

# 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

**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.**

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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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כִּמְעַשׂ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְלִסְתְּבֵל טָבָל לְטוֹבֵי הָעוֹלָם וְיִכְבֶּה הַשְׁמַרְתָּנוּ  
according to these their works  
and Sanballat and upon Tobiah thou My God I think  
H4639 H5571 H2900 H430 H2142  
הַנְּבִיא יִם וְלֹא תִּרְאֶה כִּי מִרְאָה יִמְרָא אֲשֶׁר  
of the prophets and the rest and on the prophetess Noadiah  
H5030 H3499 H5031 H5129 H1571 H428  
אֲוֹתָנִי מִרְאָה יִמְרָא יִמְרָא כִּי אֲשֶׁר  
H853 H3372 H1961 H834

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

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