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Book of Nehemiah Chapter 04

16_NEH_04_01 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.

16_NEH_04_02 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?

16_NEH_04_03 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.

16_NEH_04_04 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:

16_NEH_04_05 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.

16_NEH_04_06 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

16_NEH_04_07 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,

16_NEH_04_08 And conspired all of them together to come [and] to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

16_NEH_04_09 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

16_NEH_04_10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and [there is] much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

16_NEH_04_11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

16_NEH_04_12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us [they will be upon you].

16_NEH_04_13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, [and] on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

16_NEH_04_14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, [which is] great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

16_NEH_04_15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16_NEH_04_16 And it came to pass from that time forth, [that] the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers [were] behind all the house of Judah.

16_NEH_04_17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, [every one] with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other [hand] held a weapon.

16_NEH_04_18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and [so] builded. And he that sounded the trumpet [was] by me.

16_NEH_04_19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work [is] great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

16_NEH_04_20 In what place [therefore] ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

16_NEH_04_21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

16_NEH_04_22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

16_NEH_04_23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, [saving that] every one put them off for washing.