

Nehemiah Chapter Four: Opposition

Nehemiah faced opposition from two directions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of His Tribe (4:1-8)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-3)

<sup>1</sup>When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, <sup>2</sup>and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?” <sup>3</sup>Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:7-8)

<sup>7</sup>But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup>They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of His Tribe (4:10-12)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:10)

<sup>10</sup>Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (11-12)

<sup>11</sup>Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.” <sup>12</sup>Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”