

Foundation Laid

Let Us Rise Up and Build

These were the words of Nehemiah in the second chapter and the seventeenth verse. Nehemiah had heard the report of how the brethren had neglected the holy city to the extent that the walls were fallen down and gates were burned and much of the city laid in waste. Only a rim was left in Jerusalem, of which, was reproach and this was more than the Prophet Nehemiah could stand, so he said, 'Let us build,' or let us rebuild the walls, the gates, and all that was needed to bring the city back to its original state. In the 19th verse of the second chapter and I quote, 'Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the Kings words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work.' Here we find that God was in need of a man who had the spirit and in his heart felt the necessity of saving the city. In these Scriptures and the writings of Nehemiah, we can see our very picture. The city or The Church had been neglected and those who were in charge were unconcerned. The city of our day is Jerusalem, which city we are, even though we be a small number as Nehemiah and his group. Let us rise up and build. I mean the first building on Jerusalem Acres is now under construction. The footing and the foundation have been laid. Much of the material for the building is laying on the ground and blocks will be laid tomorrow for the first building out of the six. We need the cooperation of everyone on the field to complete this construction before the weather gets too cold. We, at Headquarters, have decided the most important thing at this hour is to build the tabernacle.

Many have laughed, as Sanballat and Tobah, and said we would never build. But, I feel the spirit of Nehemiah; it is time to shut the mouths of the gainsayers. We, at present, have five working on the building; however, we need another block layer. Much more could be done if some volunteers could come and help us a few days. We are able to do this even as Nehemiah and his co-workers rebuilt the waste of Jerusalem. Perhaps the twentieth verse of the second chapter of Nehemiah will give, in better words, what I am calling for in the face of our persecutions. "Then answered I them, and said unto them, the God of heaven, he will prosper us, therefore, we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem." This verse is the answer to those who might not believe that we will do the work in spite of persecution. And true to the Scriptures, they will have no part in this great memorial...the reforming and rebuilding of all things.