

Finally!

(Neh. 2:1-20)

A Message from Moses

To the Israelites

Just prior to entering the promised
land of Canaan:

(Deut. 4:24-31)

“For the LORD your God is a consuming fire,
a jealous God.

After you have had children and grandchildren and have
lived in the land a long time—if you then become
corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes
of the LORD your God and arousing his anger,
I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you
this day that you will quickly perish from the land that
you are crossing the Jordan to possess...”

Deut. 4:24-31 (NIV)

“You will not live there long but will certainly
be destroyed.

The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only
a few of you will survive among the nations to which
the LORD will drive you.

There you will worship man-made gods of wood and
stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. But if
from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find
him if you seek him with all your heart and with
all your soul...”

Deut. 4:24-31 (NIV)

“When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him.

For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.”

Deut. 4:24-31 (NIV)

“To King Artaxerxes, From your servants in
Trans-Euphrates:

The king should know that the people who
came up to us from you have gone to
Jerusalem and are rebuilding that rebellious
and wicked city.

They are restoring the walls and repairing
the foundations.”

Ezra 4:11-12 (NIV)

“The king sent this reply: ... I issued an order and a search was made, and it was found that this city has a long history of revolt against kings and has been a place of rebellion and sedition.

Jerusalem has had powerful kings ruling over the whole of Trans-Euphrates, and taxes, tribute and duty were paid to them.”

Ezra 4:17a, 19-20 (NIV)

“Now issue an order to these men to stop work,
so that this city will not be rebuilt until **I so order**.
Be careful not to neglect this matter. Why let
this **threat** grow, to the **detriment** of the
royal interests?”

— **King Artaxerxes**

Ezra 4:21-22 (NIV)

Finally!...

An Opportunity!

To leverage
our privilege, position, & influence...

For Kingdom purposes!

Influence aimed at building **temples!**

Nehemiah 2

**The video played at the conclusion of the sermon
may be viewed here:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsrV9FP_JKE