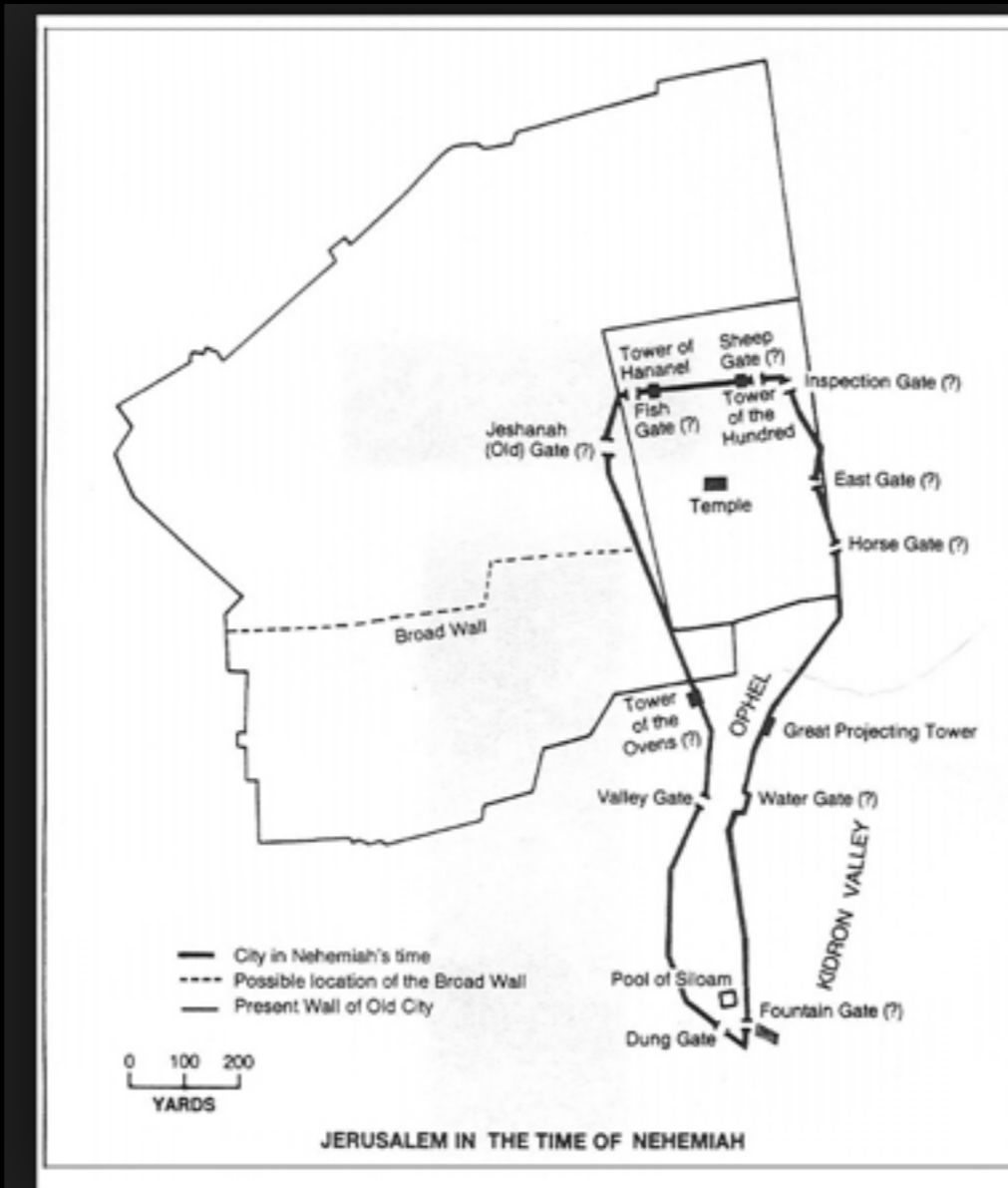


**You can't take your  
donkey in the bath!**

Nehemiah 2:11-16





# Jerusalem

Nehemiah's first journey

# 1. Take the right turn

- Which is left!
  - There are no short cuts
  - My yoke is easy and my burden is light, but it's still a narrow way
  - We need to keep making this journey

# 2. The dragons well

- The dragon - Revelation 12:9
- And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- He will seek to throw you and your destiny down a very deep well!

# 2. The dragons well

- Divide
- Divert
- Discourage
- Disillusion
- Destroy
- Defeat

# 2. The dragons well

- How do we deal with this?
  - Keep walking forwards

# 3. The Refuse Gate

- We all have things in our lives that need to be dumped
- Attitudes
- Habits
- Beliefs
- Behaviours
- Things we don't do
- Relationships
- Blessings of yesterday (Jeremiah 1:10)



# 3. The Refuse Gate

- How?
  - Read Scripture
  - Surround yourself with Godly things
  - Worship
  - People to help
  - Discipline

# 4. Fountain Gate

- Jn 4:14
- Ezekiel 47:1-12
- The flow of His Spirit for life

# 4. Fountain Gate

- Sustains
- Supplies
- Supplicates
- Signals which way to go
- Surrounds you with His goodness and protection
- Soaks you in His Word & His ways

# 5. The Kings Pool

- Intimacy
- Personal
- Private
- Privilege

# The difference between the Fountain and the Kings Pool

- The Fountain
  - His life flows through us and impacts those around us
- The Kings Pool
  - The focus is on Him

# 5. The Kings Pool

- **Bathe** in His presence
- **Bask** in His glory (the weight of His authority over us)
- **Beautified** by His Words
- Our wounds are **bound** up
- The **bounty** of His abundance becomes our bank

# 5. The Kings Pool

- **But you can't take your donkey with you**
- Not your:
  - Parents
  - Partner
  - Pastor
  - Purpose
  - Provision
  - Previous experience

# 5. The Kings Pool

- **How?**
- **By Pressing in**
  - When you don't feel like it
  - When you have many reasons not to
  - When you don't have time
  - When He calls you to



# Reflection

- **The Valley gate - which way are you going to turn?**
- **The dragon gate - where is the enemy getting at you?**
- **The Fountain gate - Where does He want to flow into your life right now? Which areas?**
- **The Kings Pool - Only you can go to that one.**