



1 Peter 1:7 (NLT): ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Nehemiah 1:2–3 (NLT): ² Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

³ They said to me, “Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.”

Nehemiah 2:4 (NLT): The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?”...

Nehemiah 2:20 (NLT): ²⁰ ...“The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem.”

Nehemiah 3:28 (NLT): ²⁸ ...Each one repaired the section immediately across from his own house.

Nehemiah 4:23 (NLT): ²³ During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.

Nehemiah 6:15–16 (NLT): ¹⁵ So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. ¹⁶ When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.

Isaiah 61:3–4 (NLT):

³ To all who mourn in Israel,
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins,
repairing cities destroyed long ago.
They will revive them,
though they have been deserted for many generations.

Psalms 1:3 (NLT):

³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither,
and they prosper in all they do.

Psalms 118:22–25 (NLT):

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is wonderful to see.
²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Please, Lord, please save us.
Please, Lord, please give us success.

- Along with God’s ***favor*** comes ***provision***, ***permission*** and ***direction***.
- The rebuilding process takes ***time***, ***financial*** and ***personal commitment***.
- The enemy will always ***oppose God’s plans***, but God will give us ***strength*** and ***stamina to accomplish it***.

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