

NEHEMIAH 3

Builders of the wall: the following record runs anti-clockwise around Jerusalem

Eliashib, **God restores**, the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt **the Sheep Gate**. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel, **God is Gracious**. The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zaccur, **Remembering**, son of Imri built next to them.

The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah, **Thorny**. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. Meremoth, **Heights**, son of Uriah, **Yahweh Is My Light**, the son of Hakkoz, **The Thorn**, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam, **Restitution**, son of Berekiah, **Yahweh Blesses**, the son of Meshezabel, **God Delivers**, made repairs, and next to him Zadok, **Righteous one**, son of Baana, **Son of Affliction**, also made repairs. The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

⁶ **The Old Gate** was repaired by Joiada, **Yahweh knows**, son of Paseah, **Hobbling one**, and Meshullam, **Restitution**, son of Besodeiah, **In the Secret Counsel of Yahweh**. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. ⁷ Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah – Melatiah, **Yahweh sets free**, of Gibeon and Jadon, **Yahweh rules**, of Meronoth – places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. ⁸ Uzziel, **God is my strength**, son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, **Yahweh is gracious**, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. Rephaiah, **Yahweh Heals**, son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. Adjoining this, Jedaiah, **Praiser of Yahweh**, son of Harumaph, **Disfigured Nose**, made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush, son of Hashabneiah, **Yahweh has considered me**, made repairs next to him. Malkijah, **Yahweh is My King**, son of Harim, **Consecrated to Yahweh** and Hasshub, **Considerate**, son of Pahath-Moab, **Supervisor of Moab**, repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. **Shalom**, son of Hallohesh **The Whisperer** ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.

The Valley Gate was repaired by Hanun, **Favoured**, and the residents of Zanoah, **Rejected**. They rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. They also repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Dung Gate.

¹⁴ **The Dung Gate** was repaired by Malkijah, **Yahweh is My King**, son of Rekam, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem, **the House of the Vineyard**. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

¹⁵ **The Fountain Gate** was repaired by Shallun, **Recompense**, son of Kol-Hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt it, roofing it over and putting its doors and bolts and bars in place. He also repaired the wall of the Pool of Siloam, by the King's Garden, as far as the steps going down from the City of David, **Beloved**. ¹⁶ Beyond him, Nehemiah, **Yahweh comforts**, son of Azbuk, ruler of a half-district of Beth Zur, made repairs up to a point opposite the tombs of David, **Beloved**, as far as the artificial pool and the House of the Mighty Men.

¹⁷ Next to him, the repairs were made by the Levites under Rehum, **Compassionate**, son of Bani. Beside him, Hashabiah, **Yahweh has reckoned**, ruler of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district. ¹⁸ Next to him, the repairs were made by their fellow Levites under Binnui, **A Son**, son of Henadad, **favour of the pagan god Hadad**, ruler of the other half-district of Keilah. ¹⁹ Next to him, Ezer, **Help**, son of Jeshua, **Yahweh saves**, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section, from a point facing the ascent to the armoury as far as the angle of the wall. ²⁰ Next to him, Baruch, **Be blessed**, son of Zabbai, **God has Given**, zealously repaired another section, from the angle to the entrance of the house of Eliashib, **God Restores**, the high priest.

²¹ Next to him, Meremoth, **Heights**, son of Uriah, **Yahweh is My Light**, the son of Hakkoz, **The Thorn**, repaired another section, from the entrance of Eliashib's, **God Restores'**, house to the end of it.

²² The repairs next to him were made by the priests from the surrounding region. ²³ Beyond them, Benjamin, **Son of my right hand**, and **Hasshub**, **Considerate**, made repairs in front of their house; and next to them, Azariah, **Yahweh has helped**, son of Maaseiah, **Yahweh is a Refuge**, the son of Ananiah, **Yahweh is a Covering**, made repairs beside his house. ²⁴ Next to him, Binnui, **A Son**, son of Henadad, **favour of [the pagan god] Hadad**, repaired another section, from Azariah's, **Yahweh has helped's**, house to the angle and the corner, ²⁵ and Palal, **He Has Judged**, son of Uzai, **Yahweh has Listened**, worked opposite the angle and the tower projecting from the upper palace near the court of the guard. Next to him, Pedaiah, **Yahweh Ransoms**, son of Parosh, **Flea**, ²⁶ and the temple servants living on the hill of Ophel, **The Fortress**, made repairs up to a point opposite **the Water Gate** towards the east and the projecting tower. ²⁷ Next to them, the men of Tekoa repaired another section, from the great projecting tower to the wall of Ophel.

²⁸ Above **the Horse Gate**, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house. ²⁹ Next to them, Zadok, **Righteous one**, son of Immer, **Talkative**, made repairs opposite his house. Next to him, Shemaiah, **Yahweh hears**, son of Shekaniah, **Yahweh has taken up His Abode**, the guard at **the East Gate**, made repairs. ³⁰ Next to him, Hananiah, **Yahweh is Gracious**, son of Shelemiah, **Yahweh Restores**, and Hanun, **Favoured**, the sixth son of Zalaph, **Low Prickly Shrub**, repaired another section. Next to them, Meshullam, **Restitution**, son of Berekiah, **Yahweh Blesses**, made repairs opposite his own room. ³¹ Next to him, Malkijah, **Yahweh is my King**, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite **the Inspection Gate**, and as far as the room above the corner; ³² and between the room above the corner and **the Sheep Gate** the goldsmiths and merchants made repairs.