

Search your Heart, Ride Around your Soul
Nehemiah 2:8-20

In the previous chapter, Nehemiah *hears a report of the damage to the city*, Now, after a long journey to Jerusalem, he *sees the damage with his own eyes*.

Context and introduction

Two major things to listen for

1. It was God's hand that did it, v8
2. Nehemiah starts a new chapter in his life, v8
3. Nehemiah received protections granted by the king, v9
4. Disturbance - Sanballat and Tobiah hear of the plan, v10
5. Nehemiah waited and rested three days, v11
6. Nehemiah inspects the city in secrecy before God alone, v12
7. Nehemiah examines the damage – he learned the city, v13-15
8. Nehemiah reports his appalling findings, v17a
9. Nehemiah issues a challenge – a call to build, 17b
10. Nehemiah brings hope and directs them to the “good hand of God” v18
11. The people respond with a volunteer spirit, v18b
12. The laughter and contempt of prominent people rises, v19
13. Nehemiah answers the enemies, v20