

NEHEMIAH 4

1. Describe Sanballat's response to the Jews for their rebuilding the wall. What do you think he was trying to accomplish with these actions?
2. What was Nehemiah's response to Sanballat's actions?
3. What effect did this initial opposition have on the building of the wall (4:6)? Why?
4. What groups opposed the Jews? Suggest a reason that they did not attack the Jews building the wall.
5. How did Nehemiah respond to the threat of all of these peoples against him? What lessons are there for us in this?
6. List 5 sources of discouragement that the tribe of Judah mentioned. At what point in the work does this occur?
7. Describe Nehemiah's response to this discouragement – both long term and short term responses. What was the result of his actions?
8. Describe the characteristics of a good leader that Nehemiah exhibits in this chapter.

NEHEMIAH Nehemiah 5-6

1. Read chapters 4, 5, and 6. Describe the different threats to completion of the wall.
 - a. Chapter 4 –

 - b. Chapter 5 –

 - c. Chapter 6 –

2. Describe the problems brought to Nehemiah in 5:1-5 in detail. Was sin involved? (see Deut. 24:10-13, Ex. 22:25, Lev. 25:42). To what means had the people gone to pay their debts? To whom did they owe money? (v. 7).

3. Describe Nehemiah's reaction when he heard the complaint. What did he do? How did the rulers and nobles initially respond? What did Nehemiah ask the rulers and nobles to do? Did they comply with his request?

4. 5:14-18 illustrates what important aspect of leadership? Contrast Nehemiah's behavior in these verses with previous governors. (See I Cor. 9:1-12).

5. How much of the work was completed in 6:1? Why might Sanballat and Geshem propose to meet Nehemiah away from Jerusalem? How did Nehemiah respond?

6. Why might Sanballat and Geshem make this request four times? What approach did they try the fifth time? What do you think they hoped to accomplish with this last request?