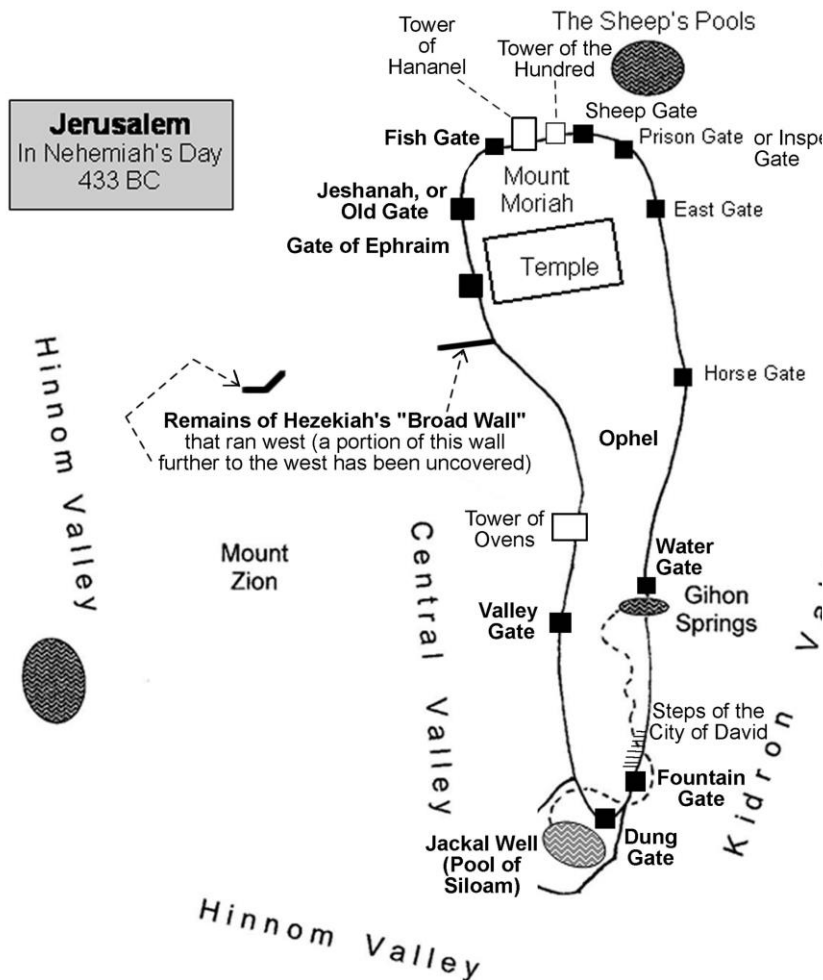


# Sermon Notes

February 11, 2018

First Congregational Church of Pomfret

## Teamwork: Nehemiah 3:1-32



## Diversity

- ❖ Representatives of various crafts, trades, tribes, towns and all social classes with one notable exception in v. 5
  - all sorts of different life-skills and experiences
  - a willingness and unselfish cooperation on the part of each individual and group
  - priests, goldsmiths, perfumers, rulers, families (including daughters), temple servants, merchants
- ❖ A living example of the same spirit of organization, diversity, willingness and cooperation from 2018

## Unity

- ❖ Diversity is essential to unity
  - unity is not uniformity
  - unity of spirit and purpose is **only** maintained through diversity in ministry
- ❖ We find the NT equivalent of Nehemiah 3 among the various lists of Spiritual Gifts (*cf.* 1 Cor 12 & Eph 4)
  - gifts function in collaboration with one another for the common good
  - in order to be everything God intends us to be as His church, we need all gifts to be fully deployed
- ❖ Importance of knowing how God has gifted you and the importance of using your gift