

# Nehemiah 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

## Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 6 addresses themes of deception, completing the work, steadfastness, discernment. Enemies shift tactics from open opposition to subtle deception, requiring spiritual discernment to complete the wall in 52 days. This passage demonstrates biblical principles applicable across both testaments—God's sovereignty combined with human responsibility, faith expressed through obedient action, and the necessity of both individual and corporate commitment to covenant faithfulness. Nehemiah models leadership that combines vision, prayer, courage, integrity, and perseverance amid sustained opposition.

## Historical Context

Nehemiah's account occurs during Persian imperial dominance (539-331 BC), specifically 445-433 BC under Artaxerxes I. The 52-day wall completion represents remarkable achievement given opposition and limited resources. Excavations have

confirmed portions of Nehemiah's wall and various gates mentioned in the text. The Persian period was crucial transitional time when Jewish identity shifted from monarchical nationalism to Torah-centered covenantal community. Without political independence, the people's cohesion depended on shared scripture, temple worship, and covenant obedience. This established patterns persisting through the Second Temple period into New Testament times. Understanding this context illuminates Jesus's ministry among a people shaped by these reforms and challenges.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does Nehemiah 6:10 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call you to make in your walk with God?
3. How can the principles demonstrated in this passage inform your response to current challenges in your life or church?

## Interlinear Text

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Afterward I came	H935	in the house	H1004	of Shemaiah	H8098	the son	H1121	of Delaiah	H1806	the son	H1121			
מִקְרַבְתָּא	H4105	לְ	וְאֵה	מִקְרַבְתָּא	לְ	וְאֵה	מִקְרַבְתָּא	לְ	וְאֵה	מִקְרַבְתָּא	לְ	וְאֵה	מִקְרַבְתָּא	
of Mehetabeel	H1931	who was shut up	H6113	and he said	H559	Let us meet together	H3259							H413
בַּיִת	H1004	בְּאָלָה	H413	בְּיַהְקֵךְ	H8432	בְּיַהְקֵךְ	H1964	וְנִסְגְּרָה	H5462	וְנִסְגְּרָה	H1817	וְלִתְתַּחַת	וְתַחַת	
בְּאָלָה	H430	within	H413	לְ	H8432	לְ	H1964	וְנִסְגְּרָה	H5462	וְנִסְגְּרָה	H1817	וְלִתְתַּחַת	וְתַחַת	
בָּאָיִם	H3588	Afterward I came	H935	to slay	H2026	to slay	H2026	thee yea in the night	H3915	thee yea in the night	H3915	וְלִתְתַּחַת	וְתַחַת	
בָּאָיִם	H935	to slay	H2026	לְבָרְגָּבָה	H2026	לְבָרְגָּבָה	H2026	וְלִתְתַּחַת	H3915	וְלִתְתַּחַת	H3915	וְלִתְתַּחַת	וְתַחַת	
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 36:5** (Parallel theme): And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: