

Under Construction

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In this foundational session, Pastor Dr. John Geeter presents a parallel between the ancient reconstruction of Jerusalem and the modern mission of the local church. Drawing from the historical records of Ezra and Nehemiah, this study frames the church as an active construction site where every believer is called to be a **100 percent laborer**.

The Remnant and the Rebuild

History repeats itself in the patterns of captivity and return. Just as a small group returned from Babylon to rebuild ruined Jerusalem, today's church is in a "purification process". This reconstruction of Jerusalem's fortified wall with 12 gates serves as our blueprint. We are seeing a new generation of preachers raising the bar to quench the famine in the land by rightfully handling the WORD of God.

The message identifies seven primary tools the enemy uses to stall this construction: discontent, despondency, dejection, depression, discouragement, compromise, and slander. To counter these, the church must adopt a "Systemic Workflow" of protection and evangelism, ensuring the doctrine remains pure while the outreach remains active.

The Architecture of the Sheep Gate

The focus of this restoration project begins at the Sheep Gate. In the reconstruction, there were 12 gates around the entire city, representing the 12 Apostles and the Christian journey. The Sheep Gate was the only one that was sanctified—setting it apart as the entry point of sacrifice.

This gate carries a dual significance in "Molecular Theology":

1. **The Cross:** It represents the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who was silent before His accusers and volunteered His life as the perfect, unblemished sacrifice.
2. **The Wayward:** It represents mankind. As Isaiah 53:6 declares, we have all gone astray like sheep. The Sheep Gate is the access point where wayward sheep return to the Shepherd to find safety and rest from the "trauma and friction" of the world.

Systems Alignment: The Great Commission

The "Under Construction" phase of the local church is measured by action. We must look at the statistics. We are moving the congregation beyond the old trend where 10% of the people do

90% of the work. Every believer is an Ambassador from Heaven, called to engage the culture through "Camouflage Evangelism".

True systems alignment occurs when every believer recognizes their role as an Ambassador from Heaven. Whether in the workplace, on the basketball court, or at a car show, the mission is "Camouflage Evangelism"—engaging the culture naturally to introduce the only name that provides remission of sins: Jesus Christ.

Closing Reflection

The construction project is nearing its completion. As we enter a season of spiritual "Daylight Saving," the call is to wake up and audit our involvement in the build. There is only one door to the sheepfold, and once it is shut, the opportunity for labor ends. Return to the work. Return to the Shepherd.