

# HIS PLAN

12 - Nehemiah: A Time for Restoration

A Word for 2021 & Beyond

Church on the Park | New Year's Sunday, 3 JAN 2021

**Text:** “When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work” ([Ne 4:15](#), NASB). “The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation.” ([Ps 33:10–11](#), NASB)

**Theme:** People plot many plans, but only God's plan will prevail.

**Intro:** In [Nehemiah 4:15](#), we see that God foils the \_\_\_\_\_ of his enemies. The enemies of the Jewish people had planned to stop the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall. They plotted every type of scheme they could think up. However, God \_\_\_\_\_ these plots to his people, breaking up the enemy's work. Through Scripture—especially [Ephesians 6:10-18](#), the passage on God's full armour—God exposes the enemy's plans. Only God's plan will \_\_\_\_\_. As we enter 2021, know that no matter what comes our way, the Lord's plan will prevail. Since it's God's plan that always prevails, let's take care that we are in his \_\_\_\_\_. At the beginning of the year, it often concerns me that God's people often develop their own plans. There's a Yiddish proverb that says, “Man plans and God laughs” (*Der mentsh trakht un got lakht*; דער מענטש טראכט און גאָט לאַכט). This proverb developed into a saying often attributed to Woody Allen: “If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans.” So should we not plan? No, that's not the solution. Instead, we should ask: *how can you plan God's way?*

**His plan. His portion. His pace.**

1) P - \_\_\_\_\_ ([Exodus 26:30](#)).

2) L - \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ for God's  
\_\_\_\_\_ ([Psalm 1:1](#)).

3) A - \_\_\_\_\_ that your Father knows  
\_\_\_\_\_ ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#)).

4) N - \_\_\_\_\_ what he \_\_\_\_\_ ([Exodus 34:27](#)).