

Restoring Ministry



It's a Body Ministry

...so we, being many, are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. *Rom 12:5*

A. Restoring the Wall — The Corporate Work of the Body

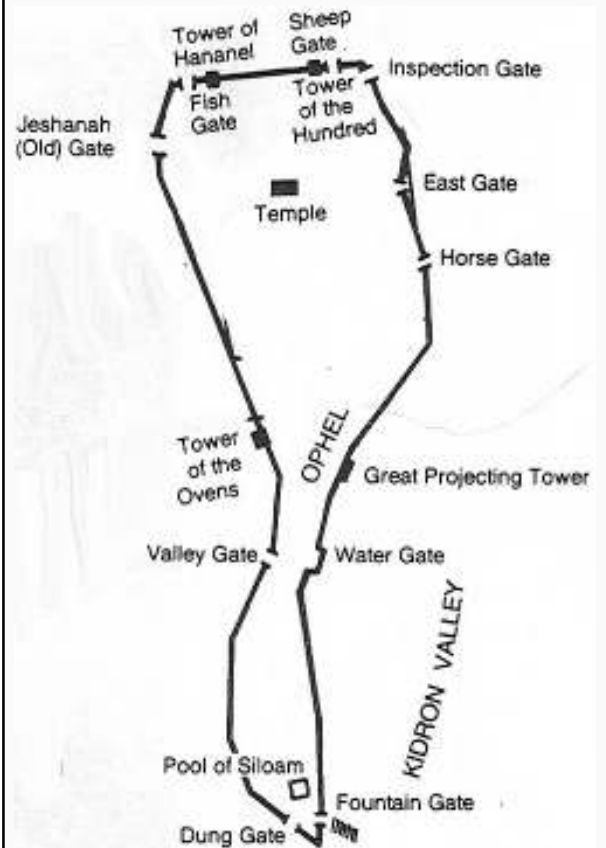
1. Everyone was involved
The high priest, other priests, the Levites and other leaders all took a part. Women and people of all trades.
2. They worked together
The key phrase is: "Next to..." Only the Nobles from Tekoa would not work.
3. They worked near their homes
It appears that everyone who lived near the wall was responsible to work that portion of the wall.
4. Each completed their task
As you follow the construction around the wall from gate to gate—each group completed their task.

B. Restoring the Gates — Our Individual Work

The 10 gates represent 10 areas of our lives that need constant review and repair.

1. The Sheep Gate **The Cross** 3:1 This is where the sheep that were sacrificed in the temple courts were kept. This is a reminder of the cross of Christ. He was the Lamb of God. *Isa 53:7; John 1:29*
Have you acknowledged the work of the cross in your life today?
2. The Fish Gate **Witness** 3:3 The fishermen from Galilee and the coast used this gate. This gate reminds us that we are called to be 'fishers of men' *Matt 4:19*
Have you answered this basic call to be a witness? Have you been fishing for the lost?
3. The Old Gate **Old Ways of Truth** 3:6 This gate represents the old ways of truth—the time-tested paths that have led to stability, security and order.
"Ask for the old paths...walk therein." Jer 6:16
4. The Valley Gate **Humility** 3:13 A valley in scripture always represents humility. "God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.." *1 Pet 5:5*
What do you need to submit to God?
5. The Dung Gate **Cleansing** 3:13 The city dump was outside this gate in the Hinnom Valley. "Cleanse yourselves..." *2 Cor 7:1*
Are your sins forgiven?
6. The Fountain Gate **Holy Spirit** 3:15 This gate was next to the pool of Siloam and speaks of the Holy Spirit. See *John 7:37-39; Eph 5:18*
Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit?

The Wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's Time



7. The Water Gate **God's Word** 3:26 Ezra read the law to the people from this gate (Chapter 8). See *Matt 4:4*
Are you reading His Word daily?
8. The Horse Gate **Warfare** 3:28 This gate reminds us that we are engaged in spiritual warfare. *2 Cor 10:3-6*
How's your armor? Eph 6:10-18
9. The East Gate **Hope** 3:29 This is the gate that the Messiah will enter when he comes again. This gate is full of hope and expectation. *Luk 21:25-28*
Is your hope-so a know-so? See Heb 11:1-2
10. The Inspection Gate **Judgment** 3:31 The Hebrew word Miphkad means "the appointed place." "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." *Heb 9:27*
Will you have boldness in the day of judgment? 1 John 4:17

:1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built **the Sheep Gate**; they consecrated it and hung its doors. **They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred**, and consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel.

:2 **Next to Eliashib** the men of Jericho built. And **next to** them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

:3 Also the sons of Hassenaah built the **Fish Gate**; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

:4 And **next to them** Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, **made repairs**. **Next to them** Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, **made repairs**. **Next to them** Zadok the son of Baana **made repairs**.

:5 **Next to** them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord.

:6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the **Old Gate**; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and bars.

:7 And **next to them** Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, **repaired the residence of the governor of the region** beyond the River.

:8 **Next to him** Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, **made repairs**. Also **next to him** Hananiah, one of the perfumers, **made repairs**; and they **fortified** Jerusalem as far as the **Broad Wall**.

:9 And **next to them** Rephaiah the son of Hur, leader of half the district of Jerusalem, **made repairs**.

:10 **Next to them** Jedaiah the son of Harumaph **made repairs** in front of his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah **made repairs**.

:11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab **repaired** another section, as well as the **Tower of the Ovens**.

:12 And next to him was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jerusalem; **he and his daughters made repairs**.

:13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the **Valley Gate**. They built it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and **repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Refuse Gate**.

:14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the district of Beth Haccerem, **repaired the Refuse Gate**; he built it and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

:15 Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the district of Mizpah, **repaired the Fountain Gate**; he built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and **repaired the wall of the Pool of Shelah** by the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David.

:16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, leader of half the district of Beth Zur, **made repairs as far as the place in front of the tombs of David**, to the man-made pool, and **as far as the House of the Mighty**.

:17 After him the Levites, *under* Rehum the son of Bani, **made repairs**. Next to him Hashabiah, leader of half the district of Keilah, **made repairs for his district**.

:18 After him their brethren, *under* Bavai the son of Henadad, leader of the *other* half of the district of Keilah, **made repairs**.

:19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, **repaired another section in front of the Ascent to the Armory** at the buttress.

:20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai **carefully repaired** the other section, from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

:21 After him Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, **repaired another section**, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

:22 And after him the **priests**, the men of the plain, **made repairs**.

:23 After him Benjamin and Hasshub **made repairs** opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, **made repairs** by his house.

:24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad **repaired another section**, from the house of Azariah to the buttress, **even as far as the corner**.

:25 Palal the son of Uzai **made repairs opposite the buttress**, and on the tower which projects from the king's upper house that *was* by the **court of the prison**. After him Pedaiiah the son of Parosh **made repairs**.

:26 Moreover the Nethinim who dwelt in Ophel **made repairs** as far as *the place* in front of the **Water Gate** toward the east, and on the projecting tower.

:27 After them the Tekoites **repaired another section**, next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the **wall of Ophel**.

:28 Beyond the **Horse Gate** the **priests made repairs**, each in front of his own house.

:29 After them Zadok the son of Immer **made repairs** in front of his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, **made repairs**.

:30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, **repaired another section**. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah **made repairs** in front of his dwelling.

:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, **made repairs** as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the **Miphkad Gate**, and as far as the upper room at the corner.

:32 And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants **made repairs**.