

# NEHEMIAH 2:1-10

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THE GRACIOUS HAND OF GOD



PSALM 34:18 "THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE  
BROKENHEARTED; HE RESCUES THOSE WHOSE SPIRITS  
ARE CRUSHED"

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# NEHEMIAH'S REQUEST

## NEHEMIAH 2:2-5

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- Esther 4:16-17 Sadness before the king could result in death
- May the king live forever- acknowledging goodness to the king
- Appeal to sympathetic concern for his own ancestors and hometown
- “What is it you want”
- Nehemiah PRAYED.
- James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

# NEHEMIAH ASKS TO BE SENT

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- Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of The LORD saying,  
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us”  
And I said,  
“Here am I, send me”.

# ARTAXERXES ANSWER NEHEMIAH 2:6-8

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King asks, “How long and when will you return?”

Nehemiah 5:14     It would be 12 years

Nehemiah asks for:

diplomatic papers for safe passage and supplies

Materials to do the job (Citadel, walls, residence)





RESOURCES WERE GRANTED  
BECAUSE:  
THE GRACIOUS HAND OF “MY”  
GOD WAS UPON ME.

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# OPPOSITION AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

## EXPECT THAT IT WILL COME!

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Nehemiah 2:9-10

**Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



## EPHESIANS 6:10-13

### THE ARMOR OF GOD

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<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the [b]wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [c]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore **take up the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.