corruption and idolatry.
14. He didn't just sin personally—he \_\_\_\_\_ sin nationally.

### PART 4: UNDERSTANDING THE RUINS

15. The Hebrew word *parats* means to \_\_\_\_\_ or break through violently.
16. The broken walls represented not just damage, but \_\_\_\_\_ and exposure.
17. A city without walls was a people without \_\_\_\_\_.

### PART 5: NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE

18. When Nehemiah heard the news, he sat down and \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Before building anything, Nehemiah first turned to \_\_\_\_\_.
20. A burden begins in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### BIG IDEA

21. The walls were not the first thing to fall—\_\_\_\_\_ was.
22. Before the enemy broke in physically, they had already allowed \_\_\_\_\_ in spiritually.

Reflection: What is one “wall” in your life that God may be calling you to rebuild?