

# A Renewed Remnant

## Lesson 14

### More Opposition & The Walls Are Finished (Neh. 6)

#### Introduction

God's enemies will always do 1 thing...they'll never quit; they'll always keep coming. After all, they pattern themselves after their master (Lk. 4:13; 1 Pet. 5:8). Nehemiah had already overcome the *direct* mockings from Sanballat & Tobiah (4:1-3). He had even handled the challenge from within the remnant (5:1-13). Now, he must endure outside opposition again...this time, in a more *indirect* way.

Slandorous threats can be intimidating and easily succumbed to. It takes a principled person like Nehemiah to stay focused on God's work and ignore false & subtle charges that are meaningless. Once again, this 5th century B.C. cupbearer & wall-builder serves as an example to us today.

- 1) How much progress had been made on the walls? (v. 1)
  
- 2) What did Sanballat, Tobiah, & Geshem do? (v. 2a) What did Nehemiah perceive this "offer" to be? (v. 2b)
  
- 3) How did Nehemiah respond? (v. 3)
  
- 4) How persistent were Nehemiah's enemies? (v. 4a) How persistent was Nehemiah? (v. 4b)
  
- 5) How did Sanballat try to make his "offer" more appealing? (vv. 5-7) What do you think is meant by the phrase "open letter?"
  
- 6) How does Nehemiah address Sanballat's feigned interest in him? (v. 8) What did Nehemiah know? (v. 9a)

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- 7) Once again, what does Nehemiah do? (v. 9b; 1:5-11a; 2:4; 4:4-5, 9; 5:19)
  
- 8) What “warning” was presented to Nehemiah? (v. 10) What was his initial response? (v. 11)
  
- 9) After considering this “warning,” what did Nehemiah realize? (vv. 12-13) What would have been the problem if he had done what Sanballat suggested?
  
- 10) What does Nehemiah continue to do? (v. 14)
  
- 11) Despite all he had to contend with, how long did it take to complete the walls? (v. 15) How long had it been since Nehemiah first heard of Jerusalem’s condition? What did this accomplishment do to the remnant’s enemies? (v. 16)
  
- 12) What accounted for Tobiah’s continual “tormenting” of Nehemiah? (vv. 17-19)