

Nehemiah 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Nehemiah 6:14 deepen your understanding of God's character and His work in human history?
2. What specific contribution can you make to building up Christ's church in your local community?
3. How does understanding your work as part of God's larger purposes transform your approach to daily responsibilities?

Interlinear Text

זָכַרְהָ	אֱלֹהֵי י	לְטוֹבִי הָ	וּלְסַנְבַּלֵּט	כַּמַּעַשׂ יוֹ	
think	My God	thou upon Tobiah	and Sanballat	according to these their works	
H2142	H430	H2900	H5571	H4639	
הָ	וְגַם	לְנוֹעֲדָהּ הָ	הַנְּבִיאָה	וְלִי תֵרֶם	הַנְּבִיאִים
H428	H1571	Noadiah	and on the prophetess	and the rest	of the prophets
		H5129	H5031	H3499	H5030
רָאָשׁוֹ	הֵי וְ	מִיָּרָא יִמִּי	אוֹתִי:		
H834	H1961	that would have put me in fear	H853		
		H3372			

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 13:29 (References God): Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.
