

## Nehemiah 4

King James Version (KJV)

**4** 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. (Here comes the enemy to plot against them)

<sup>2</sup>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? (Typical – the world still make fun of the people who are faithful to God. Christians are being persecuted all over the world today)

<sup>3</sup>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. (A single fox could knock that wall down. Heathen never realize that it is God who is protecting them)

<sup>4</sup>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: (Give them what they hope to heap upon our heads)

<sup>5</sup>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. (When Satan's minions attack, always remember to ask God to deal with them as they deserve)

<sup>6</sup>So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. (As God asked them to do) (The wall is completed around the city, but only to its original height)

<sup>7</sup>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, (All the scumbags were joining together, against the Jews; very much like today)

<sup>8</sup>And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

<sup>9</sup>Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. (All through history,

God's faithful have had to protect themselves against the heathen who attack them for no reason. Look at Israel today, still having to continually watch for the next muslim attack)

<sup>10</sup> 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. (Here comes the complaining by the 10 percent who are the usual malcontents)

<sup>11</sup> 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. (They were letting fear get to them)

<sup>12</sup> 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. (The people who had not come to work on the wall were at home in surrounding cities and towns. They were afraid that they would be the victims of the wrath of the heathen tribes. Their faith in God was wavering. This verse was poorly translated)

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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. (terrible = awesome – better translation; in old English, terrible also meant awesome) see Deuteronomy-3:22 (That is also what Moses said to Joshua)

<sup>15</sup> 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. (it – their intentions to attack) (The heathen backed down when they realized that they could not surprise Judah)

<sup>16</sup> 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. (habergeons – coats of mail) (Just like today, Israel lives with half of their people having to watch

continually for the next attack by the muslim cults. Islam is the religion of hate, murder and conquest. They live to eventually kill all Christians and Jews. It is their edict as written in their Koran)

<sup>17</sup> 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. (Always ready to defend)  
(When you do God's work, always expect Satan to send his minions against you)

<sup>18</sup> For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. (The watchman)

<sup>19</sup> 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. (The wall of Jerusalem is very big)

<sup>20</sup> In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. (Faith in God; when you hear the trumpet, come and fight by our side and God will help us)

<sup>21</sup> So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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. (Men that the king had sent with Nehemiah)