

Nehemiah

Fill in the blanks, choosing words from the word list and then fit the words from the list into the Stack-a-Word puzzle on the next page.

Nehemiah lived in the palace at Shushan. He was a cupbearer for King _____ and wanted to go back to _____ to rebuild the city's broken _____. The city _____ were ruined, too. They had been burned. The king gave _____ permission to return to his country.

_____, who lived near Jerusalem didn't want those walls to be rebuilt. He joined with other _____ and _____ and tried to stop the work. In front of the army of _____, he poked fun of the hard workers. One of the men said, "If a _____ go up, he shall break down their stone wall." But Nehemiah and his men just went on working on the walls and _____. They worked with one hand while they held a _____ or a _____ in the other. Some men held _____. One man stood guard, next to Nehemiah. He had a _____ and was to _____ and blow it if there was danger. All of the men were obeying Nehemiah's command to _____ and build. They knew God was with them.

Finally the wall was finished. Nehemiah counted all the people who lived in Jerusalem. There were 42,360, not counting the servants. He counted the animals too. There were 736 _____ besides mules and camels.

Nehemiah offered a _____ of thanksgiving. Then _____, the scribe, brought out the Book of the Law and read the _____ to the people. They wanted to celebrate the feast of _____. The people went out to the hills to get olive and _____, _____, and palm branches. They promised to serve God and to bring offerings of _____, _____, _____, and fruit. The Levites were to bring the _____ for the offerings to the _____ or _____. The priests were to get some of the offerings, but a part was also for those who would _____ in the Temple.

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| OIL | WALLS | HORSES |
| FOX | TOWER | MYRTLE |
| CORN | GATES | VESSELS |
| EZRA | SPEARS | TRUMPET |
| PINE | BOOTHS | SAMARIA |
| SING | PRAYER | NEHEMIAH |
| WINE | SHIELD | JERUSALEM |
| ARISE | NOBLES | SANBALLAT |
| WATCH | RULERS | ARTAXERXES |
| SWORD | TEMPLE | ORDINANCES |
| | | SANCTUARY |

