



Old Testament Outline: Nehemiah by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Nehemiah = Jehovah Is Comforted **[God Is Punctillious]** **Covers 12-year period 5:14-18** **Blueprint for Redemption**

I. King's Cupbearer 1:1-2:6

- A. News of Jews' Distress **1:1-11**
 - 1. Faithful report from Jewish brethren **1:1-3** **[Faith]**
 - 2. Faithful response from Nehemiah **1:4-11** **[Repentance]**
- B. View of Jews' Dereliction **2:1-6** **[Conversion]**
 - 1. Long face before Artaxerxes Longimanus **2:1-3**
 - 2. Here I am, send me, King **2:4-6**
 - a. Reformed heart **2:4-5**
 - b. Revised plans including time limit to return **2:6**
 - c. Revamp routes **2:7-9**
 - 1) "Building permits" obtained by God **2:7-8**
 - 2) "Police" protection extended **2:9**
 - d. Reality check for "local authorities" were displeased **2:10**

II. God's Builder 2:11-5:13

- A. Surveyed The Problem **2:11-3:32**
 - 1. Secretly saw for himself **2:11-16**
 - 2. Stated the goal to "let us rise up and build" **2:17-18**
 - 3. Shunned outsiders' "help" **2:19-20**
 - 4. Specifically apportioned assignments **3:1-32**
- B. Safeguarded The Progress **4:1-5:13**
 - 1. Outside opponents may:
 - a. Ridicule **4:1-6**
 - (1 Mocking their efforts **4:1-3**
 - (2 Making God take notice **4:4-5**
 - (3 Whole-minded work = half finished **4:6**
 - b. Rage **4:7-23**
 - (1 Conspiracy of confusion **4:7-8**
 - (2 "Watch and pray" **4:9-23**
 - (a Growing fear of sudden attacks **4:10-12**
 - (b Working army of the Lord **4:13-22**
 - (c Clothing allowance **4:23**

2. Inside opponents destroy **5:1-13**
 - a. Focusing on "our own" expenses **5:1-5**
 - (1 "My family suffers" **5:2**
 - (2 "I'm financially strapped by debts" **5:3**
 - (3) "I'm already paying high government taxes" **5:4-5**
 - b. Furious solutions by faith **5:6-13**
 - (1 Quit charging extra to brethren **5:7-10**
 - (2 Restore their goods plus 1% of surcharge **5:11-12**
 - (3 Threatened punishment by God for non-compliance **5:13**

III. Israel's Governor 5:14-13:31

- A. Sacrifices of God's Governor **5:14-19**
- B. Security of Jerusalem Set **6:1-7:3**
 1. "Unity Forum" at Ono set by enemies **6:1-9**
 2. "Spy" suggests private meeting **6:10-14**
 3. Wall finished in 52 days **6:15-16**
 4. Sympathizers kin to Tobiah **6:17-19**
 5. Nehemiah's faithful brother, Hanani, in charge of gates **7:1-3**
- C. Sinlessness of Jews Ensured **7:4-13:31**
 1. Restored Jews must finish their own houses **7:4-73**
 2. Restoration of completely reading Moses' Law to all **8:1-12**
 3. Resumption of Feast of Tabernacles **8:13-18 Cf Leviticus 23:33-44**
 4. Recognition in prayer of God's works for Israel **9:1-38**
 - a. Israelites separated themselves for purity **9:1-2**
 - b. Bible reading for 6 hours, confession for 6 hours **9:2-3**
 - c. Prayer outlines Bible history **9:4-35**
 - d. "Amen" is renewal of covenant **9:36-38**
 5. Re-signers of covenant with God **10:1-39**
 - a. Leaders first **10:1-27**
 - b. Rest of the people "follow the leaders" **10:28-31**
 - c. "Temple tax" instituted **10:32-33**
Matthew 17:24-27
 - d. Distribution of Levitical duties **10:34-39**
 6. Reservations for city of Jerusalem **11:1-36**
 - a. Only 10% populace in Jerusalem **11:1-24**
 - b. Other 90% outside **11:25-36**
 7. Retention of Levitical purity **12:1-13:31**
 - a. Zerubbabel's Levites and priests listed **12:1-11**
 - b. Priests in Joiakim's time **12:12-21**
 - c. Records of Darius the Persian **12:22-26**
 - d. Levitical and priestly celebration when wall finished **12:27-43**
 - e. Davidic division of Levitical duties restored **12:44-47**
 - f. Ammonites and Moabites rejected from worship **13:1-3**
 - g. Corruption in Nehemiah's absence **13:4-31**
 - (1 Eliashab "stole" Levitical support for Tobiah **13:4-14**
 - (2 People violated the Sabbath with work **13:15-22**
 - (3) Mixed marriages seen by children's language **13:23-31**

Notations in Nehemiah

Nehemiah wanted God to "Remember" him concerning his good efforts

Nehemiah 5:19; 13:14, 22, 21

Hebrews 6:10

Nehemiah attributes all success to God

Nehemiah 2:4,8,18,20; 4:15,20; 6:9,16; 9:36-38