

**Machi 5, 2017                      Rebuilding Walls & Lives**  
**NEHEMIA 8:1-12**

Lakini si tu kusikiliza neno la Mungu. Lazima kufanya nini anasema. Vinginevyo, wanajidanganya wenyewe. Yakobo 1:22

Nehemia, kiongozi na nguvu ya kisiasa ya uraia, anaishi katika dunia ya Ezra. Yeye ni Myahudi wanaoishi chini ya utawala Kiajemi, baada ya kuanzisha mwenyewe kama rasmi muhimu katika Kiajemi kifalme serikali na upatikanaji wa Kaizari. Yeye ni uwezo, kuaminiwa mtumishi wa dola, lakini yeye ni Myahudi ambaye moyo na shauku kuendelea kuwa na mizizi katika Yerusalemu. Yeye ni mtoto wa wale kufukuzwa nchini kutoka Yerusalemu na Wababeli; familia yake ina vizuri alinusurika mpito kutoka Babeli Kiajemi hegemony (kuhodhi), wakati wote kwa kudumu uchu wa Wayahudi (W. Brueggemann, 2008).

Nehemia ulianza kama mfanyakazi wa serikali katika kuajiri ya mfalme kigeni. Kisha akawa-na hii ni kazi anatuambia wa katika memoirs-hawa jengo mkandarasi, kuitwa katika kujenga upya kuta za Yerusalemu. mfanyakazi mwenzake Ezra alikuwa msomi na mwalimu, kufanya kazi na maandiko. Nehemia alifanya kazi kwa mawe na chokaa. hadithi ya watu wawili ni interwoven katika kitambaa imefumwa ya utakatifu ufundi. kazi wala ilikuwa zaidi au chini muhimu au takatifu kuliko nyingine. Nehemia inahitajika Ezra; Ezra walihitaji Nehemia. Watu wa Mungu walihitaji kazi ya wote wawili. Bado tunaendelea kufanya (E. Peterson, 2002).



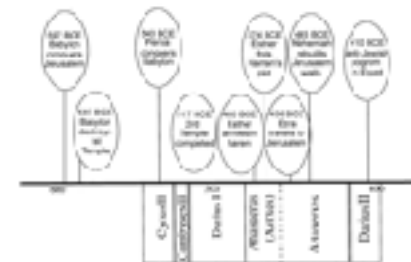
**Wiki ijayo:** Yesu - Birth wa Mfalme!

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**NEHEMIAH 8:1-12**

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

Nehemiah, a civic leader and political force, lives in the world of Ezra. He is a Jew living under Persian rule, having established himself as an important official in the Persian imperial regime with access to the emperor. He is a competent, trusted servant of the empire, but he is a Jew whose heart and passion continue to be rooted in Jerusalem. He is a descendant of those deported from Jerusalem by the Babylonians; his family has well survived the transition from Babylonian to Persian hegemony (*dominance*), all the while with an abiding Jewish passion (W. Brueggemann, 2008).

Nehemiah started out as a government worker in the employ of a foreign king. Then he became—and this is the work he tells us of in these memoirs—a building contractor, called in to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. His coworker Ezra was a scholar and teacher, working with the Scriptures. Nehemiah worked with stones and mortar. The stories of the two men are interwoven in a seamless fabric of vocational holiness. Neither job was more or less important or holy than the other. Nehemiah needed Ezra; Ezra needed Nehemiah. God's people needed the work of both of them. We still do (E. Peterson, 2002).



**Next week:** Jesus - The Birth of the King!

# THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Ezra alisoma Neno la Mungu na ibada.

Yeye aliishi kulingana na maandiko.

Nehemia alikuwa mtu wa maombi.

Yeye kazi kwa bidii kama yeye akaomba.

watu upya uhusiano wao na Mungu.

Kusoma maandiko na wale waliokuwa wakichunguza..

... Kusaidiwa kila mtu kuelewa maana Mungu.

Malaki alikuwa nabii wa mwisho wa Agano la Kale.

Yeye changamoto watu kutoa bora wao kwa Mungu.

Mabaki hawakuwa zawadi anastahili kwa Bwana.

Neno kusikia Mungu wakiongozwa watu kutenda.

Neno la Mungu-sala-hatua na-kwanza matunda zawadi

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Ezra was devoted to studying God's Word.

He lived according to the Scripture.

Nehemiah was a man of prayer.

He worked as hard as he prayed.

The people rebuilt their relationship with God.

Reading the Bible with those who could interpret...

...helped everyone understand God's meaning.

Malachi was the last prophet of the Old Testament.

He challenged people to give their best to God.

Leftovers were not worthy gifts for the LORD.

People heard God's Word and were moved to act.

God's Word—prayer—action and—first-fruit gifts.

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The STORY - Week Twenty-One