

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

LET'S READ & Study!!

For: 25 July 2021

Esther Goes Before the King

Monday- Good Brings Disaster on Absalom (2nd Samuel 18:9-17)

Tuesday- Balaam Compelled to Obey God (Numbers 23:7-12; 24:10-13)

Wednesday- Futility Versus Fullness (Psalm 127:1-5)

Thursday- Resisting God's Will (Acts 5:33-42)

Friday- Esther Becomes Queen (Esther 2:8-20)

Saturday- Esther's Petition (Esther 7:1-10)

Sunday- Esther Courage (Esther 4:6-5:2)

Nehemiah Combats Derision and Danger ¹

Lesson Text: **Nehemiah** 4:1-9

Related Scriptures: **Nehemiah** 2:9-20; 6:1-15; **Psalms** 123:1-4; **1st Peter** 5:6-10:

TIME: 445 B.C.

PLACE: Jerusalem

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.”* **Nehemiah 4: 9 (KJV)**

Scripture Lesson Text

Nehemiah 4:1-9

4 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, 11 July 2021, *Nehemiah Combats Derision and Danger*, page 39

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To realize that those who speak up for the Lord will be ridiculed by others.

Principle: To show that God will bless and empower those who absorb the ridicule of the enemy.

Application: To determine to seek the applause of heaven rather than the accolades of man.

Introduction

Nehemiah left his royal position as the king's cupbearer in Persia to go to Jerusalem when he heard that the walls around the city had been broken down and lay in ruins. When he arrived in Jerusalem, however, he immediately met with opposition from those who did not want to see Jerusalem rebuilt and refortified.

I. Developing the Lesson:

- a. Praying through ridicule (Nehemiah 4:1-5)
- b. Working through ridicule (Nehemiah 4:6-9)

II. Studying the Text

a. Enemy Mockery (Nehemiah 4:1-3)

- i. Outraged shocked (Nehemiah 4:1-2)
- ii. Unbridled Sarcasm (Nehemiah 4:3)

b. Prayer and Perseverance (Nehemiah 4:4-6)

- i. Prayer for vindication (Nehemiah 4:4-5)
- ii. Progress on the wall (Nehemiah 4:6)

c. Enemy Threats and More Prayer (Nehemiah 4:7-9)

- i. Rage and plotting (Nehemiah 4:7-8)
- ii. Prayer and watchfulness (Nehemiah 4:9)

III. Take Aways

IV. Announcements

V. Closing Prayer