

NEHEMIAH

“Student Takeover: Chapters 1-6”

April 17, 2016

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2. THE WALL WAS A PHYSICAL AND _____ THEY COULD MAKE REVEAL HOW GOD RESPONDS TO FAITHFULNESS.

“The word of the Lord came to Solomon: “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.” 1 Kings 6:11-13

3. THE WALL WAS A REMINDER TO HIS PEOPLE THAT HE HAD NOT _____ THEM, AND STILL PROTECTS THEM.

“Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Joshua 4:5-7

“While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will be its glory within. Zechariah 2:3-5

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