

Nehemiah

Type of Christ/1st Coming

1. Nehemiah was cupbearer (wine/food taster) in the court of the great King.
 - A. Occupies a position within the royal court 2nd only to the King (in life).
 - i. King's life is in Nehemiah's hand, their lives are intrinsically linked (location + diet) [Mt 26:42].
2. Like Nehemiah, Jesus left His position of glory and privilege, because of His compassion, and tasted the cup of God's wrath for those He serves [Phil 2:5=11].
 - A. Nehemiah obtains authority/approval from the King but divests himself of his royal position + appearance.
 - i. Nehemiah identifies as a Jew over his royal status.
 - ii. Jesus took upon flesh over His Divine status.
 - B. Nehemiah goes in the power + Word of the King, not his own position + power (2:7-8).
 - C. Nehemiah's 'Coming' threatens/disrupts the existing power structure (2:9-10).
 - D. '3 days' Nehemiah is identified with the 'sign' of Jesus's resurrection (2:11).
 - i. Arose in the night, a few men with him, rides an animal (12).
 - ii. 'Tells no one – Jesus kept His true purpose from Israel (come and die).
 - a. Nehemiah's presence, identity + purpose is unknown to Israel
 - iii. Israel was not in a good spiritual or geopolitical state when Jesus came (13).
 - iv. Valley gate, Serpents well (deep), Kings Pool (position + resources)... narrow way(14)!
 - v. Returns the same way He came (two comings) (15).
 - vi. Jews + Officials are clueless (16).
 - vii. Nehemiah (Jesus) commissions those who will listen to him.

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The Gates

The Gates of Jerusalem, the significance of their order.

Sheep Gate	Sacrifice
Fish Gate	Gospel
Old Gate	Our Old Man Crucified with Christ
Valley Gate	Valley of Decision, walk in the Spirit.
Dung Gate	Count all earthly things as 'dung'.
Fountain Gate	Fountain of living Water, Holy Spirit.
Water Gate	Washing of The Word
Horse Gate	Discipline + Warfare (eventual return with Jesus).
East Gate	Ezekiel 44:1-3 Jesus's return (is our fulfilment)
Muster (Inspection) Gate	Bema seat Judgement (Rewards/losses).