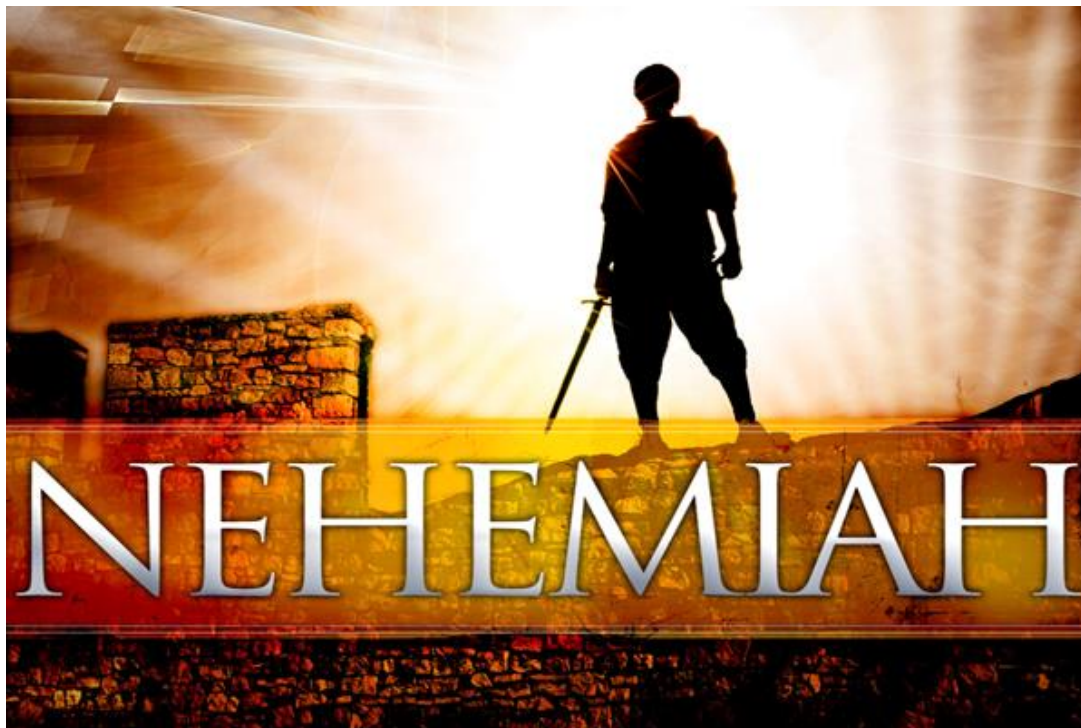


Leadership Characteristics (chs. 1–6)



Nehemiah: A Great Leader



- He demonstrated great concern for the Lord's cause, and for his brethren (1:1–4).
 - Left the comforts of Shushan for the ruins of Jerusalem (ch. 2).
 - Concern also reflected in his prayer (1:5–11).

Nehemiah: A Great Leader




- He also believed in the power of prayer, something we find Nehemiah doing throughout the book.
 - 2:4; 4:4–5, 9; 5:19; 6:9, 14; 13:14, 22, 29, 31.

Nehemiah: A Great Leader




- Showed great boldness—in many ways, but specifically during his appearance before the king (2:1–8).
- Notice, too, he already had a plan of action (2:7–8).
- He stirred his brethren to action (2:17–18).

Nehemiah: A Great Leader

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- Didn't let opposition stop him or his brethren.
 - Opposition from **without**, from the enemies of the Jews: 2:19–20; 4:1–3, 6; 4:17–20; 6:1–3.
 - Opposition from **within**: 5:1–9.
 - But the work got done—in 52 days! 6:15.
 - Showed great humility—did not exalt himself above his brethren (5:14–18).

Nehemiah: A Great Leader

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- Had a plan to get everyone involved (ch. 3).
 - Wall divided into portions, and each portion was assigned to a particular group or family.
 - Women involved in the work (3:12).
 - Some were assigned a portion of the wall close to their home (3:10, 23, 28, 29, 30).
 - Unfortunately, some did not work (3:5).