

NEHEMIAH'S CREW  
(Nehemiah 3:1-32)

- I. ORGANIZATION of the Project
  - A. The ORDER of construction highlights rebuilding of the GATES
    - 1. The NORTHERN section (3:1-7)
    - 2. The WESTERN section (3:8-13)
    - 3. The SOUTHERN section (3:14)
    - 4. The EASTERN section (3:15-32)
  - B. Many also built SECTIONS of the WALL
    - 1. Some were REBUILT on their old FOUNDATIONS
    - 2. Some were NEW CONSTRUCTION along a NEW LINE
    - 3. Some sections were SHORT (vv. 21-23), and one was exceptionally LONG (v. 13)
  - C. Odd details
    - 1. The “NOBLES” of Tekoa REFUSED to help (v. 5)
    - 2. The crew from Tekoa repaired a SECOND SECTION (v. 27)
    - 3. Baruch was especially ZEALOUS in his work (v. 20)
    - 4. The Tower of FURNACES (v. 11) was named for the OVENS for baking BREAD and firing POTTERY

5. Beth-haccerem was a SIGNAL FIRE location (v. 14, cf. Jer. 6:1)
6. The “upper house” was probably SOLOMON’S palace (v. 25)

## II. PARTICIPATION in the Project

### A. A wide range of SOCIAL CLASSES helped build

1. PRIESTS, including the HIGH PRIEST (v. 1, 4, 19, 21, 22, 28)
2. LEVITES (vv. 2, 17)
3. Temple SERVANTS (v. 26)
4. District OFFICIALS (vv. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19)
5. VILLAGERS (vv. 5, 7, 13)
6. Even a few WOMEN (v. 12)

### B. OCCUPATIONS

1. GOLDSMITHS (v. 8, 31, 32)
2. PERFUMERS (v. 8)
3. But no professional MASONS or CARPENTERS are listed

## III. SIGNIFICANCE of the Project

- A. Provided SECURITY, especially for the TEMPLE
- B. Provided distinctive IDENTITY for the PEOPLE of God
- C. Signaled a reversal of HUMILIATION and DEFEAT
- D. Demonstrated their RESTORATION to FELLOWSHIP with God