

# Nehemiah 2

Interlinear Bible — King James Version

Hebrew text with English translation and Strong's numbers

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**1** And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

וַיְהִי יוֹם עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה תַּנִּיחַ בְּחֹדֶשׁ וַיִּהְיֶה יוֹם  
H1961 And it came to pass in the month H2320 Nisan H5212 year H8141 in the twentieth H6242  
וַיִּקַּח יְהוֹנָתָן וַיִּשְׂאֵם וַיִּתֵּן לְמֶלֶךְ הַיַּיִן לְפָנָיו וַיִּשְׂאֵם וַיִּתֵּן לְמֶלֶךְ הַיַּיִן לְפָנָיו  
of Artaxerxes H783 it unto the king H4428 that wine H3196 in his presence H6440 him and I took up H5375  
וְהָיָה יָדָי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי  
H853 that wine H3196 and gave H5414 it unto the king H4428 H3808 H1961  
וְהָיָה יָדָי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי וְלֹא לָקַחְתִּי  
Now I had not been beforetime sad H7451 in his presence H6440

**2** Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ  
said H559 H0 Wherefore the king H4428 H4069 unto me Why is thy countenance H6440  
וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ  
sad H7451 H859 H369 seeing thou art not sick H2470 H369 H2088 H3588  
וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הַמֶּלֶךְ  
H518 this is nothing else but sorrow H7455 of heart H3820 afraid H3372 sore H7235 Then I was very H3966

3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

לֹא מֵד וַעַי יְחִי־ה לְעוֹלָם הַמֶּלֶךְ הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאָמַר  
 And said Let the king Let the king for ever live H4069 H3808  
 H559 H4428 H4428 H5769 H2421  
 יָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע וְיָרַע  
 why should not my countenance H834 when the city the place sepulchres  
 H7489 H6440 H5892 H1004 H6913  
 בָּאֵשׁ אֶכְלָו וְשַׁעַר יְהוָה חָרַב הָאֲבֹתַי  
 of my fathers lieth waste and the gates thereof are consumed with fire  
 H1 H2720 H8179 H398 H784

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

אָתָּה זֶה מָה עַל הַמֶּלֶךְ לִי וַיֹּאמֶר  
 said Then the king H5921 H4100 H2088 H859  
 H559 H0 H4428  
 הַשָּׁמַיִם: אֵל וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל לְמִבְקַשׁ  
 unto me For what dost thou make request So I prayed to the God of heaven  
 H1245 H6419 H413 H430 H8064

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

וְאָמַר טוֹב הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאָמַר  
 And I said the king H518 H5921 the king If it please H518  
 H559 H4428 H4428 H2895  
 אֶל תִּשְׁלַח נִי אֲשֶׁר לְפָנַי יְיָ וְיִטְבַּע עַבְדְּךָ וְיִטְבַּע  
 have found favour and if thy servant in thy sight H834 that thou wouldest send H413  
 H3190 H5650 H6440 H7971  
 וְאֶבְנֶנָּה: אֶבְיָר עַד יְרֵךְ הַיְהוּדָה  
 me unto Judah H413 unto the city sepulchres of my fathers that I may build  
 H3063 H5892 H6913 H1 H1129

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

עַד אָצֵל וְיֹשֵׁב בֵּית וְהַשֵּׁג לִּי וַיֹּאמֶר  
 said H559 H0 And the king H4428 unto me (the queen H7694 also sitting H3427 by him H681 H5704  
 תָּשׁ וּב וּמַתִּי מִהֲלַכְךָ יְהִי הַמַּתִּי  
 H4970 H1961 For how long shall thy journey H4109 H4970 be and when wilt thou return H7725  
 זְמַן: לִּי וְאָתְנָה וּשְׁלַח נִי הַמֶּלֶךְ לִּי וַיֵּט ב  
 So it pleased H3190 H6440 And the king H4428 to send H7971 me and I set H5414 H0 him a time H2165

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

אֲגִרוֹת ט וּב הַמֶּלֶךְ לִּי עַל אִם הַמֶּלֶךְ וַאֲוֹמֵר  
 Moreover I said H559 H0 the king H4428 H518 H5921 the king H4428 If it please H2895 let letters H107  
 אֲשֶׁר הַנָּהָר עַבְרָה פְּחוֹת וְעַל לִי וְתִנּוּ  
 be given H5414 H0 H5921 me to the governors H6346 beyond H5676 the river H5104 H834  
 יְעַבִּיר וְנִי אֶבֱרָא אֶבֱרָא אֶל יְהוּדָה:  
 that they may convey me over H5674 H5704 H834 till I come H935 H413 into Judah H3063

**8** And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶשְׁרַר הַפֶּרֶדֶס שִׁמְרֵה אֶסָּף אֶל וְאֶגְרָת  
**And the king** **forest** **the keeper** **unto Asaph** **And a letter**  
 H4428 H6508 H8104 H623 H107

אֶשְׁרַר שְׁעַר יֵאֵת לְקִרְוֹת עֵצִים לִי וְנָתַן אֶשְׁרַר  
**for the gates** **to make beams** **me timber** **granted** **granted**  
 H8179 H7136 H6086 H0 H5414 H834

וְלִבִּי יֵת הָעִיר וְלַחֹמֹת וְלִבִּי יֵת אֲשֶׁר הַבַּיִת  
**and for the house** **of the city** **and for the wall** **and for the house** **of the palace**  
 H1004 H5892 H2346 H1004 H834 H1002

כִּי־הַמֶּלֶךְ לִי וְנָתַן אֶל־יֹאבֵב וְאֶשְׁרַר  
**hand** **And the king** **granted** **unto** **that I shall enter into** **Asaph**  
 H3027 H4428 H5414 H413 H935 H834

עָלַי: הַטּוֹבָה אֵלַי  
**me according to the good** **of my God**  
 H5921 H430 H2896

**9** Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

לָקָהּ וְאֶתַנְהָה הַנָּהָר עֵבֶר פְּחוֹת אֶל וָאָב וָא  
**and gave** **the river** **beyond** **to the governors** **Then I came**  
 H5414 H5104 H5676 H6346 H935 H0

שָׂרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ עָמִי וְשָׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶגְרֹת וְאֵת  
**captains** **Now the king** **had sent** **Now the king** **letters** **of the army**  
 H8269 H4428 H7971 H4428 H107 H2428

וּפְרָשִׁים: הַיָּם  
**and horsemen** **of the army**  
 H6571 H2428

**10** When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

הַעֲמֹנִי הָעֶבֶד וְטוֹבְיָה וְהַחֹרֶנִי סַנְבַּלַּט וְשָׁמַע  
 the Ammonite the servant and Tobiah the Horonite  
 הַעֲמֹנִי H5984 הָעֶבֶד H5650 וְטוֹבְיָה H2900 וְהַחֹרֶנִי H2772 סַנְבַּלַּט H5571 וְשָׁמַע H8085  
 בָּא אֲשֶׁר גָּדַלָה רָעָה לָהֶם וַיֵּרַע  
 that there was come H935 אֲשֶׁר H834 גָּדַלָה H1419 רָעָה H7451 לָהֶם H1992 וַיֵּרַע H7489  
 וַיִּשְׁכְּאֵל לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְבִקֵּשׁ אֶת הַטּוֹב לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
 of Israel H3478 לְבִקֵּשׁ H1245 אֶת H120 הַטּוֹב H2896 לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל H1121

**11** So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

שְׁלֹשָׁה יָמִים שָׁם וָאָהִי יְרוּשָׁלַם אֶל וָאָב וָאֵ  
 and was there three H7969 יָמִים H8033 שָׁם H1961 וָאָהִי H1961 יְרוּשָׁלַם H413 אֶל H935 וָאֵ H935  
 So I came H935 to Jerusalem H3389

**12** And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

וְלֹא עִמִּי מְעַט וְאֲנֹשׁ יָסוּ אֲנִי לַיְלָה וָאָק וָסוּ  
 I and some H4592 וְאֲנֹשׁ H376 יָסוּ H589 אֲנִי H589 לַיְלָה H3915 וָאָק H6965 וָסוּ H3808  
 לְבִי יֵאָל נִתְּן אֱלֹהֵי מִה לְאֶדְם הִגַּדְתִּי  
 in my heart H3820 יֵאָל H413 נִתְּן H5414 אֱלֹהֵי H430 מִה H4100 לְאֶדְם H120 הִגַּדְתִּי H5046  
 כִּי עִמִּי אֵין הַבְּהֵמָה לִירוּשָׁלַם לַעֲשׂוֹת  
 that I rode upon H7392 אֵין H369 הַבְּהֵמָה H929 לִירוּשָׁלַם H3389 לַעֲשׂוֹת H6213  
 בָּהֶ: רָכַב אֲנִי אֲשֶׁר הַבְּהֵמָה אֵם  
 that I rode upon H7392 אֲנִי H589 אֲשֶׁר H834 הַבְּהֵמָה H929 אֵם H518

**13** And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

עַיִן וְאֶל לַיְלָה הַגַּיַת וּשְׁעַר יְהוָה וְאֶצְעָה  
 And I went out and the gates of the valley by night even before well

שָׂר וְאֶהֱיָה וְאֶשְׁפֹּת וּשְׁעַר יְהוָה וְאֶל הַתַּנּוּן  
 the dragon and the gates and to the dung and viewed

פְּרוּצִים הֵמָּה מִן אֲשֶׁר יְרוּשָׁלַיִם בְּחוֹמֹת  
 which were broken down of Jerusalem H0 the walls

בְּאֵשׁ: אֲכָלוּ וּשְׁעַר יְהוָה  
 thereof were consumed with fire and the gates

**14** Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

הִנֵּה לִי וְאֶל הַעַיִן שַׁעַר אֶל לָעֵבֶר  
 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain and to the king's pool

תַּחְתִּי: לָעֵבֶר לְבֵהֶמָּה מִקֹּם וְאִין  
 Then I went on but there was no place for the beast

**15** Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

שָׂר וְאֶהֱיָה לַיְלָה בְּנַחַל עָלָה וְאֶהֱיָה  
 and viewed and in the night by the brook Then went I up

וְאֶשׁוּב: הַגַּיַת וּשְׁעַר וְאֶבֹּא וְאֶשׁוּב: בְּחוֹמַת  
 and so returned of the valley and entered by the gate and so returned the wall

**16** And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

אָנִי וְמָה הַלְכִיתִי אָנָּה יָדְעוּ לֹא וְלִסְגָּנִים יִם  
**And the rulers** H3808 **knew** H575 **not whither I went** H4100 H589  
 H5461 H3045 H1980

וְלִסְגָּנִים יִם וְלַחֲרִים יִם וְלַכֹּהֲנִים יִם וְלַיהוּדִים יִם עֲשֵׂה הַ  
**or what I did** H6213 **it to the Jews** H3064 **nor to the priests** H3548 **nor to the nobles** H2715 **And the rulers** H5461

לֹא יְכִי עַד הַמְלָאכָה עֲשֵׂה הַ וְלִי תָר  
**nor to the rest** H3499 **or what I did** H6213 **the work** H4399 H5704 **neither had I as yet** H3651 H3808

הִגַּדְתִּי:  
**told**  
 H5046

**17** Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

אֲשֶׁר הַדְּרָעָה רְאִים אֶתְּמָם אֵלֶּהָ מְאוֹמֵר  
**Then said** H559 H413 H859 **I unto them Ye see** H7200 **the distress** H7451 H834

וְשַׁעַר יְהוָה חֲרָבָה יְרוּשָׁלַיִם אֲשֶׁר רָבָה אֲנִי חֲנוּ  
**of Jerusalem** H3389 **lieth waste** H2720 **and the gates** H8179  
 H587 H0 H834

חוֹמַת אֶת וְנִבְנָה לְכֹל וּבַיִשׁ נִצְתָּו  
**thereof are burned** H3341 **with fire** H784 H1980 **and let us build up** H1129 H853 **the wall** H2346

עוֹד נְהִיָה וְלֹא יְרוּשָׁלַיִם חֲרָפָה:  
**of Jerusalem** H3389 H3808 H1961 H5750 **that we be no more a reproach** H2781

**18** Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

לְטוֹבָהּ: הִיא אֲשֶׁר אֱלֹהֵי יְדֵיהֶם אֶת לָהֶם וְאֲנִי יד  
**Then I told** H5046 H0 H853 **their hands** H3027 **of my God** H430 H834 H1931 **for this good** H2896

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲשֶׁר הִמָּלְךְ דְּבַר יְוֹאֵף עַל־י  
H5921 H637 **words** H1697 **upon me as also the king's** H4428 H834 **that he had spoken** H559

וַיִּחְזְקוּ יְדֵיהֶם וַיִּבְנֶינּוּ וְנָקוּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֵי  
H0 **that he had spoken** H559 **Let us rise up** H6965 **and build** H1129 **So they strengthened** H2388 **their hands** H3027

לְטוֹבָהּ:  
**for this good**  
H2896

**19** But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

הִשְׁמַע וַיִּשְׁמַע ט סַנְבַּלַּט הַחֹרֶנִי וְטוֹבְיָהוּ הַעַמֹּנִי הַשָּׂרֵד הָעַרְבִי  
**heard** H8085 **But when Sanballat** H5571 **the Horonite** H2772 **and Tobiah** H2900 **the servant** H5650 **the Ammonite** H5984

עַל־יְנֹו וַיִּבְזוּ וְלֵנוּ וַיִּלְעוּ גוּ הָעַרְבִי וְגֵשֶׁם  
**and Geshem** H1654 **the Arabian** H6163 **it they laughed us to scorn** H3932 H0 **and despised** H959 H5921

וַיֹּאמְרוּ עַשׂוּ יֵם אֶת־עַם אֲשֶׁר הִזָּה הַדָּבָר מָה  
**us and said** H559 H4100 **What is this thing** H1697 H2088 H834 H859 **that ye do** H6213

לְהַעֲלֵי מְרֻדִים: אֶת־עַם הַמֶּלֶךְ הַעַל  
H5921 **against the king** H4428 H859 **will ye rebel** H4775



**20** 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.

אֱלֹהֵי יְיָ לָהֶם וְאֹמְרֵי דָבָר רַחֲמֵי אֹתָם וְאָשׁוּב  
**Then answered** H7725 H853 H1697 **I them and said** H0 H430 **unto them The God**

וְעַבְדֵי יְיָ וְאֵין חֵנוֹ לָנוּ וְיִצְלַח יְיָ הוּא הַשָּׁמַיִם  
**of heaven** H8064 H1931 **he will prosper** H0 H587 **us therefore we his servants** H5650

וְצִדְקָה וְאֵין חֵן לָכֵן וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיָקִים וְיִבְנֶה יְיָ  
**will arise** H6965 **and build** H1129 H0 H369 **but ye have no portion** H2506 **nor right** H6666

בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם: וְזָכָר וְאֵין  
**nor memorial** H2146 **in Jerusalem** H3389

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