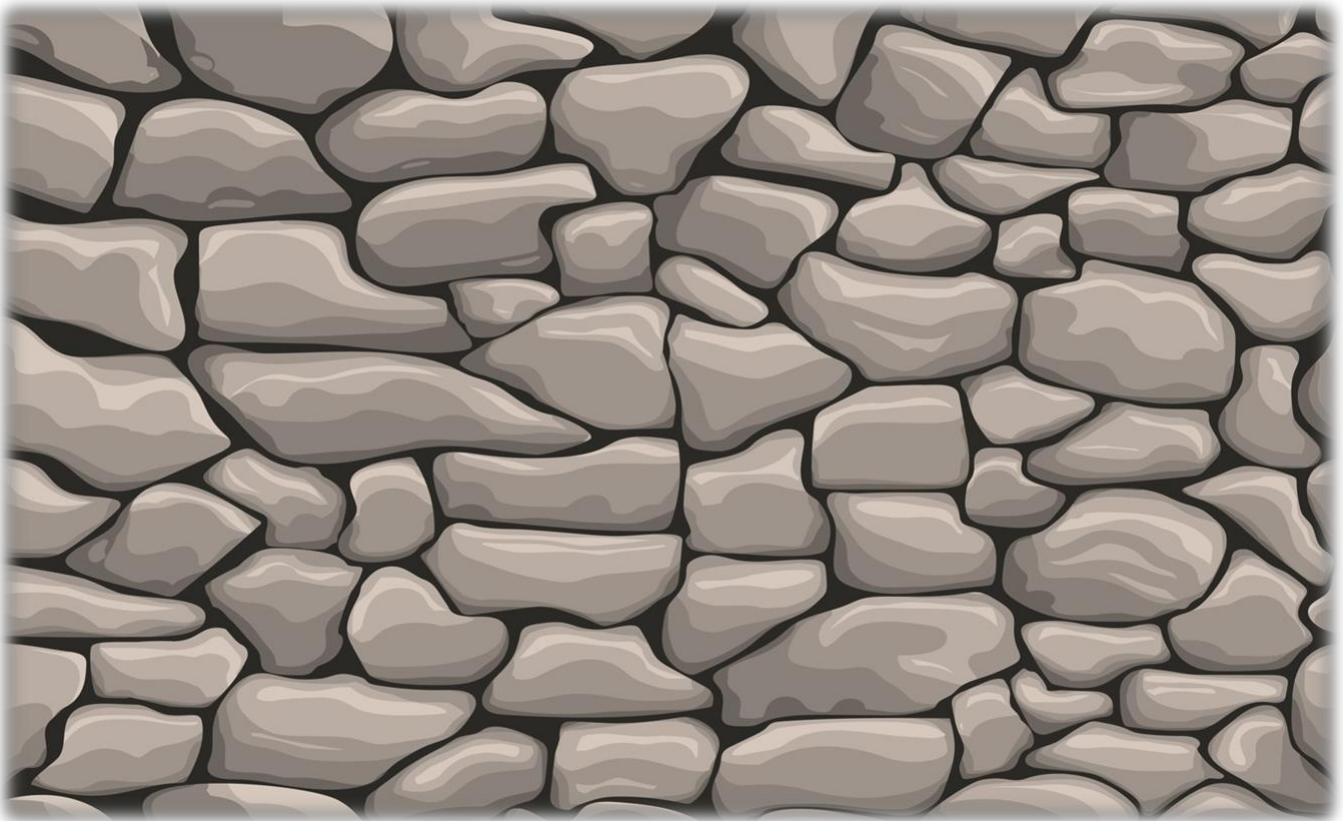# Walls, Gates and Enemies
Nehemiah 1-2

Jeremiah 16:14-15

"Therefore behold, days are coming," declares Adonai, "when it will no longer be said, 'As the Adonai lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but, 'As Adonai lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

Nehemiah 1:3

"The **wall** of Jerusalem is broken down, and its **gates** are destroyed by fire."

חומה
(chomah)

Water

First App.

(Exodus 14:22)

Fire

Last App.

(Zech. 2:5[9])

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city that is broken into without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.

שַׁעַר

(*sha'ar*)

- Gates are the filters.

- Gates are the places of decision & judgment.

- Health of the gates = health of the city

- Gates are the weakest part of the wall.

- Walls are passive. Gates are assertive.

- Gates should be closed on a regular basis.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: **Fear God and keep His commandments**, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Nehemiah's Three Enemies:

סנבלט = **Sanballat** (the Horonite)

"Hatred in disguise"

Jealousy

טוביה = **Toviah** (the Ammonite)

"Adonai is good"

Presumption

גשם = **Geshem** (the Arab)

"Rainfall"

Lies

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Our Three Enemies

The Enemy's Schemes:

Neh. 2:10	Displeasure
Neh. 2:19	Mockery & Disdain
Neh. 4:1	Fury (חֵמָה) & Anger (כַּעַס)
Neh. 4:7-8	Consp. to Resist
Neh. 6:1-2	Duplicity
Neh. 6:5-6	False Rumors
Neh. 6:10-14	" Prophecy
Neh. 13:28-29	Corruption of God's Servants

Our Stand = Nehemiah 2:20:

So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success. Therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem."