

Building Project #3: The Wall

Introduction

Three main functions of the wall:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I. The biblical background to Nehemiah's wall

- The first wall built by Solomon (1 Kgs 3:1; 9:15)
- Threatened on account of disobedience (Deut 28:52; Jer 17:27)
- Destroyed (2 Kgs 25:10)
- Subsequent shame (1 Kgs 9:8–9)
- Promised restoration (Isa 49:14–16; 54:17; 60:10, 18)

II. Nehemiah builds the wall

- Overview of Nehemiah 1–3
- Focus on 4:6–23: the divine warrior at work
- A mixed conclusion: 6:15–19

III. The wall's ineffectiveness: trajectories toward Christ

- Disappointments in Neh 13:4–9, 15–18 and the wall we really need
- Looking forward: Zech 2:4–5; 1 John 5:18; 1 Pet 1:5; Rev 21:22–27