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Book of Nehemiah Chapter 06

16_NEH_06_01 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and [that] there was no breach left therein; [though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates.]

16_NEH_06_02 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in [some one of] the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.

16_NEH_06_03 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I [am] doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

16_NEH_06_04 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

16_NEH_06_05 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

16_NEH_06_06 Wherein [was] written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith [it, that] thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

16_NEH_06_07 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, [There is] a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

16_NEH_06_08 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

16_NEH_06_09 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, [O God], strengthen my hands.

16_NEH_06_10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who [was] shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

16_NEH_06_11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who [is there], that, [being] as I [am], would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

16_NEH_06_12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

16_NEH_06_13 Therefore [was] he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and [that] they might have [matter] for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

16_NEH_06_14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

16_NEH_06_15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth [day] of [the month] Elul, in fifty and two days.

16_NEH_06_16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard [thereof], and all the heathen that [were] about us saw [these things], they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

16_NEH_06_17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and [the letters] of Tobiah came unto them.

16_NEH_06_18 For [there were] many in Judah sworn unto him, because he [was] the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

16_NEH_06_19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. [And] Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.