

Answer Key:

Import to see:

- order / position

Gates speak of different experiences of life

1. Sheep

- sacrifice
- cross
- death

2. Fish

- catch
- evangelism

3. Old

- original
- truth

4. Valley

- lowest
- humbling / trials

5. Dung

- garbage
- experience

6. Fountain

- natural
- living

7. Water

- city
- Word

8. Horse

- warfare
- requirement

9. East

- Messiah
- service / activities

10. Inspection

- reviewed
- judgment

Nehemiah
Rebuilding the walls of Life

Part 3

“They went to work!”

Nehemiah 3:1 NIV

“Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place,”

Nehemiah chapter three concerns itself with the rebuilding of the walls and specifically the ten gates that separated each section. What also stands out is the people that God has recorded as doing the work. So what can we take from a chapter such as this? Well, quite a lot actually. I believe that each of the gates speak of different experiences in our Christian life that we need to come into.

Import to see:

•The _____ and _____
is very specific and give us insight into the journey that God takes each of
His people on.

Gates speak of different experiences of life

1. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:1**

- It was called the sheep gate because this was the gate which the sheep and lambs used in the _____ were bought through.

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29 NIV

- The sheep gate then speaks to us of the _____ and the sacrifice that was made for our sins.
- Every thing starts and ends with Jesus' _____ on the cross.

2. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:3**

- The fish gate is where the fisherman of Galilee would bring their _____ in through this gate to be sold.
- For us, it speaks of _____ as we have been called to be "fishers of men."

Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me! I will teach you how to catch people instead of fish."

Matthew 4:19 GWT

3. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:6**

- The old gate was the _____ gate; it was there from the beginning.

... "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

- The meaning for us today is the "old ways of _____ that never change."

"...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."

Romans 12:1 NIV

4. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:13**

- It is the _____ point of the wall. You had to go down to get out!
- The valley gate speaks to us of _____ and _____ – valley type experiences used by the Lord for our personal growth.

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you."

1 Peter 4:12 NIV

5. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:14**

•This is the gate that they would take all _____ out of Jerusalem, down to be burned.

•Clearing out garbage in our lives is never easy but the benefits of this _____ can be seen in the next gate.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9 NIV

6. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:15**

•This was a _____ spring that would run all the time and was used in the Royal garden.

•The fountain of _____ water is a type, or symbol of, the Holy Spirit who indwells all believers.

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

John 7:38 NIV

7. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:26**

•The water gate was the gate used to bring water into the _____.

•The water gate is a picture of the _____ of God.

"For you have been born again.... through the living and enduring word of God."

1 Peter 1:23 NIV

8. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:28**

•The horse gate speaks to us of _____ as horses were used in battle and became a symbol of war.

•Spiritual warfare, as we will see in this entire study on Nehemiah, is a _____ of every Christian because we are all in a battle whether we know it or not.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 6:12 NIV

9. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:29**

•The east gate has been set-aside especially by God and was known by Jews for one particular event – the coming of the _____!

•All _____ and _____ need
to be carried out in the expectation of the coming of the Lord

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:11 NIV

10. _____ gate. **Nehemiah 3:31**

•This is the place where everything was _____.
•Every Christian will be reviewed at the _____ seat
of Christ.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV

We have been through ten gates, and now we are back at the sheep gate. We began with the Cross of Christ and we end with the Cross of Christ. It is Christ's Cross that is all important.