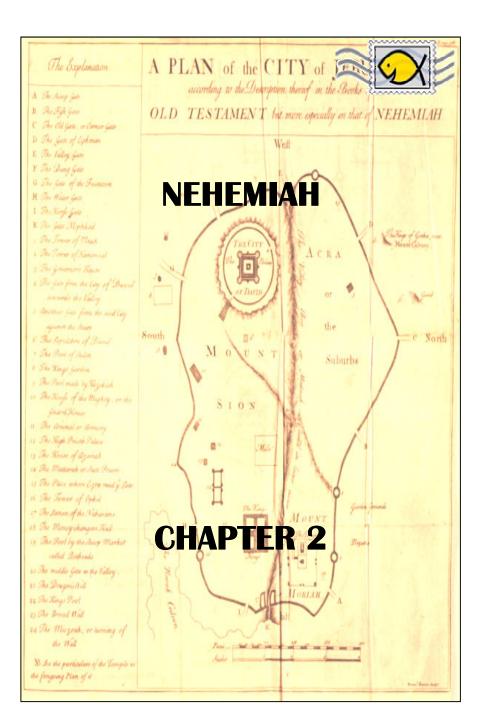
Persian Kings Durung esther, Ezra & Nehemiah

• Cyrus II the Great, established the Persian Empire and ruled it from 550–529.

(Zerubbabel)

- Cambyses II, his son, ruled 530–522.
- Smerdis, his alleged brother, ruled 522.
- Darius I the Great, son of Hystaspes, ruled 521–486. (Zerubbabel, Haggai, Zechariah)
- Xerxes I (Ahasuerus), his son, ruled 486–465.
- Artaxerxes I Longimanus, his son, ruled 464–424. (Malachi, Ezra (6-7), Nehemiah, Esther - known as Ahasuerus)
- Xerxes II, his son, ruled 424.



NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 2

WHAT'S GOING ON?

(2:1-8) Nehemiah's request

(2:9-10) Derision of the Persian's

(2:11-16) Secret investigation of the walls by Nehemiah

(2:17-18) The preparation and exhortation to work

(2:19-21) More Derision

WHAT'S BEING SAID OR DONE?

How do we APPLY THIS TO OURSELVES?

KEY VERSE:

" And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me." (Neh 2:8)

SUMMARY

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WHAT DOES THIS TEACH US?