

THE WALL WAS FINISHED, BUT THE ENEMY WAS NOT

(Nehemiah 6:15-7:73)

I. THREE ATTEMPTS TO FOOL NEHEMIAH (6:1-14)

II. THE WALL IS FINISHED BUT THE OPPOSITION CONTINUES (6:15-7:3)

A. The Completion of the Wall (6:15-16)

1. After all of the intense hostility from the Gentiles _____, and all of the social injustices and fighting among the Jews on the _____, there is a _____ to the words, “*so the wall was finished...*” (v. 15)

2. As the neighbors of the Jews looked at the finished project, two things stood out to them...
 - a. They were “*disheartened*” in the sense that they were in _____; they were _____ that the Jews actually got it done in 52 days. (v. 16a)

 - b. It was obvious that this was _____ than just zeal and enthusiasm to work, it was apparent to all that— this had been _____ . (v. 16b)

B. The Opposition and Family Ties with Tobiah (6:17-19)

1. Even though the enemy might have been embarrassed; they were still _____ and _____ behind the scenes against Nehemiah with regular correspondence. (v. 17)

2. Being related to the Jews through marriage gave Tobiah an advantage over the nobles, and they actually _____ to his evil _____ against their own people and governor! (v. 18)

3. While such family loyalties were embarrassing enough in themselves, they were also busy _____ one another, _____ information, and making serious threats (v. 19)

C. The Governor Makes Several Executive Appointments (7:1-4)

1. In light of the wall being completed, Nehemiah wisely appointed “*the _____ and the Levites*” for godly _____. (v. 1)
2. The governor appointed his brother and Hananiah— whose qualifications were, “*he was a _____ man and _____ God more than many.*” (v. 2)
3. It wouldn’t do Jerusalem any good to have walls and gates if there were no guards monitoring them; thus the _____ were _____ during the busiest times of the day. (vv. 3-4)

III. REGISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE (7:5-73)

- A. This is _____ a list of the people who accompanied Nehemiah to Jerusalem in 444 B.C. but a record of those who returned with Zerubbabel in _____ B.C.; this list is almost _____ to the list in Ezra 2.
- B. The need for this investigation and final list may have been for validation to _____ rights or even for official _____, such as the priests in verses 61-65.

* What can you personally apply from this passage?