

Nehemiah – Community Builder

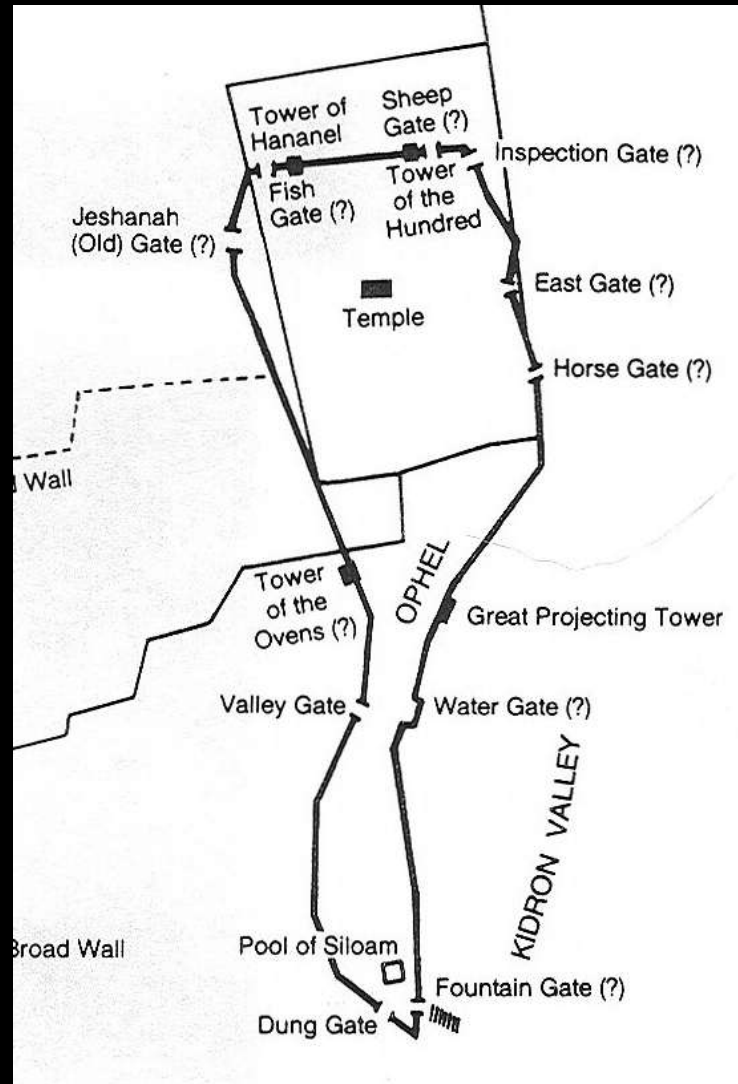
"Building Community for the Community"



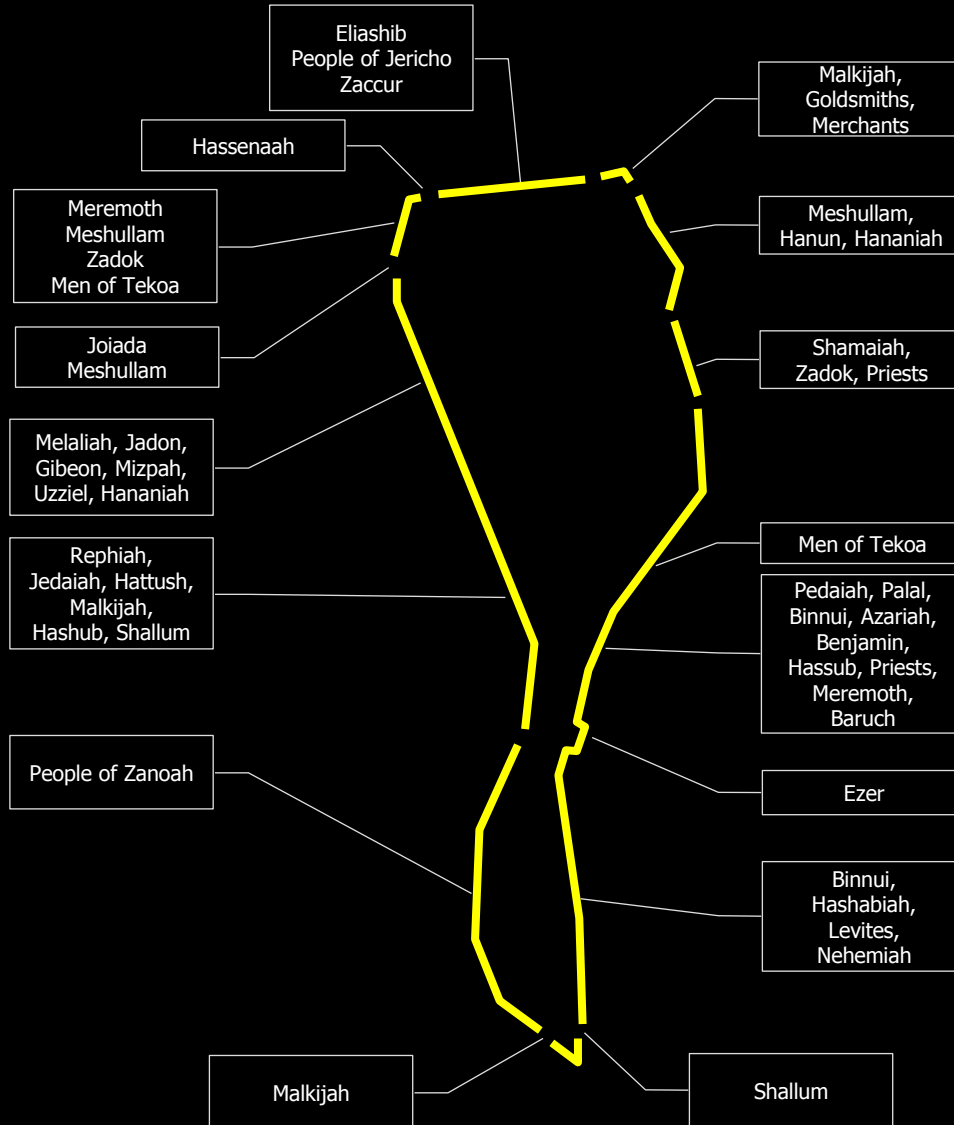
- We believe the following statements express the core theme of God's vision for CCH:
 - We are called to build a church in this community
 - Love for one another and God (1 John) is core to this
 - We are called to demonstrate this agape love in our community in many ways (John 13:34,35)
 - The radical nature of this church will be shown by the way we love compared to the world's understanding of love . . .
 - Through this we will make disciples and glorify God (Matthew 28:19)

"To build a radical church devoted to God and each other that engages with our community"

The people rebuild the walls



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The People Gave Up Their Own Interests To Build For God



- **They built, not their own, but the community's**
- **It was hard work**
- **While they were doing it they weren't furthering their own lives**
- **Few if any were professional builders**
- **The leader's (mostly), set an example (v1)**

The People Built In Unity And Harmony



- **Many were involved**
- **Each did what they were able to do**
- **They worked as a team (v3-31)**
- **It was a statement of community**
- **They were still individuals and remembered as such**

The People Responded To God's Grace



- **Some did a little, some did a lot, some refused to do anything (v5)**
- **It was done for God's glory**
- **It was a work beyond their own lives (1 Cor 3:10)**

¹⁰ Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have - Jesus Christ. ¹² Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials - gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴ If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames."

Are You Ready To Build?



- **God calls each one of us to build for Him and His kingdom**
- **God calls each one of us to work in unity with one another**
- **God asks us to build in response to His unlimited grace in our lives**