

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Chapter 6

1. How does the story of rebuilding the wall continue in Chapter 6?

a. What was the status of the rebuilding, as seen in verse 1?

2. Who invites Nehemiah for a meeting, and how does he describe this invitation?

a. Why do you think Nehemiah sees it this way? How would he know one way or the other?

3. What is Nehemiah's reply to this invitation?

a. What does he give as a reason for this response?

4. What is the continuing response of those who want to meet with Nehemiah?

a. What is the message of the 5th letter sent to Nehemiah?

5. What statements are made in this open letter?

a. Are these statements true based on what you know from the story in Nehemiah, so far?

6. What is the implied threat and warning in this open letter?

a. How does Nehemiah respond to all these accusations in this letter?

7. How does Nehemiah see their intention with this letter, and its accusations and threats?

a. What does Nehemiah do about all this? Who does he speak to about it (see verse 9)?

8. Why do you think Nehemiah did not address each of these accusations and defend himself?

a. Do you think Nehemiah should have addressed these things specifically?

b. Do you think this would have prevented the further incidents in this chapter? Why or why not?

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9. What is Nehemiah's next encounter with opposition and deceit?

a. Who does he go to visit and what is Nehemiah told by this man?

10. What is Nehemiah's response to this man?

a. What does this reveal about Nehemiah's character as a man and leader of people?

11. What does Nehemiah express that reveals why he responds the way he does?

a. How do you think Nehemiah could know this?

12. What is Nehemiah's prayer in verse 14? Why do you think he would pray this way?

a. Do you think this is appropriate or right? Why or why not?

13. What great accomplishment is completed, as told in verse 15?

How long did this work take?

14. What was the reaction of all those who had opposed Nehemiah and those rebuilding the wall?

a. Why does it say these people reacted this way?

15. Did the completion of rebuilding the wall put an end to the opposition by their enemies?

a. What is described as taking place after this, and how did it take place? Who was involved?

16. What can this chapter teach you about handling false accusations and threats from others?

a. How can this also be applied in regards to spiritual attack and spiritual warfare?

17. What specific things has God shown you, personally, that can be applied in your own life?

a. What are specific ways that this will help you deal with people being critical of you?

b. How would these things be useful to you in dealing with spiritual attacks from the enemy?

c. How would these things be useful to you in dealing with spiritual attacks from the enemy?