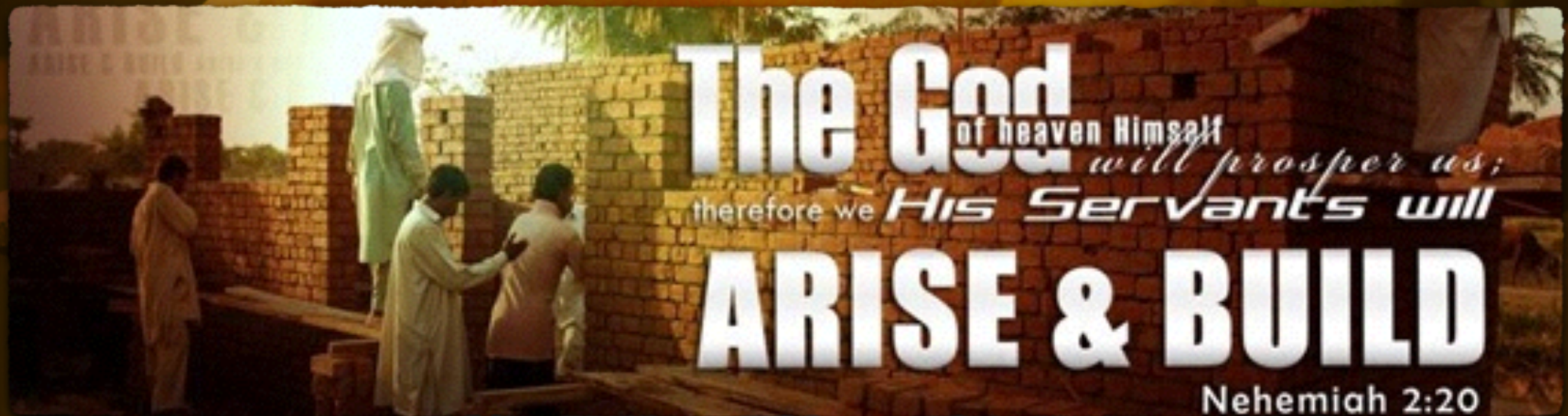
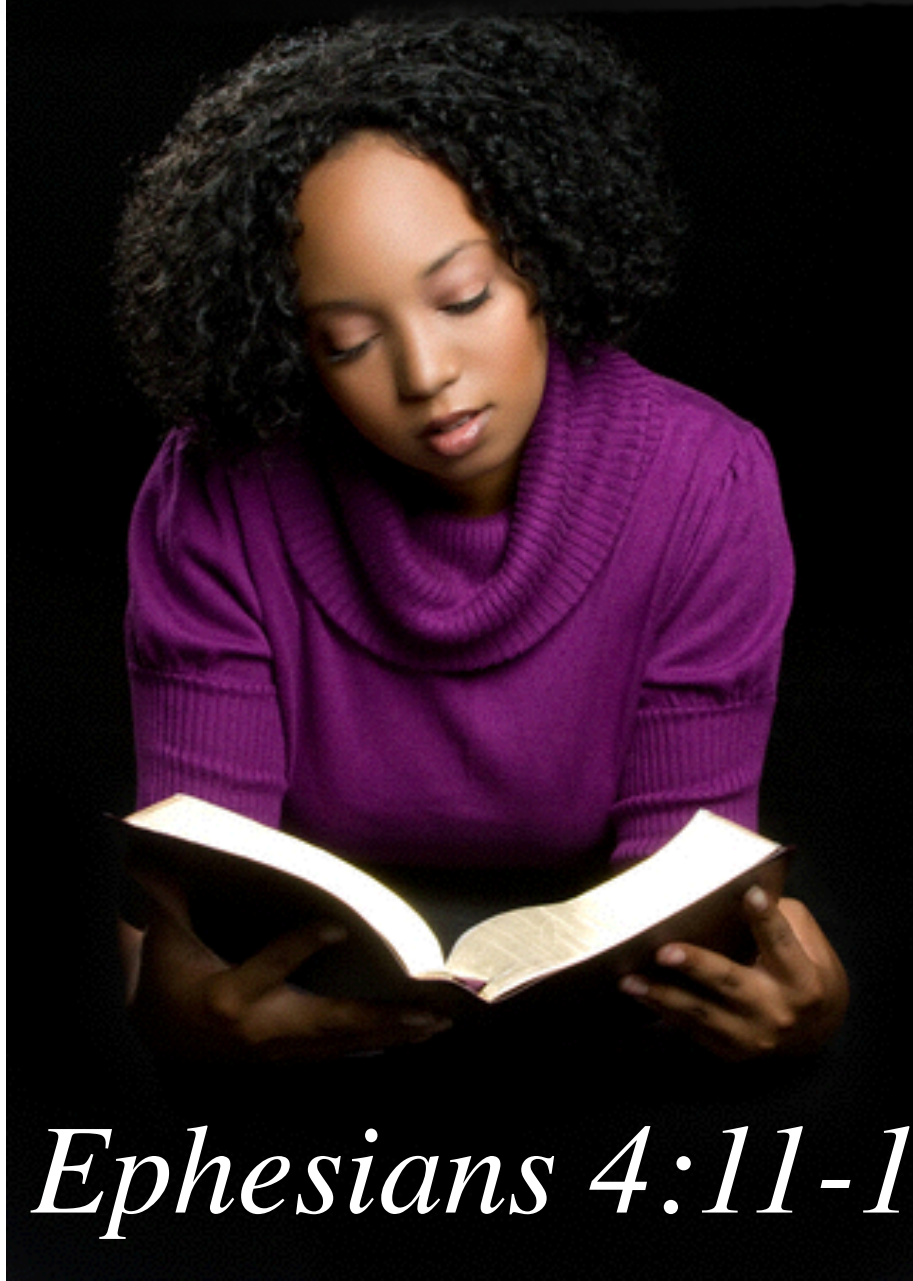
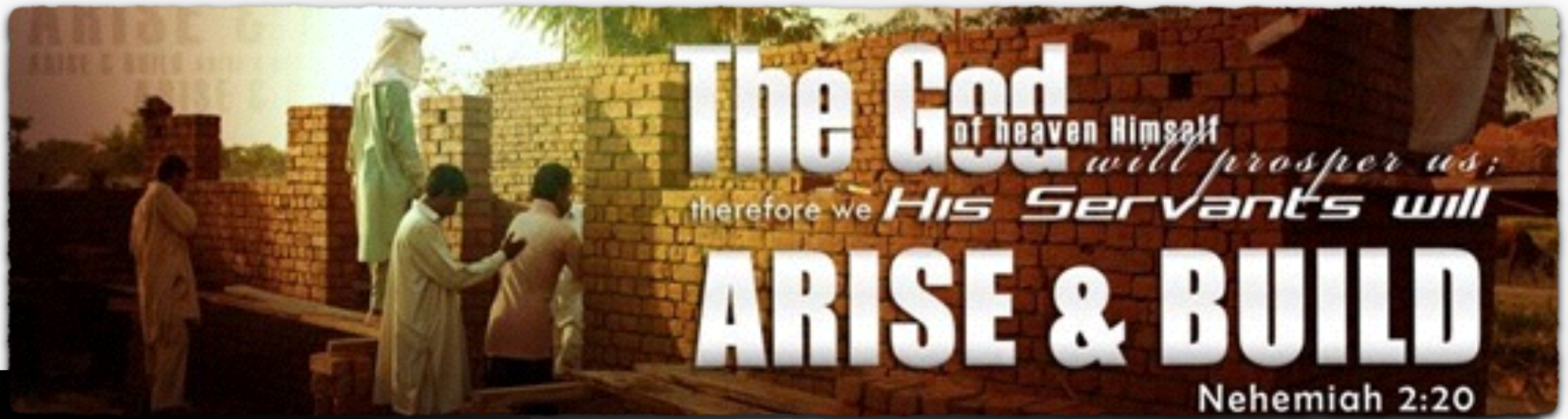


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Nehemiah 1-4





Ephesians 4:11-1

- ✓ *Building Up Ourselves*
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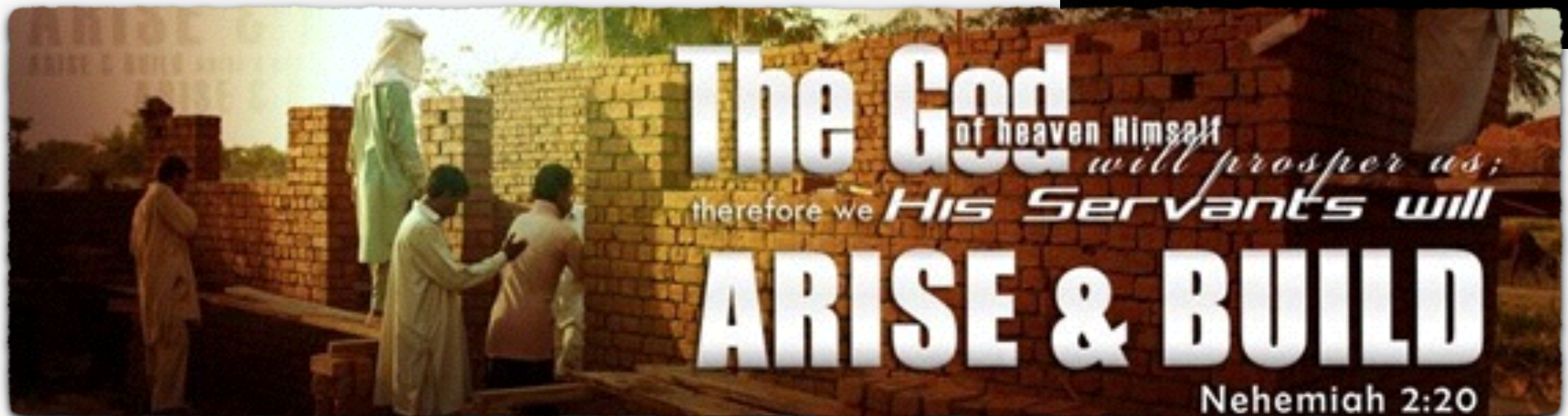
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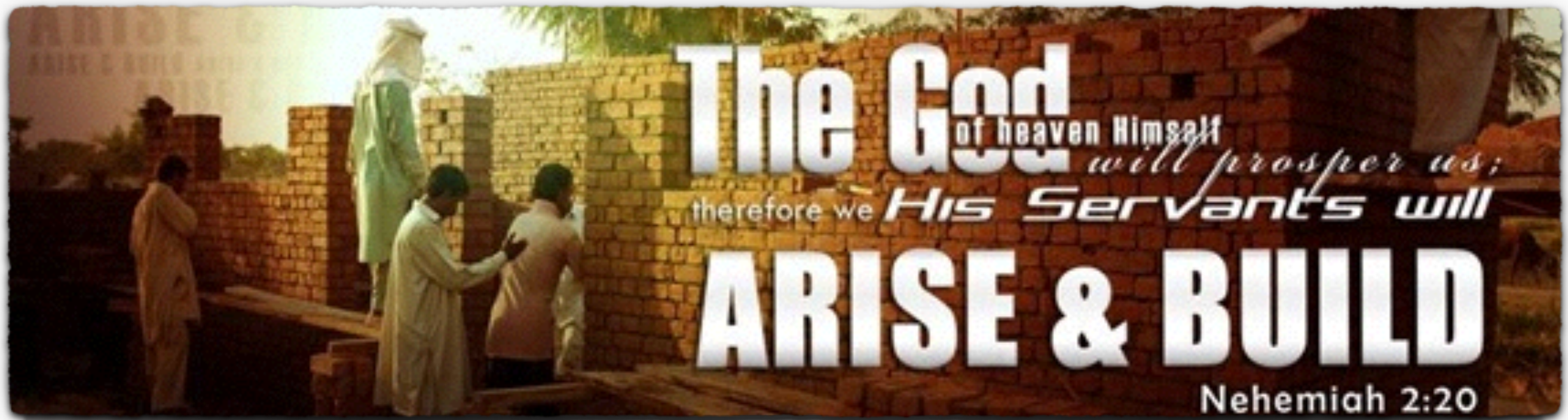
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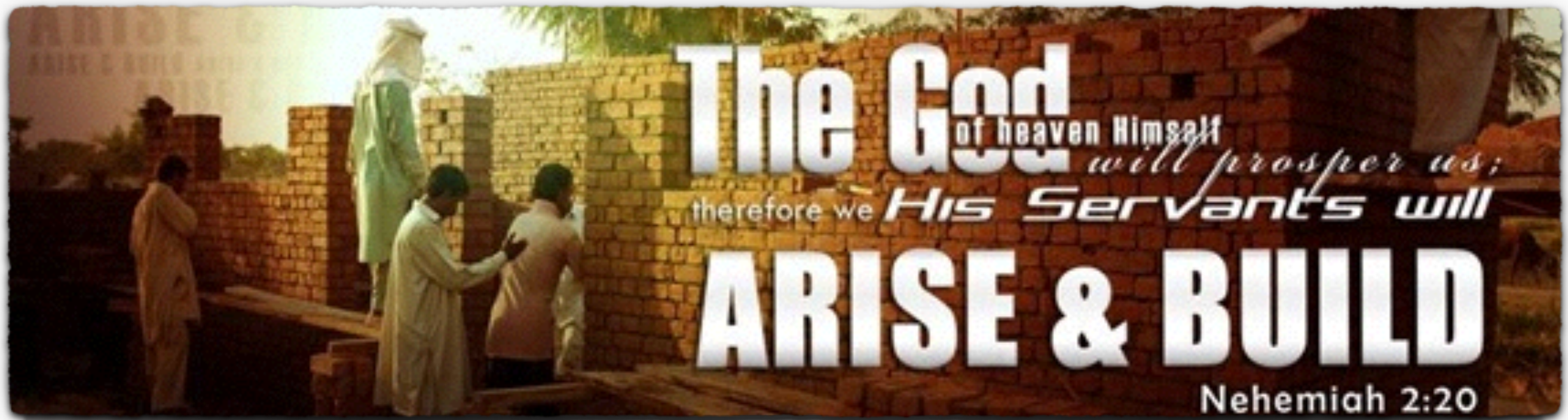


Phesians 4:11-16





- ✓ *Israel in Babylon because of their sin.*
- ✓ *539 BC. Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon & releases Jews. (Jer. 29:10; Isa. 44:28; 45:1-4 [150 years before Cyrus])*



- ✓ *3 groups returned. (Zerubbabel 538 BC; Ezra 457 BC; Nehemiah 444 BC)*
- ✓ *The task of rebuilding the city proceeded slowly - about 445 BC, Nehemiah, the cupbearer of Artaxerxes I, (Nehemiah 2:1), is given permission to direct the reconstruction.*

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ACCOMPLISHING SUCCESS IN BUILDING DEMANDS . . .

Concern & Desire - (1:3-11; 2:1-8)

Nehemiah 1:3-4 (NKJV)



³ And they said to me, “The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach.

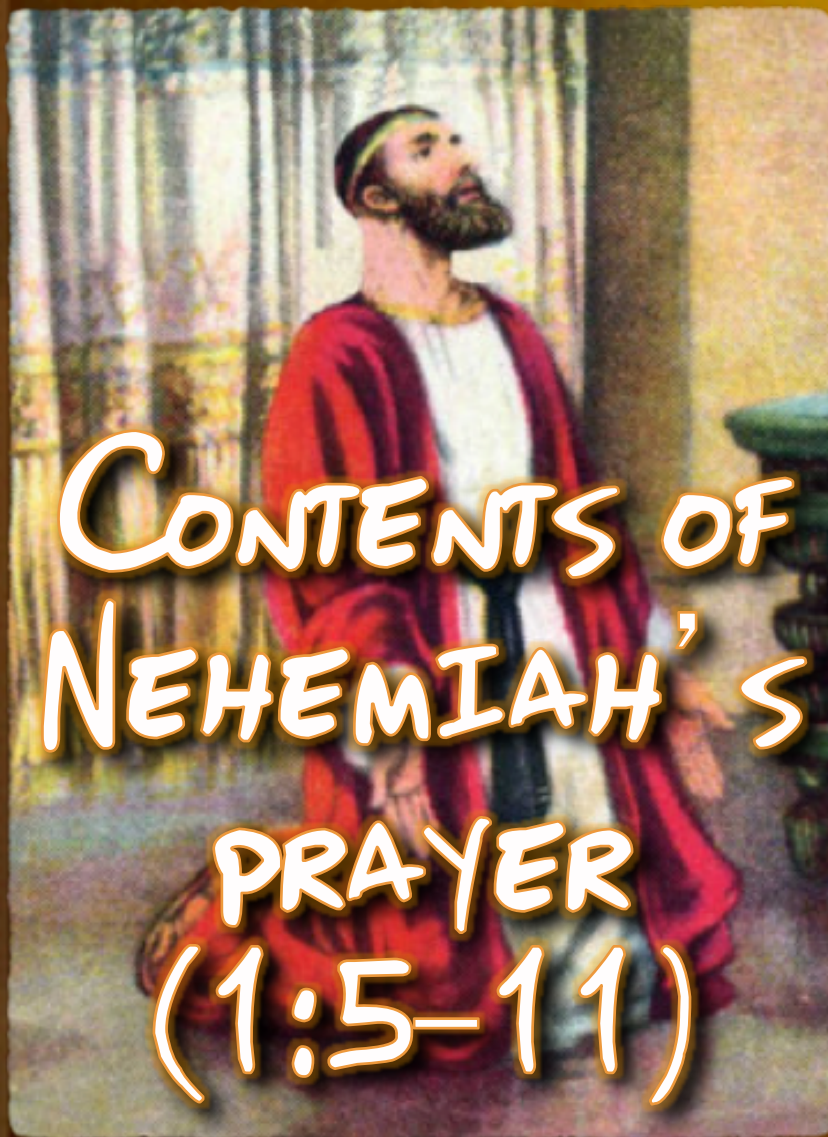
The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.” ⁴

So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

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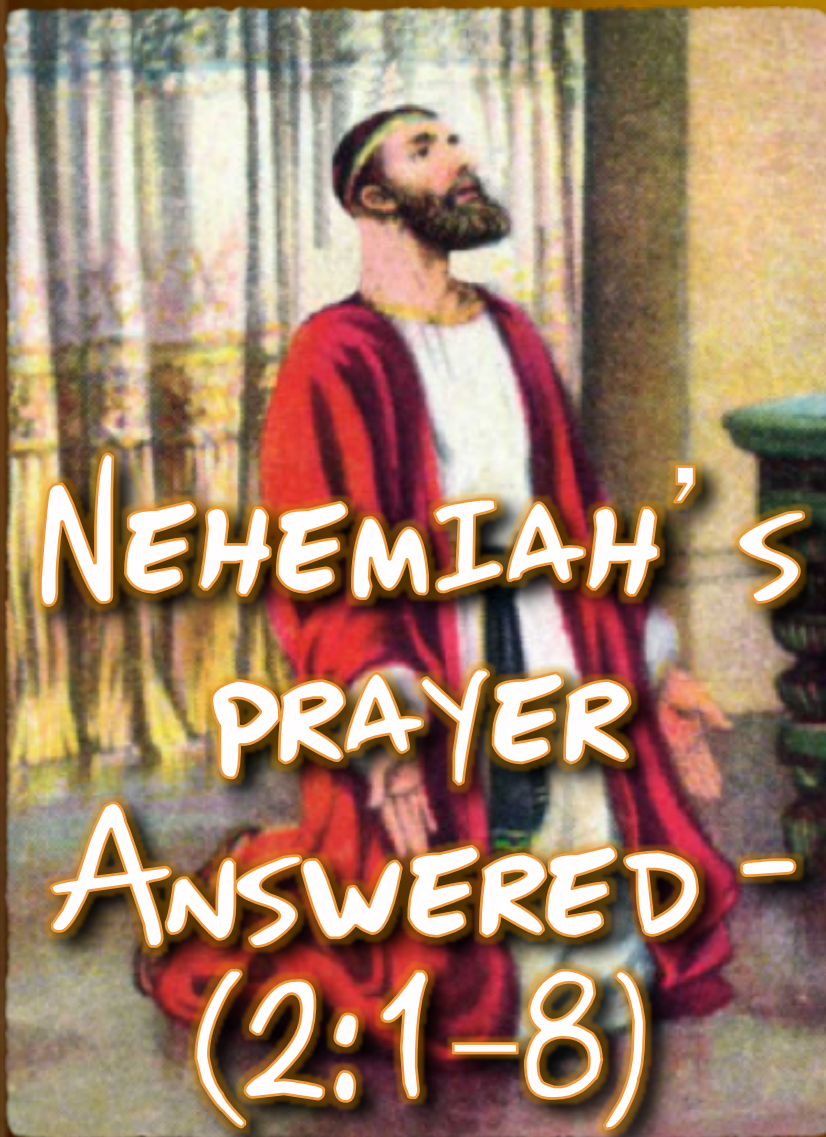


- Acknowledgment of God's greatness (1:5)
- Acknowledgment / confession of Israel's sins - 1:6,7
- Nehemiah pleads to God for help - 1:8-11 - (trusting God's promise of restoration if the people were obedient - Deut 30:1-5)

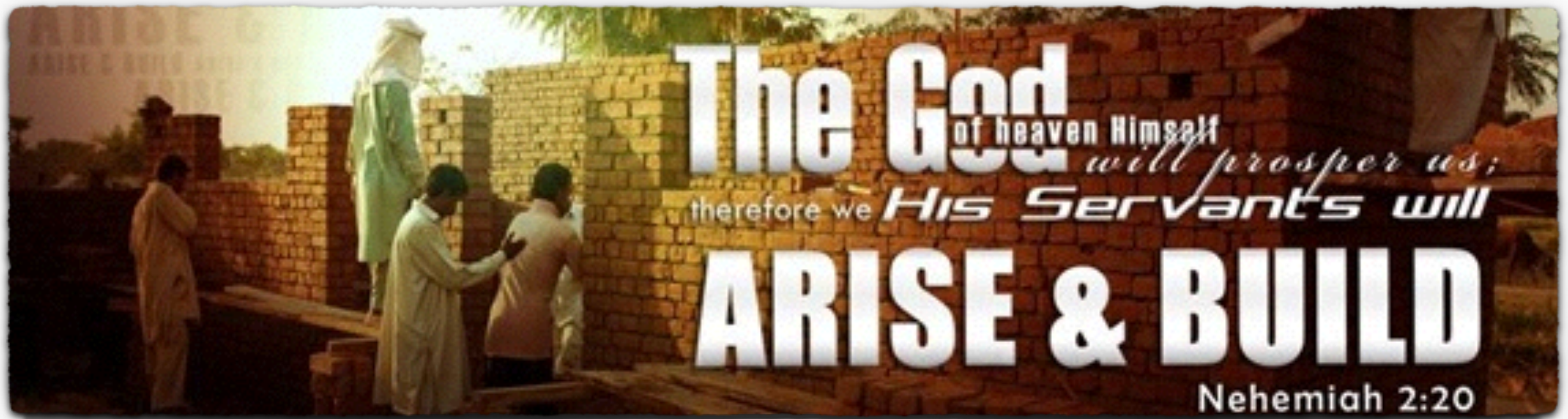
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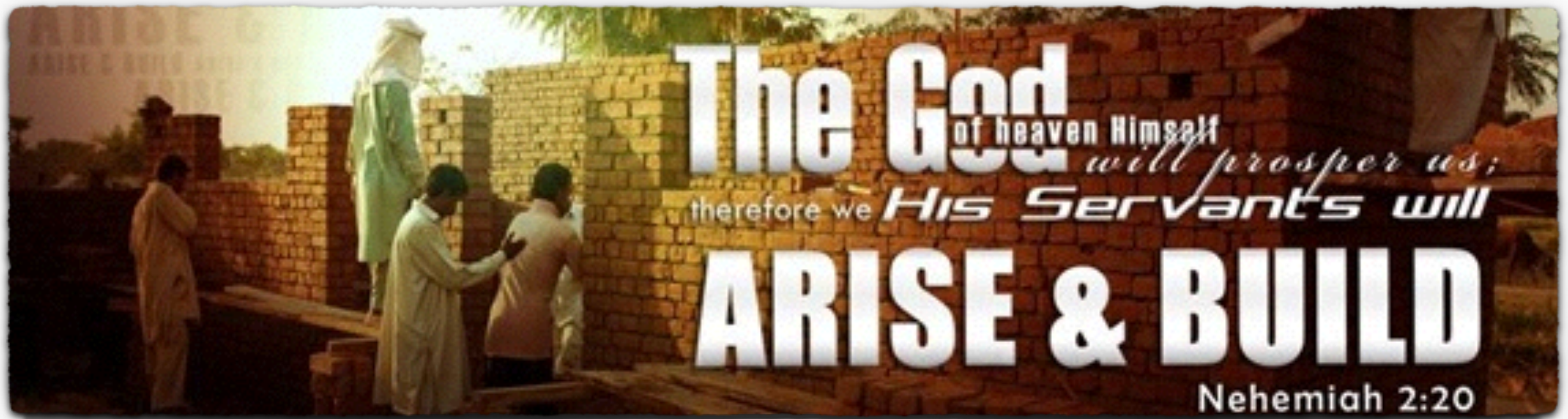
- Four months had passed - from Kislev (1:1, Nov-Dec) to Nisan (Mar-Apr).
- His concern had driven him to observable sadness - (2:2,5)
- Nehemiah did not let his fear of the king stand in his way (2:2,3)
- Nehemiah Prayed! (2:4)
- Nehemiah's request - (2:5-8)



Nehemiah 2:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

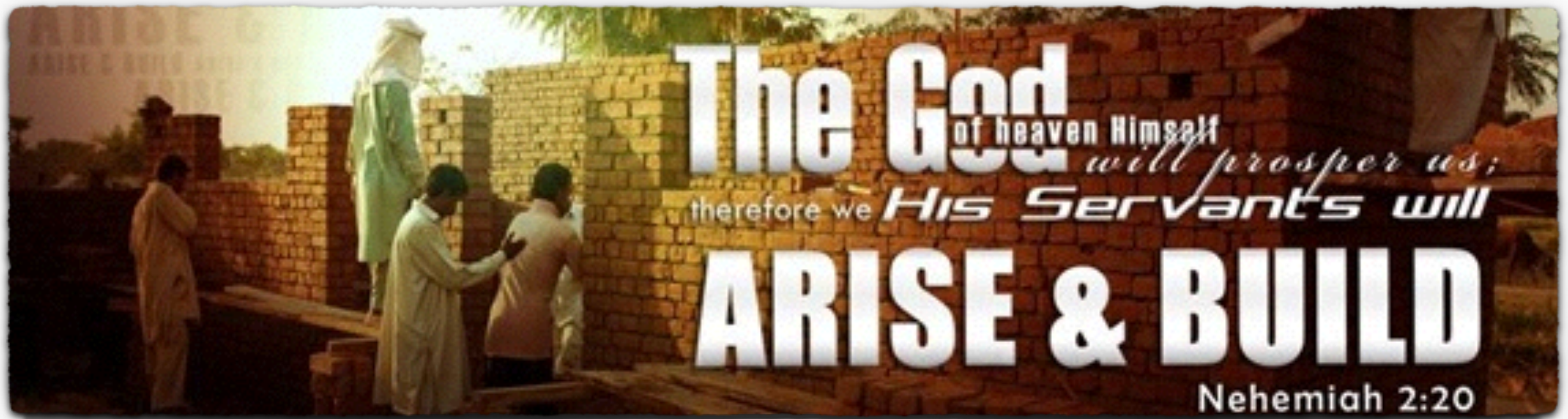




Nehemiah 2:5–8 (NKJV)

⁶ Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him),
“How long will your journey be? And when will you return?”
So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

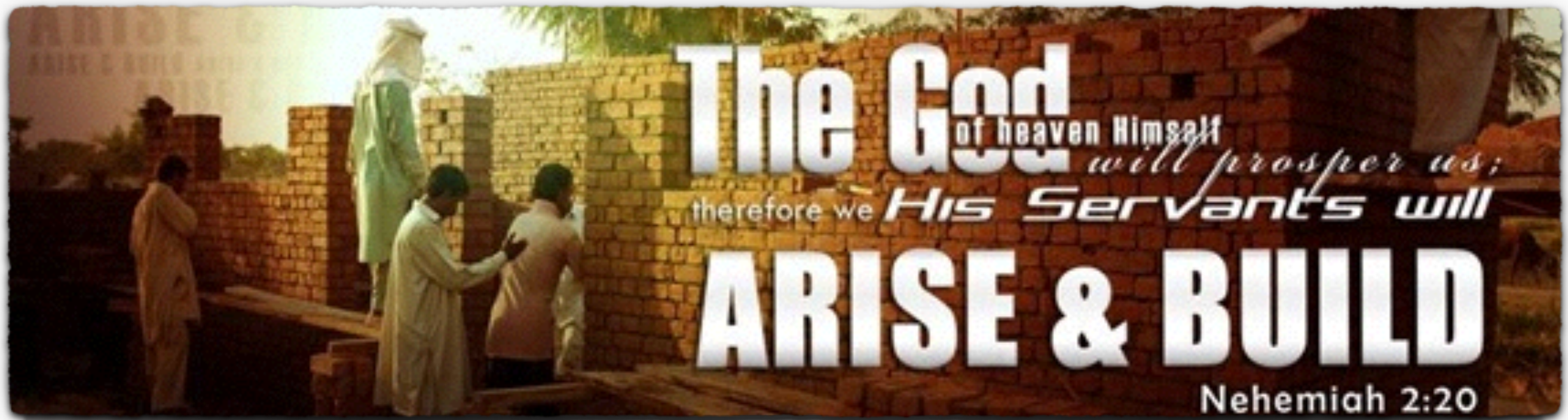




Nehemiah 2:5–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Furthermore I said to the king,
“If it pleases the king, let letters
be given to me for the governors
of the region beyond the River,
that they must permit me to pass
through till I come to Judah,





Nehemiah 2:5–8 (NKJV)

⁸ and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertain to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.



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Our Primary Concern?



- Our spiritual condition? – (Psalm 51:1-4; Mat 6:33)
- The growth & well-being of the church? – (2 Cor 11:28; Heb 10:24; Eph 4:16; 1 Thes 2:13)
- The growth of our new members - (Acts 14:22; Col. 1:1-13)
- The spiritual condition of the Lost? – (Mat 9:36; John 3:16; Rom 5:8; Acts 8:4)

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Our Desire To Serve & Work?



- We must overcome our fears
- Mat 10:28; Heb 13:6
- Pray for strength and wisdom to do what God wants us to do! (Col. 1:9,10; 3:17; Eph 4:16)
- Don't wait to be asked to do what is needed – [*Take the initiative – Get involved*] - Eccl. 9:10

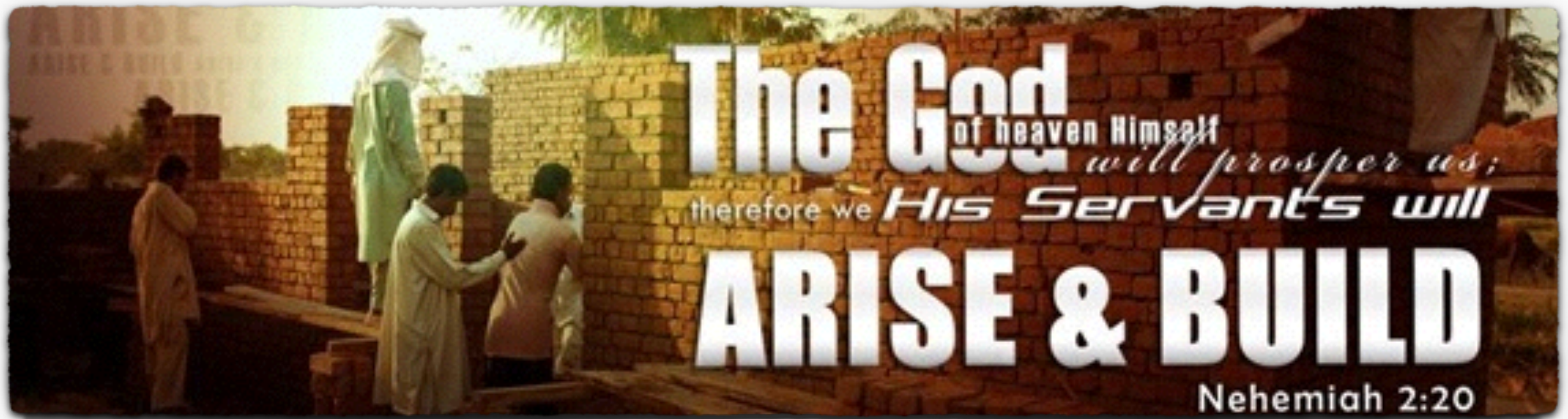
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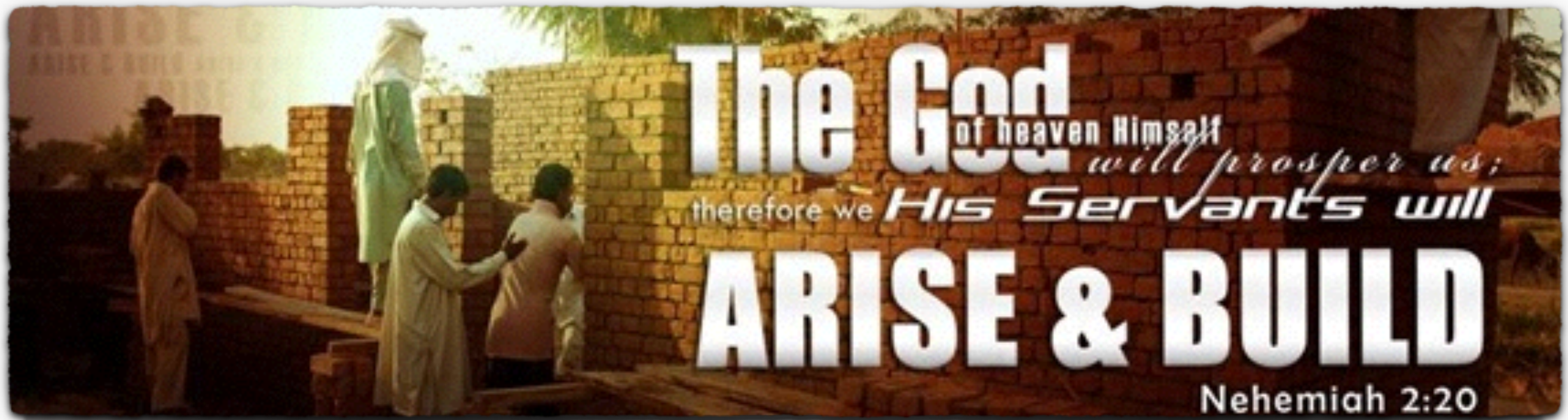
- Artaxerxes issued a decree to all the treasurers to provide for the building of Jerusalem - (Neh. 2:8; Ezra 7:20,21)
- Nehemiah showed the governors of the provinces the king's letters of authorization - (Neh. 2:9,10)
- Nehemiah took a survey of what needed to be done and was determined to fix it with GOD's help! – (Neh. 2:11-20)



Nehemiah 2:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

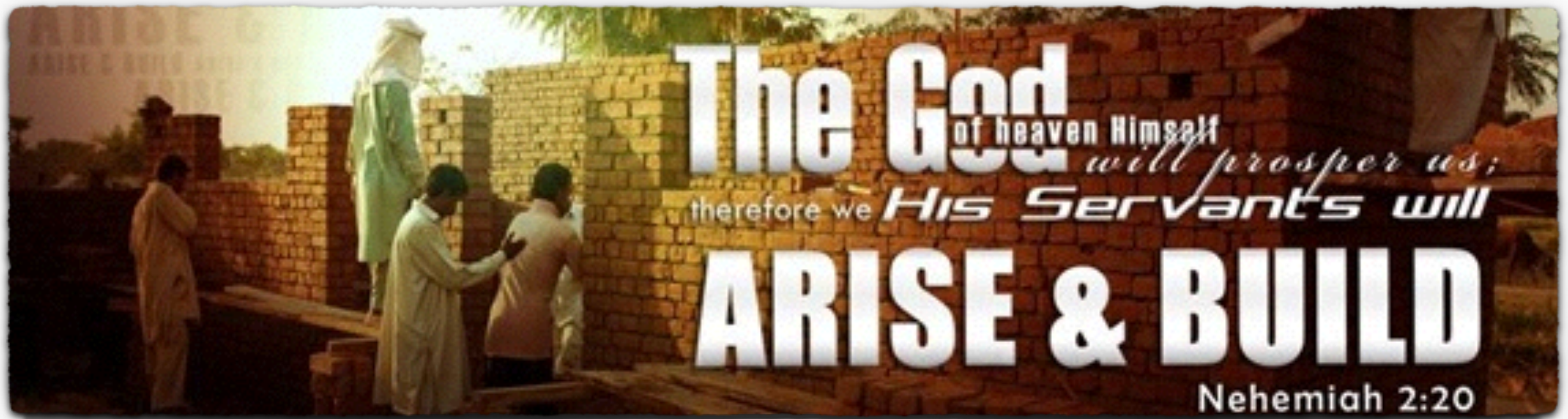




Nehemiah 2:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

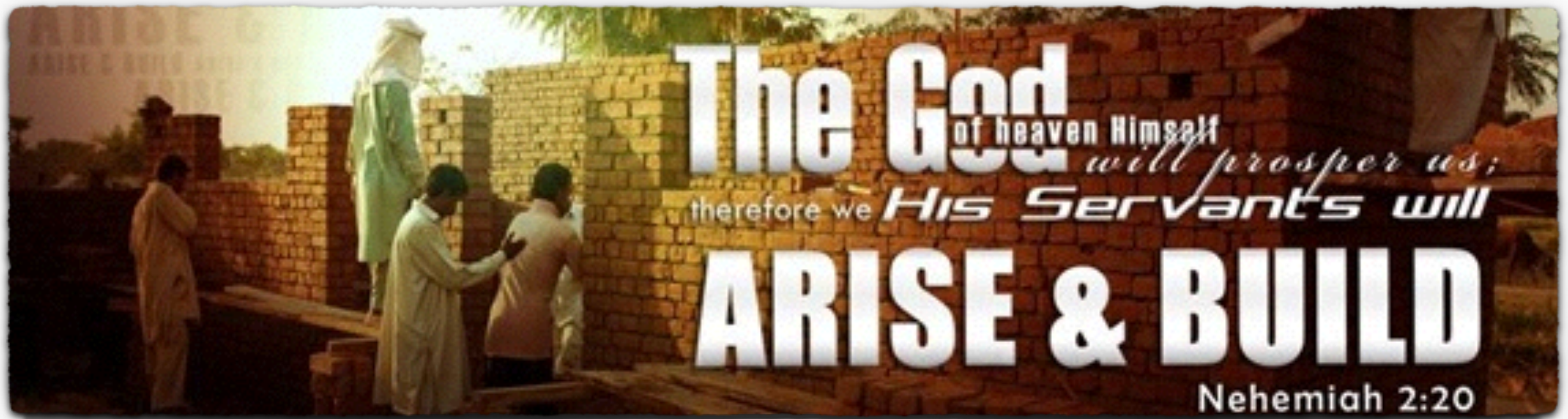




Nehemiah 2:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?”





Nehemiah 2:17–20 (NKJV)

²⁰ So I answered them, and said to them, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.”



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- Leadership / Personnel / Funding /
Plan of action - (2:8-18a)

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Nehemiah As A Leader

Donald K. Campbell (*Nehemiah: Man in Charge*, p. 23):

- He had a sense of mission & established a reasonable and attainable goal.
- He was willing to get involved & set his priorities in order to accomplish his goal.
- He patiently waited for God's timing - He prayed at crucial times.
- He showed respect to his superior - He went through proper channels.



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- He made his request with tact and graciousness - was well prepared and thought of his needs in advance.
- He took time (3 days) to rest, pray, and plan - investigated the situation firsthand - informed others only after he knew the size of the problem.



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- He identified himself as one with the people -
- He assured them God was behind the project - displayed confidence in God that obstacles could & would be overcome.
- He courageously used the authority of his position.



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**Opportunity / Accurate Evaluation /
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- Leadership / Personnel / Funding / Plan of action - (2:8-18a)
- Commitment & Dedication to the work – (2:18b)
- No enemy can prevent us from accomplishing God's work - (Neh 2:19,20; Ps 35:27; Eph 6:10-18; Phil 2:12-16; 1 Cor 3:5-8)

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COOPERATION / WORKING TOGETHER – UNITY – 3:1-32

- The coordination of the work stands out in the phrases “next to . . .” (*occurring 28 times in this chapter*).
- Assignments were made near people’s homes (vv. 21, 23–24, 26, 28–30).
- Commuters assigned to more remote areas - [*from Jericho (v. 2), Tekoa (vv. 5, 27), Gibeon (v. 7), and Mizpah (v. 7)*]
- Assignments by vocation - (*priest - 1,22,28; goldsmiths - 8, 31,32; perfume-makers - 8; rulers - 9–12, 14–19; merchants - 31,32*)

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**THE PRAYER OF
JESUS –** *John 17:20-23*
- Basis / Example / Purpose



THE PLEA OF PAUL
- Speech / faith / practice -
(1 Cor. 1:10; Eph 4:1-6;
Phili 2:1-5; 1 Cor 12:13ff)

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- ✓ *Submitting to the same Head – Eph 4:15; 5:23; Col 2:19*
- ✓ *Intertwining our abilities – doing our part - Eph 4:16; 1 Cor 12:13-26;*
- ✓ *The result – “Causes the body to grow” - Eph 4:16;*

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**Diligence / Focus / Readiness /
Persistence - (4:8-20)**



- They had a mind to work – (6)
- Diligent in prayer – (7)
- Set watch day and night – (9)
- Clearing out distractions - (10)
- Ready to defend & protect - (11-18)
- They worked from daybreak until the stars appeared – (19-23 [*finished in 52 days - 6:15*])

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**Diligence / Focus / Readiness /
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- ✓ *Do we have a mind to work?*
- ✓ *Are we diligent in prayer?*
- ✓ *Watchful day and night?*
- ✓ *Distractions?*
- ✓ *Ready to defend & protect?*
- ✓ *Work hard for the Lord?*

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Dependence Upon God – 2:20; 4:4,5,9,14,20



- **They trusted God to:**
 - ✓ Support the work! – Neh 2:20 –
 - ✓ Deliver from enemies – Neh 4:4,9 – 6:13
 - ✓ Support in battle - Neh 4:14,20
 - ✓ Remember their work - Neh 5:19

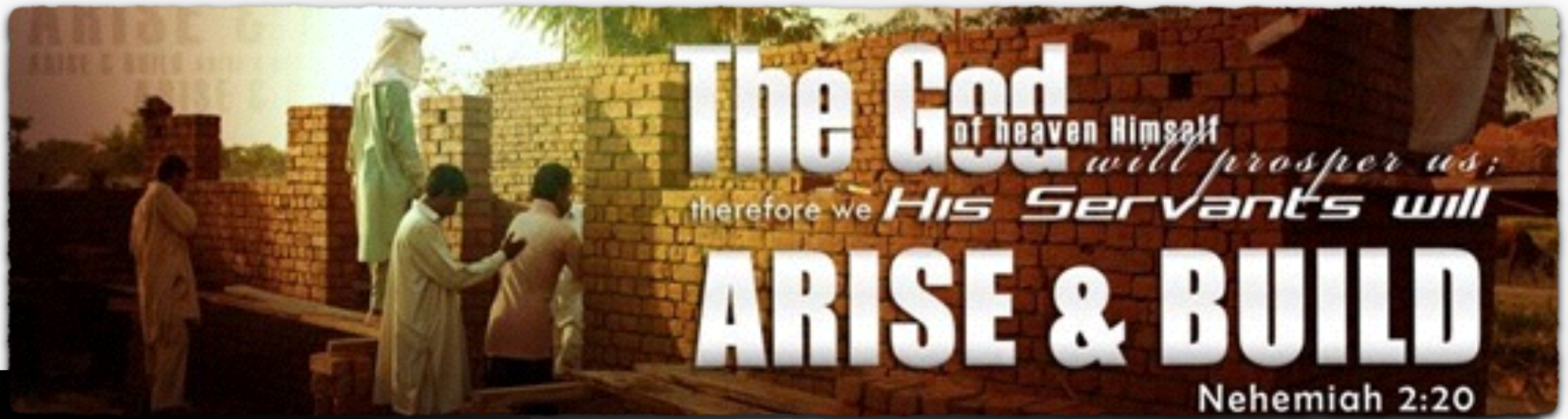
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- **Are We Depending On God:**
 - ✓ God's way will work!
 - ✓ Never compromise with God's enemies – We will be consumed!
 - ✓ If truth is on our side – we will win the war - (John 8:32)
 - ✓ God will remember our labor - (1 Cor 15:58) - *[good and bad - 2 Cor 5:10]*

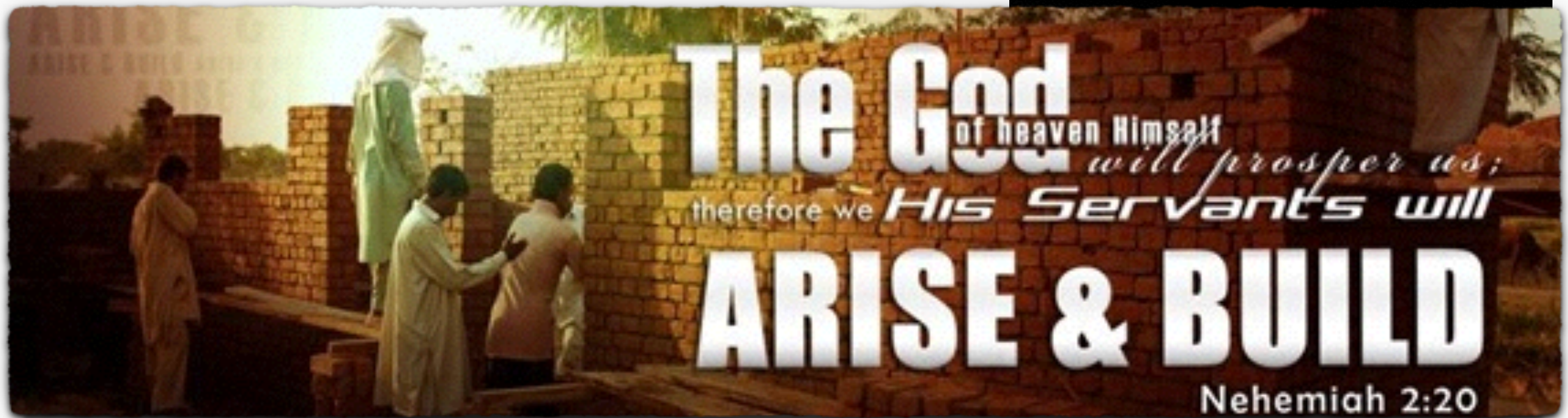
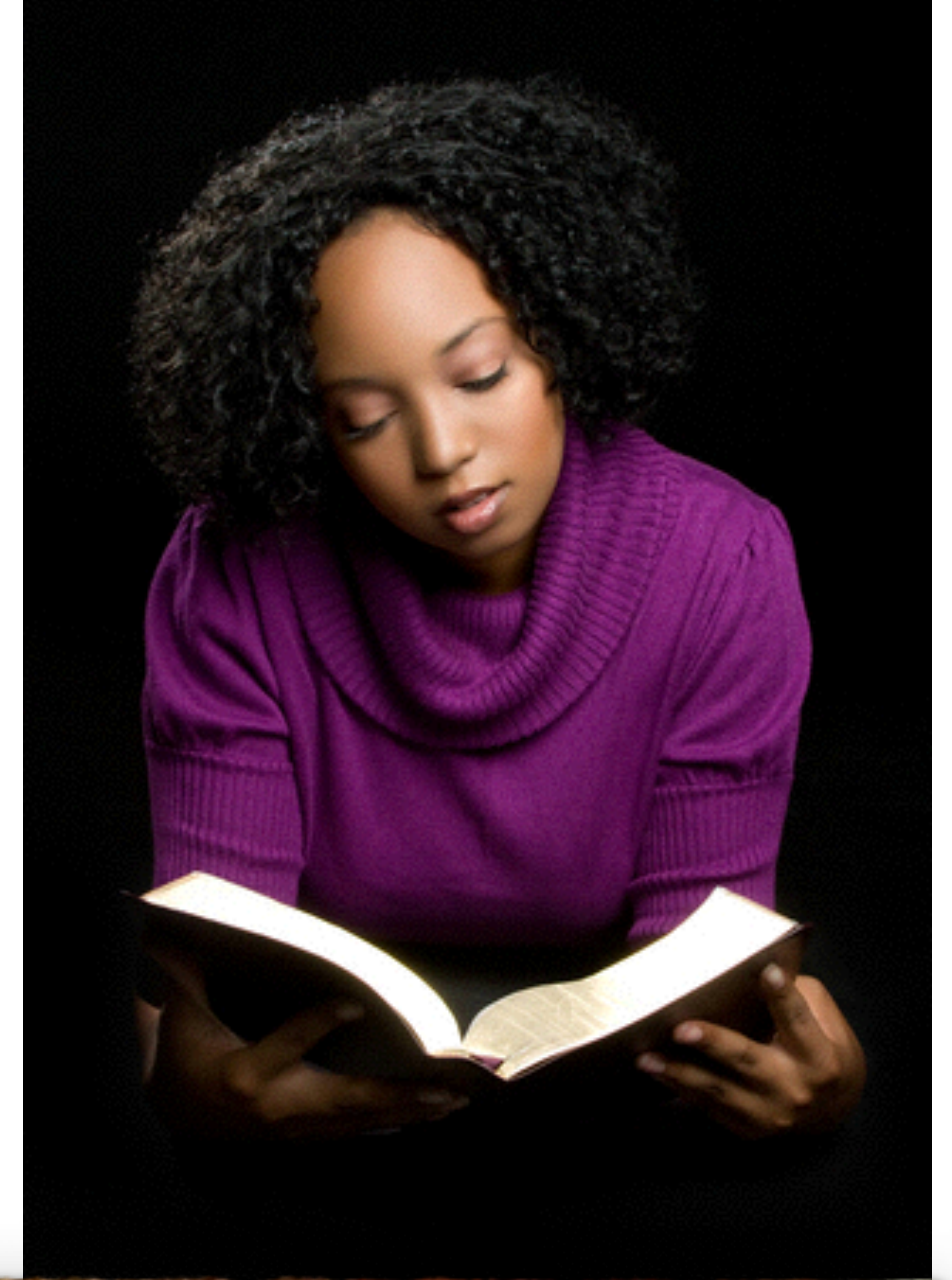


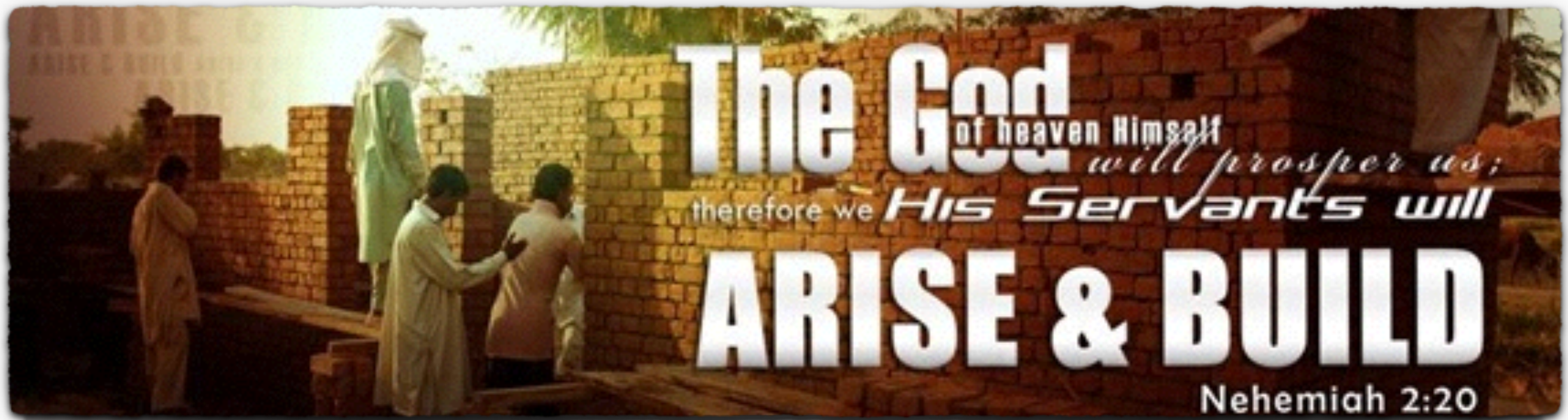
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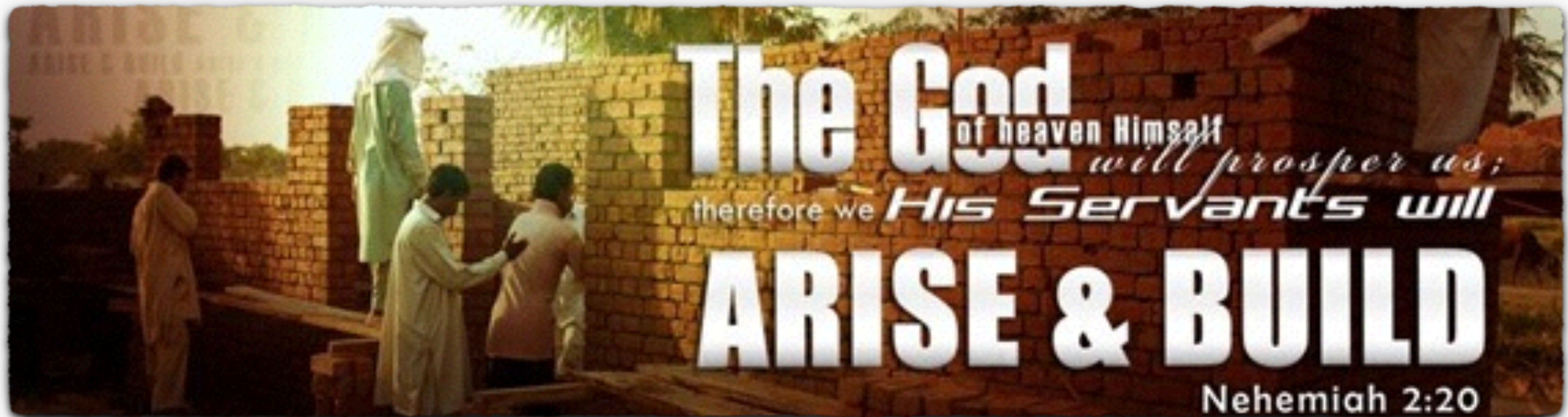
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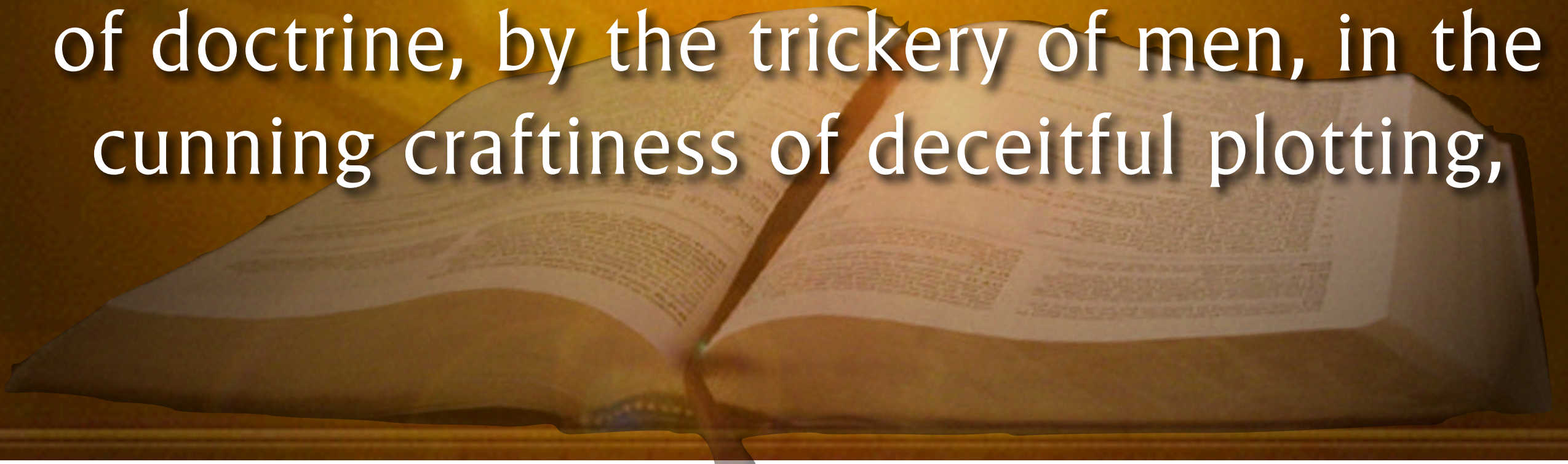
Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,



Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,



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¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

