

**A Historical Moment  
Nehemiah 2:10-20**

**Introduction:** As we come down to the end of the age, we sometimes see biblical prophecy unfold as history is being made. One such event was last week's Iranian attack on Israel. This historical moment causes us to go to Ezekiel 38 and research the coming Russian/Iranian invasion of Israel. In Nehemiah 2, Nehemiah becomes involved in a historical moment when he begins rebuilding the city of Israel. This historical event will also become a prophetic fulfillment of Daniel 9:25, where Daniel predicted the Messianic entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

As Nehemiah become involved in this historic/prophetic moment, there are several players that gather around him. There are those who will try to cast vision, those who will try to catch the vision and those who will try to kill the vision.

I. There are vision casters.

*So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode. And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire. **Nehemiah 2:11-13***

*Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass. So I went up in the night by the valley, and I viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work. **Nehemiah 2:14-16***

*Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach. **Nehemiah 2:17***

II. There are vision catchers.

*And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. **Nehemiah 2:18***

III. There are vision killers.

*But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" **Nehemiah 2:19***

**Application and Insight:** Often times when we are either trying to cast or catch a vision, vision killers come along and try to kill the vision. In the following verses Nehemiah teaches us how to address those type of people.

A. We must attest that God will \_\_\_\_\_.

*So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us;... **Nehemiah 2:20a***

B. We must affirm that we will \_\_\_\_\_.

*...therefore we His servants will arise and build... **Nehemiah 2:20b***

C. We must accept that some will \_\_\_\_\_.

*...but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem." **Nehemiah 2:20c***