

# Enduring in the work

Nehemiah 4:1-9



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# Review

Pro 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

1 Peter 1:13 (KJV) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

# Review

- The Jews
  - A picture of individual believers
  - People in our lives that we are ministering to
  - Those who are downcast
- Nehemiah
  - Means “Jehova Comforts”
  - Had a burden and responded to leading the work
  - Takes on many different pictures
    - Pictures the holy spirit
    - Pictures us in our growing leadership and walk with the Lord

# Review

- Sanballat
  - Picture of Satan
    - The accuser, actively working to hinder the work of God's people for his glory
    - Revelation 12:10 calls satan the "Accuser of our brethren" "which accused them before our God day and night"

**Key Point: You have an adversary, and we better not be ignorant of him.**

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

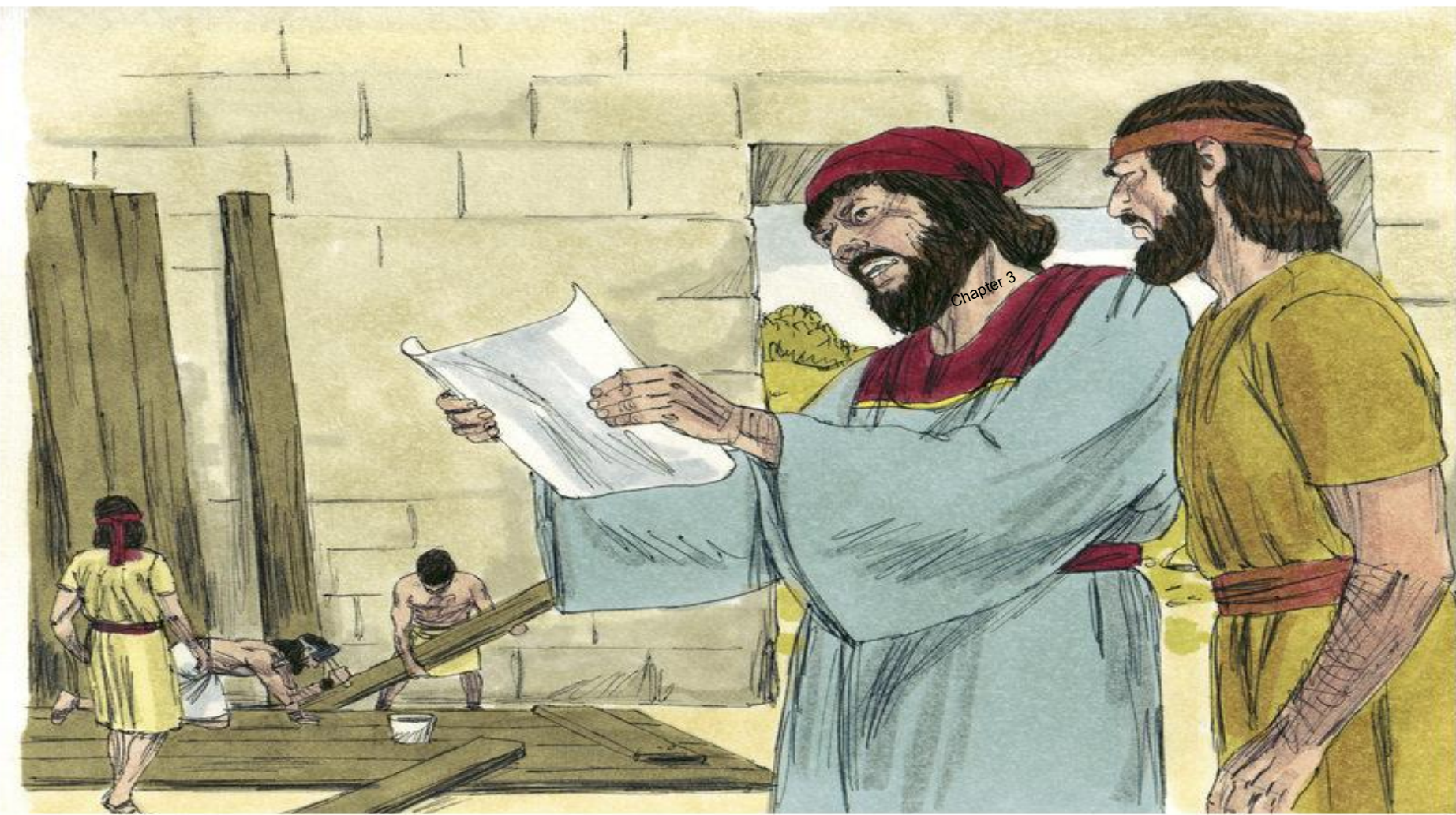
2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV) Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.



Chapter 1



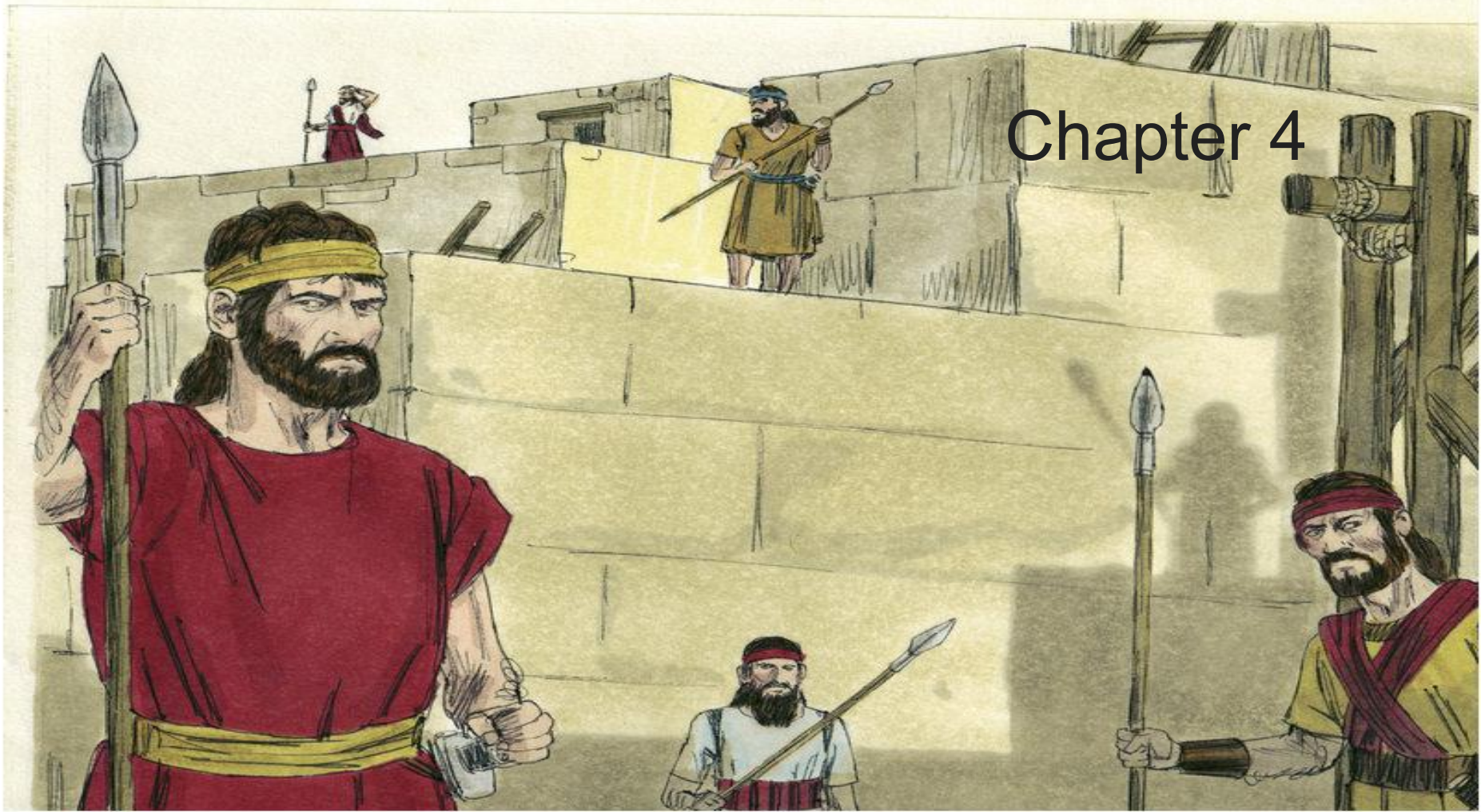
Chapter 2



Chapter 3



# Chapter 4



## Nehemiah 4: 1-4

1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite [was] by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

6 attacks on God's people



1.) What do these feeble Jews?

## Thus saith the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:27 (KJV) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

Proverbs 30:26 (KJV) The conies [are but] a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Key Point: Though you are weak, your God is  
Exceedingly strong.





2.) Will they fortify themselves?

## Thus saith the Lord

Psalms 18:2 (KJV) The LORD [is] my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, [and] my high tower.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV) 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Key Point: Our only defence is to put on the full armour of God and find our footing on our sure foundation



3.) Will they sacrifice?

# Sufficiency of Christ

Romans 10:9-10 (KJV) 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Hebrews 10:1-18



4.) Will they make an end in a day?



## Thus saith the Lord

Luke 9:23 (KJV) And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Key point: Your walk with the Lord is a  
marathon and not a sprint.



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5.) Will they Revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

## Thus saith the Lord

1 Peter 2:3-5 (KJV) 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord [is] gracious. 4 To whom coming, [as unto] a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, [and] precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.



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6.) Even that which they build, if a fox go up,  
he shall even break down their stone wall

# Thus saith the Lord

[Psa 127:1 KJV] 1 [[A Song of degrees for Solomon.]] Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh [but] in vain.



Key point: We need God to provide fruit that  
remains

## Nehemiah 4:4-6

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked [thee] to anger before the builders. 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

## Nehemiah 4: 7-9

7 But it came to pass, [that] when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, [and] that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, 8 And conspired all of them together to come [and] to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Key point: Though the enemy may seem great, you are compassed by a great cloud of witnesses

## Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], **and let us run with patience the race that is set before us**, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.