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“Completion”
Nehemiah 6:15–19
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✳ **When a God-Given Vision Comes to Its Completion...**

1. God’s INVITATION Still Has Not.

“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.” Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NIV)

“...And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.” Nehemiah 2:8 (NIV)

“I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success.”” Nehemiah 2:20a (NIV)

“When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.” Nehemiah 4:15 (NIV)

“Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”” Psalm 126:2 (NIV)

“The Lord has honored me, and my God has given me strength. He says, “You will do more than restore the people of Israel to Me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring My salvation to the ends of the earth.” Isaiah 49:6 (NLT)

2. Our MISSION Still Has Not.

“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.” Nehemiah 6:15 (NIV)

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12-16 (NLT)

3. Satan’s OPPOSITION Still Has Not.

“Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shekariah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah. Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.” Nehemiah 6:17-19 (NIV)

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1b-3 (NIV)