

REBUILDING THE RUINS

A SERIES IN NEHEMIAH



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

Rebuilding Side by Side

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, February 18, 2024 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Testimony

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Nehemiah 3:1-32*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

"Rebuilding Side by Side" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction and Doxology

Call to Worship

The call to worship exhorts God's people to turn from worldly distractions and to focus hearts, minds, and actions on revering Him.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Rebuilding Despite Opposition

Feb 25 | *Nehemiah 4:1-23* | Jason Tarn

Rebuilding with Compassion

Mar 3 | *Nehemiah 5:1-19* | Fred Tow

Rebuilding with Courage

Mar 10 | *Nehemiah 6:1-7:4* | Stanley Chang

Rebuilding The People of God

Mar 17 | *Nehemiah 7:5-73* | Fred Tow



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

hcc.lv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes at 11:00am -12:15pm. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

3 Big Questions | Rm 113

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6) | Trailer 411

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412/414



Rebuilding the Ruins: A Series in Nehemiah

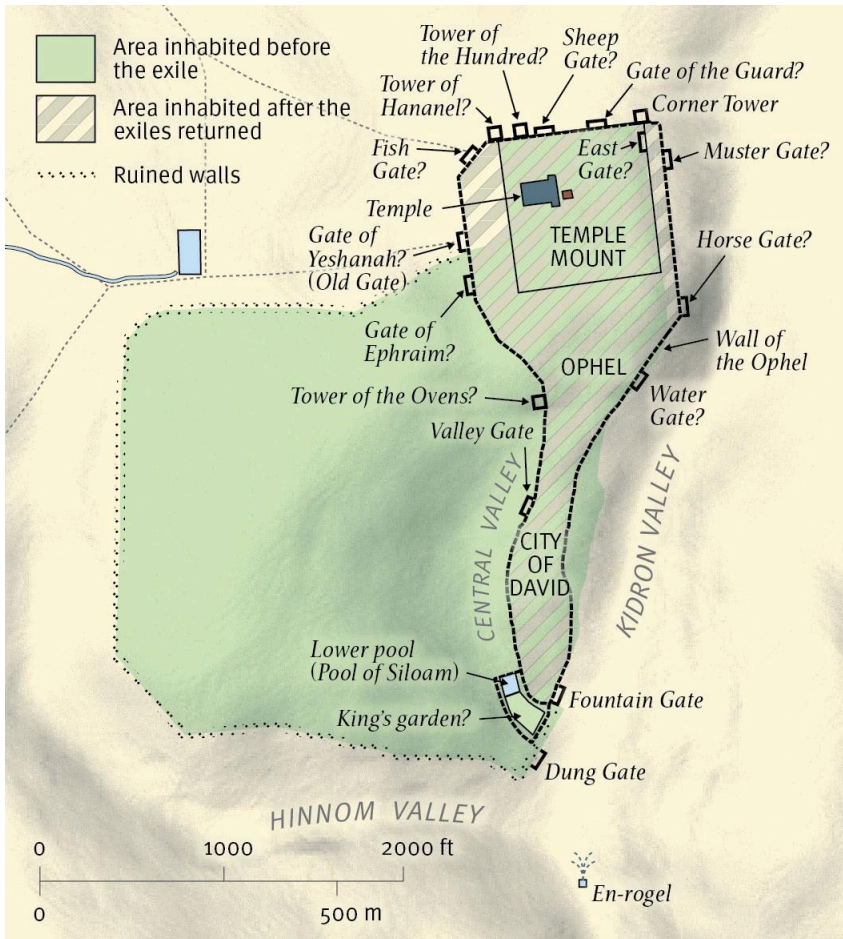
Rebuilding Side By Side

Nehemiah 3:1-32

Nehemiah 3 is a chapter we typically gloss over. It's like reading a genealogy. It's filled with unfamiliar names and monotonous repetition. But if all Scripture is profitable for teaching, then there must be helpful, edifying truths that we can glean from this ancient record of who worked on what section of the ruined gates and walls of post-exilic Jerusalem.

1. This detailed record of the rebuild confirms that God keeps his word without missing a thing.
2. This detailed record of the rebuild stresses the importance of strong spiritual leadership.
3. This detailed record of the rebuild demonstrates how a diverse body can work side by side to fulfill a singular purpose.
4. This detailed record of the rebuild highlights the centrality of our spiritual mission as the people of God.

Jerusalem at the Time of Nehemiah (c. 455 B.C.)
 From the ESV Study Bible



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Care Package Distribution | Today, Feb 18th | After Service | Lobby

Pick up a care package to give to a neighbor in need as you commute this week. Care packages include socks, water, snacks, and other items that may help people asking for assistance at street corners.

Baptism & Membership Class | Sundays in February | 11:00am-12:15pm | Trailer 416

Classes today, Feb 18th and 25th will walk through becoming a member of HCC. If you cannot attend, contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to schedule a makeup class.

Mothers of Little Ones | Wed, Feb 21st | 9:30am-11:30am | Fire Truck Park

MOLO will be having a park play date this Wednesday at Fire Truck Park! Playdates are 1st and 3rd Wed of the month. For questions, or inclement weather, please contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com

Little Lambs Chinese New Year Potluck | Sat, Feb 24th | 4:30pm-7:00pm | Chapel

Celebrate the last day of CNY with us with food, tang yuan and lantern making. Contact soniawhsia@gmail.com to be added to the Evite.

Thailand STM Info Session | Sun, Feb 25th | 12:30pm-1:00pm | Trailer 512

You're invited to join the OMF Short Term Mission Trip to Thailand aimed to serve missionaries and their kids. In addition, we're looking to build a local sending team for those who want to support but cannot physically go. Join us for a short info session to hear about our trip and how you can partake in what God is doing in Southeast Asia!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Fair | Sat, Feb 24th | 9:00am-12:00pm | 6858 Bellaire Blvd

Come out and help distribute food with the Christian Community Service Center's next food fair. It is an opportunity for families to get fresh, nutritious, free fruits, vegetables, and other items. Sign up here: hcc.lv/foodfair

HCU Apologetics Day | Sat, Mar 23rd | 9:00am-4:00pm | HCC

This March, in preparation for Holy Week, we will be hosting Houston Christian University's Apologetics Day. The theme is Defending Easter and will feature speakers like William Lane Craig and Michael Licona. Breakout sessions will be in English and Chinese. Standard registration (\$40). Student registration (\$20). For more information and registration, visit: hcc.lv/apologeticsday

CHURCH NOTICES

Family Kits for the Lenten Season

Lent is observed six weeks before Easter (2/14 to 3/31) as a way for believers to prepare their hearts to celebrate the Resurrection. "Fast and Feast" is a devotional kit prepared by HCC for families to use. Kits can be picked up in the lobby.

Weekly Prayer | Every Sunday | 8:30am-9:10am | Room 111

Join us Sunday mornings as we lift up our church, community, and the world. Nursery will be available starting at 8:45am.

Financial Results for 2023: less than 1% Deficit of \$23,340

Even with a slight deficit, we are thankful to God considering how, in 2023, our members and friends also contributed over \$6.2 MM in pledge fulfillments, \$368K in designated building offerings, and loaned HCC \$1.7 MM. On Jan 12th, the Council voted to offset the deficit by reducing the amount set aside for our Capital Reserve Fund by returning \$23,340 back to the General Fund.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FEB 11, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

266

ENGLISH

78

CANTONESE

229

MANDARIN

40

YOUTH

109

CHILDREN

34+44

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

812

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

65

ENGLISH

60

CANTONESE

66

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

10

ENGLISH

23

MANDARIN

14

YOUTH

9

CHILDREN



FEB 11, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$25,779.50	\$116,330.61	(\$173,159.78)	(\$54,899.33)
PCC GENERAL	-	\$17,829.19		
HCC BUILDING	\$85.00	\$3,933.44		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$90,600.00	\$120,980.88		



STAFF ITINERARY

Mary Lee: Vacation, 2/18-23

Council Team Retreat: 2/19-20



LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

Cambridge (this week)

Jeffrey/Ken & Rebecca (next week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/pray24

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAYPAL GIVING FUND



← PPGF GIVING CODES

Without a giving code, your donation will default to the General Fund. Use these numbers in the cents amount to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

"25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge
 "22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund

ABOUT US

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/Welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby for a gift. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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