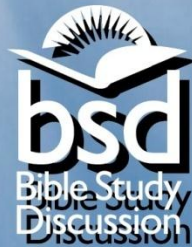


Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 4



Nehemiah, Chapter 3

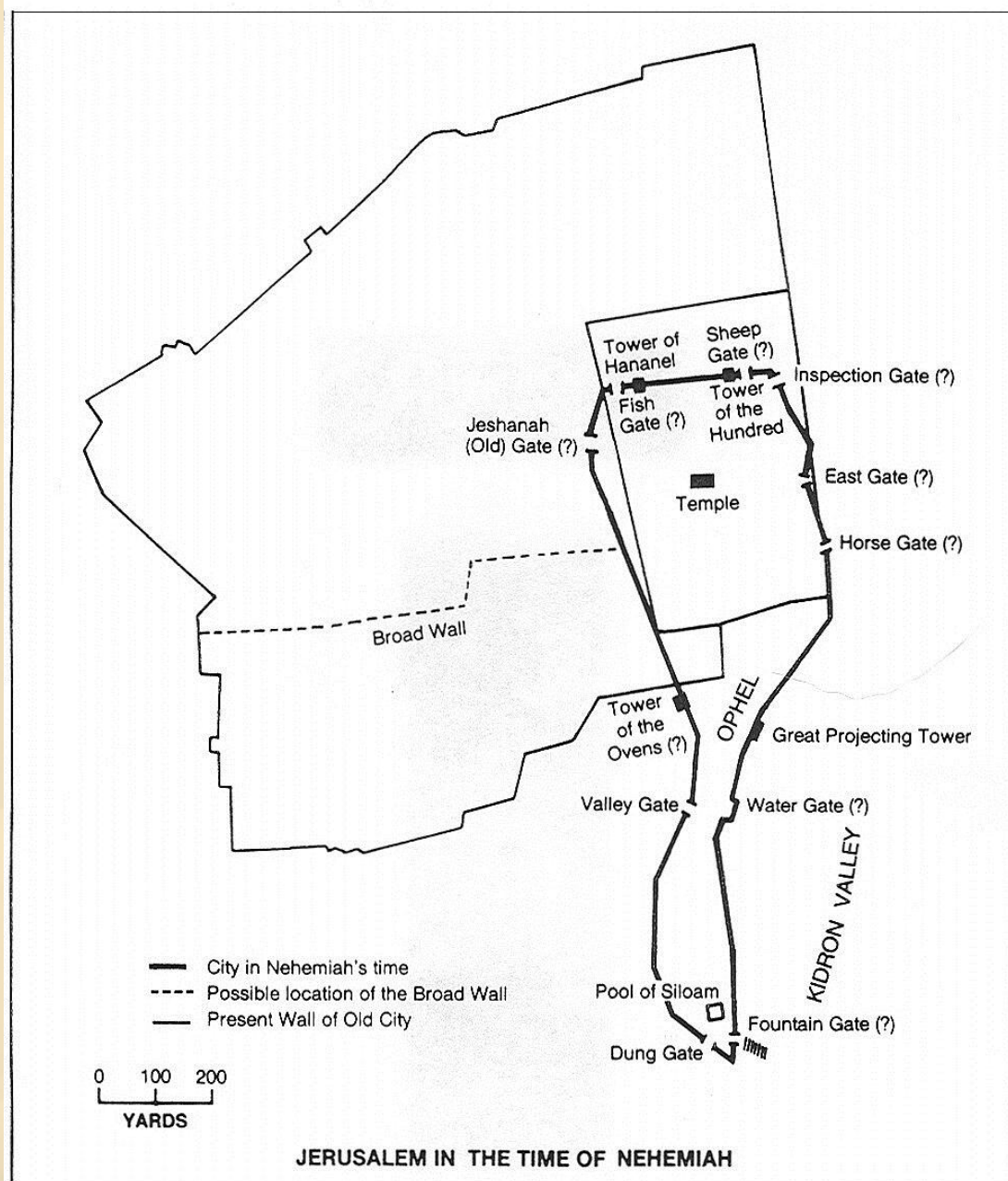
- The Wall
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The Wall







Key Dates in the Wall

ALL DATES BC

712 – Fortified by Hezekiah to thwart attack by Assyrians (Sennacherib)

586 – Babylonians conquer Jerusalem; temple and wall destroyed
(Nebuchadnezzar II)

444 – Rebuilt by Nehemiah



The Builders



38 Named Builders

- **Historical significance**
- **Undertaking of great magnitude**
- **God remembers**



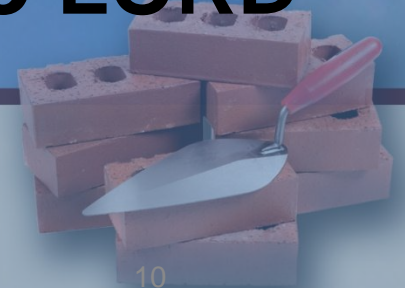
21 Names End in “-iah”

- Remember Houston’s airport
- “iah” is abbreviation for YHWH
- Yahweh, Jehovah, LORD



First Three Named (vv. 4,6)

- **URIAH** The LORD is my **light**
- **BEREKIAH** **Speaking well** of the LORD
- **BESODEIAH** **Counsel** of the LORD



Books of the Old Testament

NEHEMIAH	The comfort of the LORD
ISAIAH	Salvation of the LORD
JEREMIAH	Appointed by the LORD
OBADIAH	Servant of the LORD
ZEPHANIAH	The secret of the LORD
ZECHARIAH	Remembered by the LORD
JOSIAH	The fire of the LORD

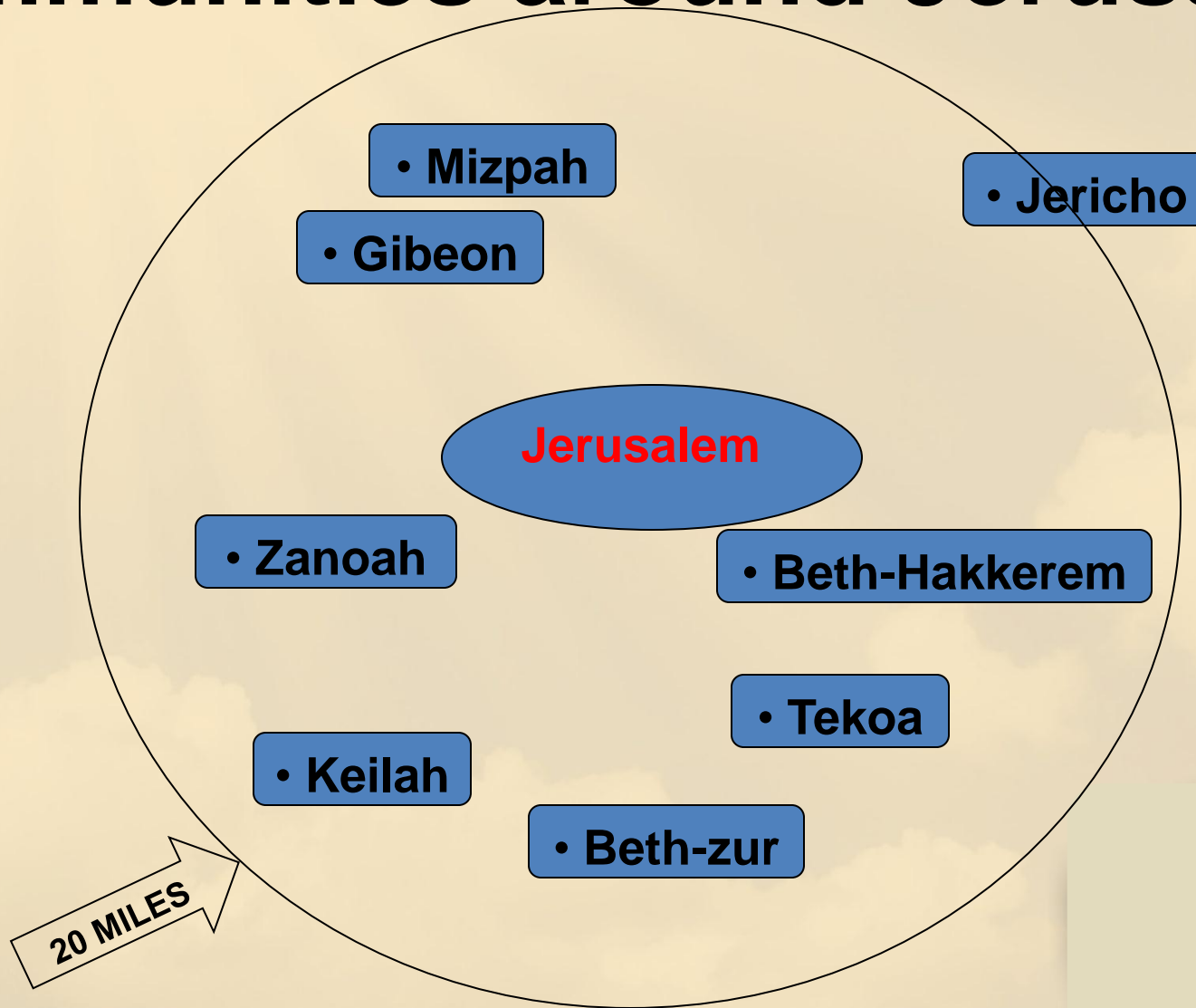


“Son of _____, son of _____”

- **Appears 25 times**
- **Distinguish individuals, “Meshullam”**
- **Honor families**



Communities around Jerusalem



Occupations of the Builders

- **PRIEST** (LEVITES)
- **GOLDSMITH** (METALWORKERS)
- **PERFUMER** (APOTHECARY)
- **TEMPLE SERVANTS** (JANITORS)
- **GATE KEEPERS** (CITY OFFICIALS)
- **MERCHANTS** (BUSINESS OWNERS)
- **OVEN WORKERS** (BAKERS)
- **TOWER WORKERS** (MILITARY)
- **RULERS** (POLITICAL FIGURES,
MAYOR OR GOVERNOR)



Some builders of note

- **ELIASHIB, the High Priest**
- **MALKIJAH, repentant sinner**
- **SHALLUM, half-ruler of Jerusalem**
- **HANUN, sixth son of Zalaph**



Other builders of note

- Men of Tekoa, but not their nobles
- EZRA
- NEHEMIAH



Rebuilding Techniques

“Repair” – 38 times

“Next to him/them” – 20 times

“Near his own home” – 6 times

“Doors and bolts and bars” – 5 times



Summary of the Rebuilding

- **Unity: A Team Effort**
- **Resolve: A Dedicated Effort**
- **Neighborhoods: A City-Wide Effort**
- **Jobs: A Gifts-Oriented Effort**
- **Family: A Household Effort**
- **Quality: A God's Glory Effort**
- **Humility: A Leadership & Submission Effort**



The Gates



Sheep Gate



Isaiah 53:6 “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;”

John 1:29 “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Fish Gate



Mark 1:17 “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



Old (Jeshanah) Gate



Jeremiah 6:16 “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Valley Gate



**1 Peter 5:5 “God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”**

**Isaiah 40:4 “Every valley shall be raised
up, every mountain and hill made low;”**

Dung Gate



2 Corinthians 7:1 “Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit.”



Fountain Gate

John 7:38, “Whoever believes in me ... streams of living water will flow from within him.”

A large, curved, multi-story building with many balconies, likely a residential or institutional structure, under a clear blue sky. The building is composed of several interconnected curved sections, creating a continuous arc. Each floor has a prominent balcony with a metal railing. The building is surrounded by greenery, including trees and a lawn in the foreground. The sky is a clear, bright blue.





Water Gate

Ephesians 5:26 “... cleansing by the washing with water through the word.”

Horse Gate



Ephesians 6:11 “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes,”



East Gate

Ezekiel 44:1-3 "... the gate facing east, and it was shut. The Lord said to me, 'This gate is to remain shut; it must not be opened, no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it.'"

Genesis 3:24 "After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."

Muster (Inspection) Gate



Hebrews 9:27 (KJV) “it is appointed among men once to die, and after this the judgment.”

Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Walls

What are you keeping in that should be released?

What are you keeping out that should come in?

Builders

Who is helping you build and rebuild your life?

Are there others that should be involved?

Gates

Which gate in your life is most in need of repair?



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

“Only with God’s help can we actually change ourselves and recover from the damage and ruin of the past. That is the central lesson of this book.”

Ray Stedman

