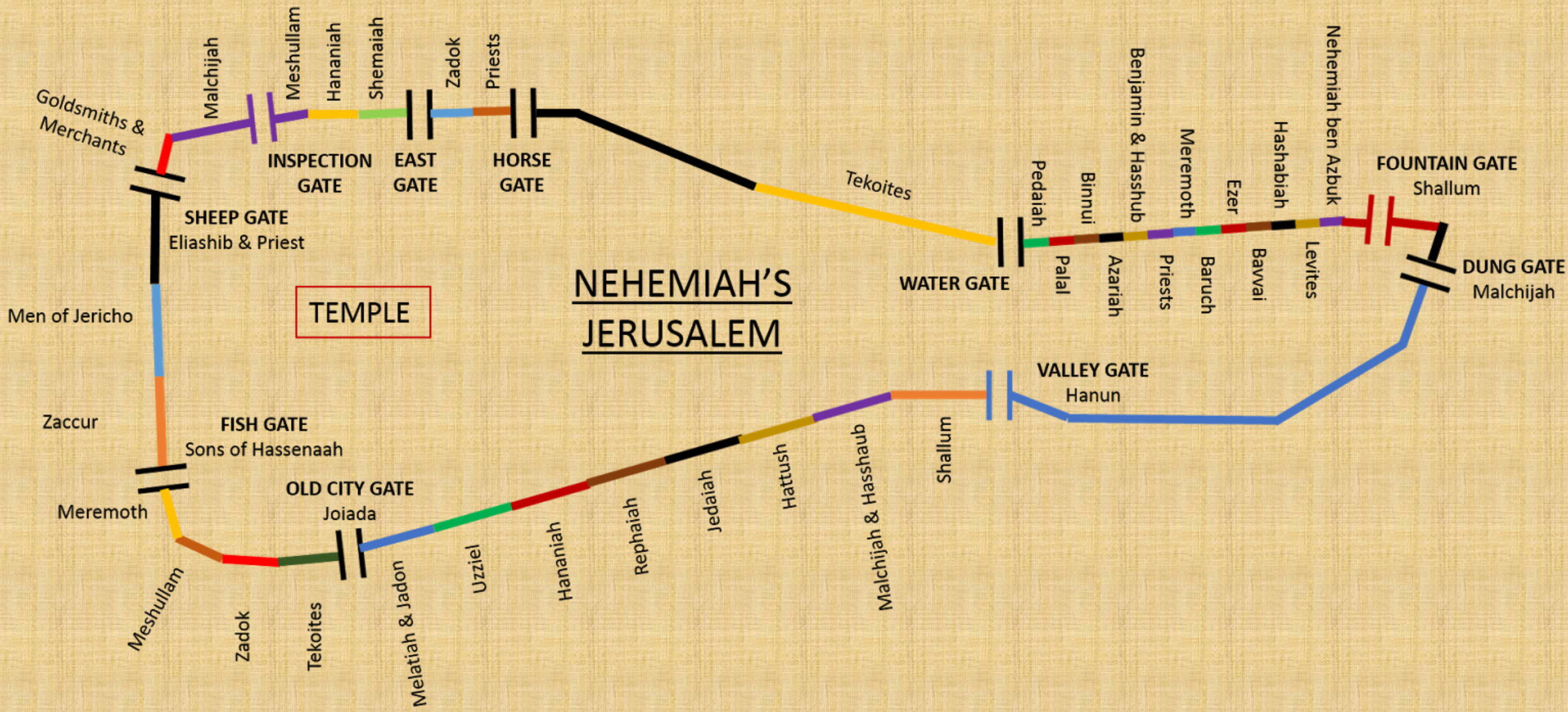


NEHEMIAH



Theme: God works powerfully  
through the unity of His  
people

# I. The Leadership of Nehemiah

# Nehemiah 2:8b

“And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.”

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“Viggo Olsen, who helped rebuild ten thousand houses in war-ravaged Bangladesh in 1972, derived unexpected inspiration from reading a chapter ordinarily considered one of the least interesting in the Bible: *“I was struck ... that no expert builders were listed in the ‘Holy Land brigade.’ There were priests, priests’ helpers, goldsmiths, perfume makers, and women, but no expert builders or carpenters were named”*”

- The Expositor’s Bible Commentary, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1988)

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# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

# Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

<sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

<sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## Ephesians 4:1-7

4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

## Nehemiah 2:17-18

17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.”

18 And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

# 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same  
God who empowers them all in everyone.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for  
the common good.

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*“At the sheep gate is where it all began. This the gate where the Lord Jesus entered into Jerusalem...(John 5:2)...The sheep gate is the gate through which the animals were brought for sacrifice. This is the gate the Lord used. I think He was acting out, as it were, a walking parable. He was illustrating what John the Baptist said about Him, “...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29b).”*

- J. Vernon McGree, Thru the Bible

## Psalm 103:12

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## John 10:7-9

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

## Romans 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

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