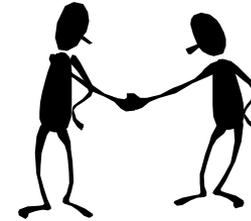
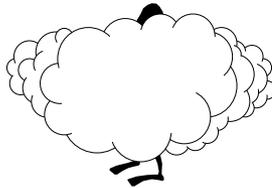
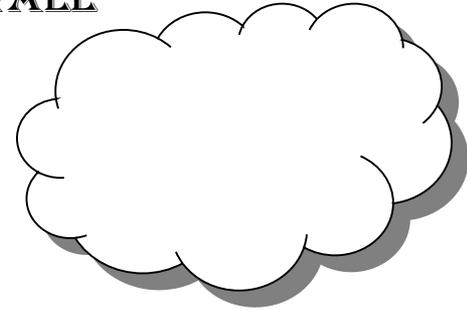


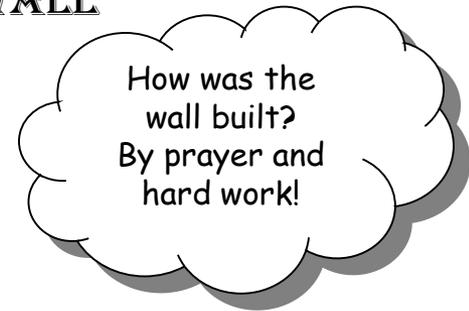
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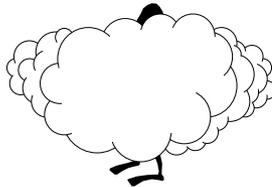


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Sanballat and Tobiah ask Nehemiah to meet with them.



A Jewish "spy" tells Nehemiah to hide—but he doesn't.



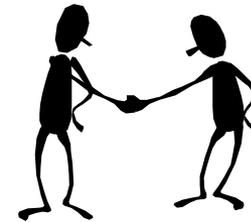
The Wall is Completed in 52 days!



Sanballat and Tobiah mock the workers.



Sanballat and Tobiah plan to attack.



The Jews weren't working together.



Walls are in ruins. People are in disgrace.



Nehemiah asks for permission to return to Jerusalem.



Nehemiah tells the Jews his plan to rebuild the wall.



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6:15-16



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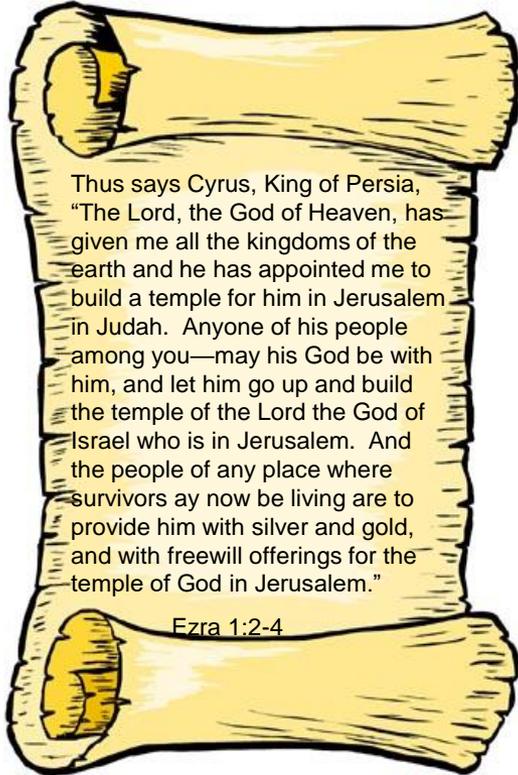
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Artaxerxes Decrees the People to Return and Build the Walls of Jerusalem

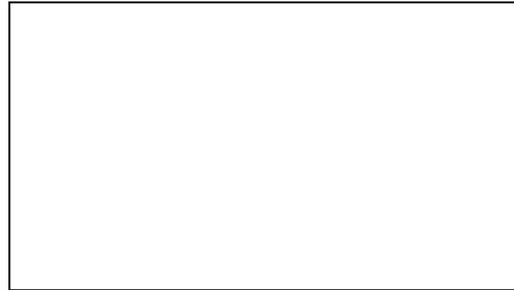


Thus says Cyrus, King of Persia, "The Lord, the God of Heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him in Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you—may his God be with him, and let him go up and build the temple of the Lord the God of Israel who is in Jerusalem. And the people of any place where survivors are now living are to provide him with silver and gold, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem."

Ezra 1:2-4

Nehemiah Leads the Remnant Back: Starts Rebuilding the Wall

The people join God's work.



•Cyrus gives back the articles that had been taken from the Temple by King Nebuchadnezzar.

•Sheshbazzar might have been Zerubbabel's Persian name or a Jew appointed by Cyrus who died shortly after arriving in Palestine.

•Only 49,897 people return to Judah and Jerusalem. The rest stay in Babylon where they have "comfortable lives" by now. Because they had no Temple, the Jews in Babylon had invented the synagogue as a place to read Scriptures and educate their children in God's Laws.

•On the first day of the month, they re-built the altar and celebrated the Day of Atonement.

•Seven months after the altar, the Temple foundation is laid: exactly 70 years after the first deportation during Jehoiakim's reign.

The Enemies Oppose the Reconstruction of the Wall

These were the people who had been living in Palestine since the time of the fall of the Northern Kingdom in 722 B.C. They were called "The Samaritans" by the exiles who returned from Babylon.

They used two methods to try to stop the work on the Temple:

- They offered to help (and sidetrack the work).
- They frightened the workers.

God is doing a great work.

The famous Cyrus Cylinder, found by archaeologists, records his capture of Babylon and includes his statement: "May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities daily ask Bel and Nebo for a long life for me."

The Work Stops and the People Start Building Their Own Houses

The people do their own thing.

