

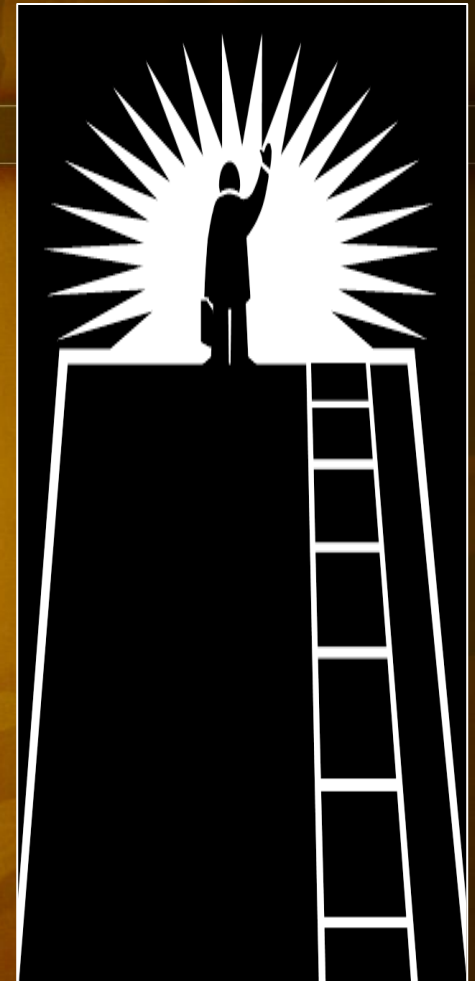
BUILD **Neh 6:15** THE DREAM

“So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days” (6:15).

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**Prov 13:19 “A desire
accomplished is sweet
to the soul.”**

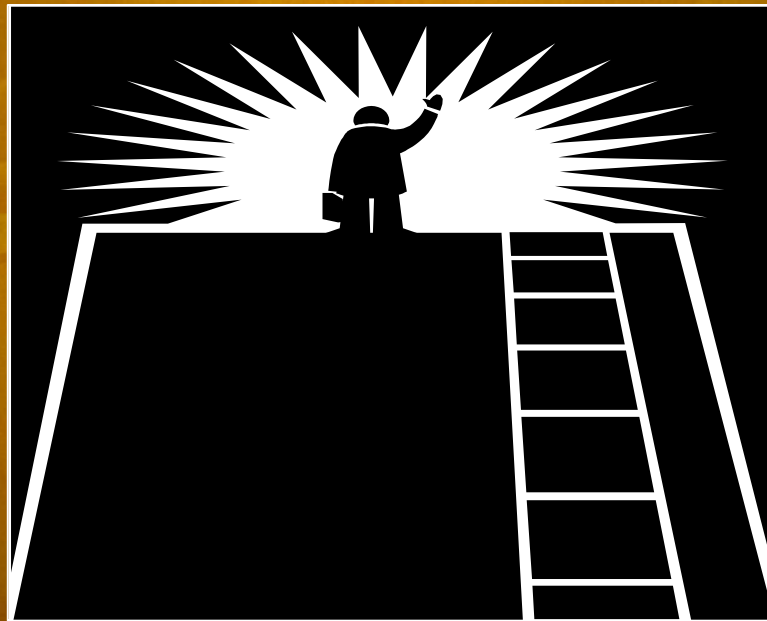


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Neh 6

“Sweet Success”



Building Today for a Better Tomorrow

*How To Convict the Sincerely
Deceived of Religious Error*

The Nathan Principle



Sunday pm series will continue

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HOW SUCCESSFUL?

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**KEPT WORKING IN SPITE OF
DISTRACTION.**

- Even when 95% complete, the enemies did not stop (Neh 6:1)!

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KEPT WORKING . . .

- Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at one of the villages in the plain of Ono." (6:2a).
- Nehemiah says: "They sought to do me harm (mischief)" (6:2b).

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**IF YOU WANT TO STALL THE
WALL, YOU TAKE OUT THE
LEADER!**

KEEPING YOUR CHARACTER

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HIS RESPONSE:

- “He sent messengers to them. I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come.”
- LESSON: Nehemiah refused to alter his priorities.

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HIS ENEMIES WERE
RELENTLESS.

- “They sent the message **four times** and I answered in the same manner” (6:4).

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**SATAN'S GREATEST PLAN
OF ATTACK MAY BE TO
MAKE US SO LUKEWARM
WE BECOME IRREVELANT.**

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KEPT WORKING IN SPITE OF DEFAMATION.

- “Sanballat sent his servant as before, the 5th time, with an OPEN UNSEALED LETTER in his hand” (6:5).

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LETTER: 3 ACCUSATIONS (Neh 6:6-7).

- The Jews are going to rebel!
- Nehemiah wants to become King!
- He had paid off the prophets to back him.

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KEPT WORKING IN SPITE OF DEFAMATION (6:6-7).

- The method: “It is reported” (6:6).
- The threat: “These matters will be reported to the King...”

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THE RESPONSE (6:8).

- “*No such things as you say are being done*, you invent them in your own heart!”
- “Therefore Oh God, *strengthen* my hands!”

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KEPT WORKING IN SPITE OF DANGER (6:10).

- “A secret informer said: “Let us meet together in the house of God for they are coming to **kill you!**”

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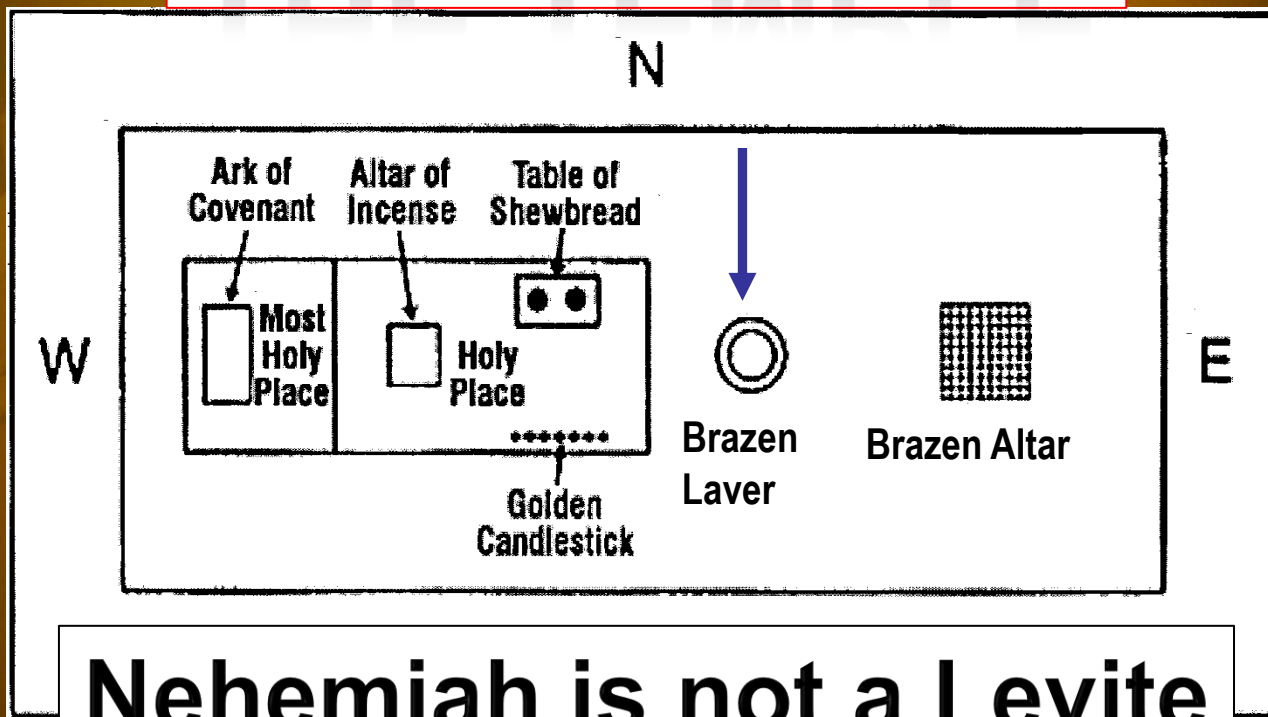
- **THE RESPONSE (6:11-14).**
- **The enemies wanted 3 things:**
 - Wanted Neh. to focus on **himself**.
 - Wanted him to appear a **coward**.
 - Wanted him to **sin**!

WHAT SIN?

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THE TEMPLE



Nehemiah is not a Levite

PRIESTS ONLY

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WHAT WERE THE SECRETS?

- A Compelling Purpose. Stayed on task. (Similar to Phil 3:13).
- Made Prayer a vital part of everything (Similar to I Thess 5:17).
- Courageous Persistence (Neh 6:15).

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BUILD **Neh 6:15-16** THE DREAM

“The wall was completed; and when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.”

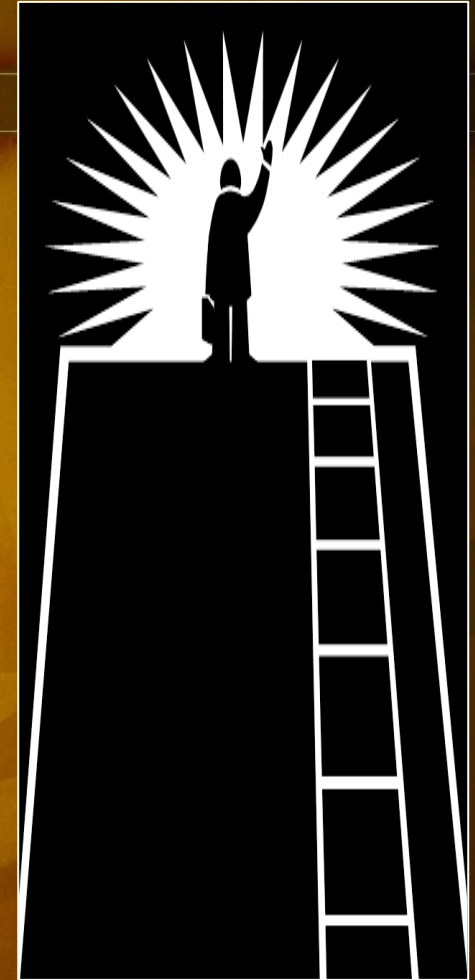
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Winning Formula

**GOD'S WILL +
GOD'S POWER (HIS
HELP) + THE CO-
OPERATION OF
GOD'S PEOPLE WHO
WILL NOT QUIT!**



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“If it is first begun, never leave it until it is done! Whether big or small, do it well, or not at all!”

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BUILD **Neh 6:15-16** **THE DREAM**

**BUILDING THE WALL WAS NOT
AN END IN ITSELF.**

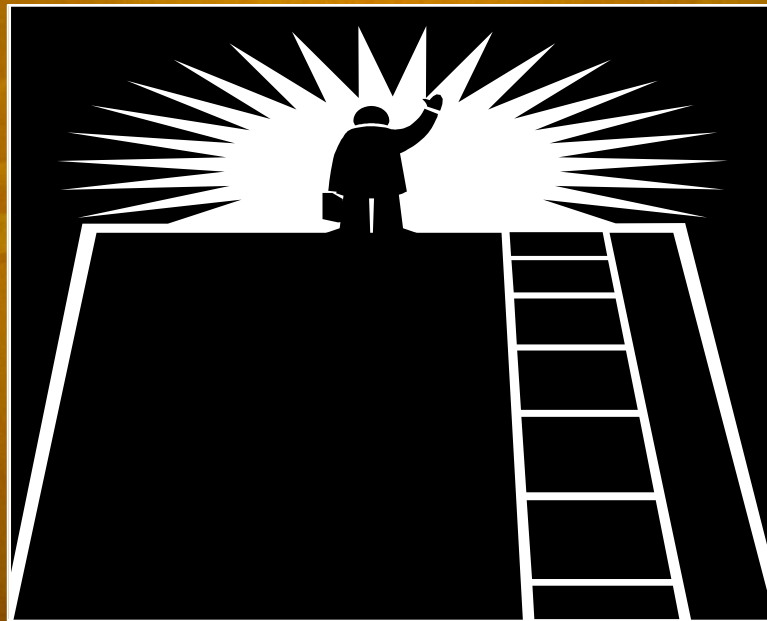
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HEART OF THE PEOPLE.**

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