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Our series will focus on the first four chapters of the book of Nehemiah. However, I felt it was important to lay a good foundation, which is why I chose to open the series with a summery of Ezra 6 – 10.

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I hope that you take time and read the book of Ezra, it will help you to understand what the exiles were experiencing.

Did you know that in both the Hebrew and the Greek Old Testament, the books of Ezra and Nehemiah were originally a single book?

I mentioned that in the recording. When I discovered that it caused me to go back and get a better understanding of what was really going on.

In the book of Ezra, you learn which exiles returned to Jerusalem with Ezra. You also see that the house of God was to be rebuilt first.



When the temple was completed in chapter 6 the sons of Israel, the priest, the Levites, and the rest of the exiles, celebrated the dedication of the house of God.



The temple stood, worship returned, and the people were being called back to God… But the walls of Jerusalem remained broken down!

Here are a few True or False questions to prayerfully solidify the words of encouragement into your heart and mind.

1. When a project you are working on becomes interrupted you won't be able to finish the task. T or F
2. It is important to celebrate what God has brought you through. T or F
3. Preparation is not as important as completing your assignment. T or F

Bonus Question!

Do you know what sin was committed that caused Ezra, the scribe to rent his garment and his mantle? *Hint the answer is found closer to the end of the book.* _____

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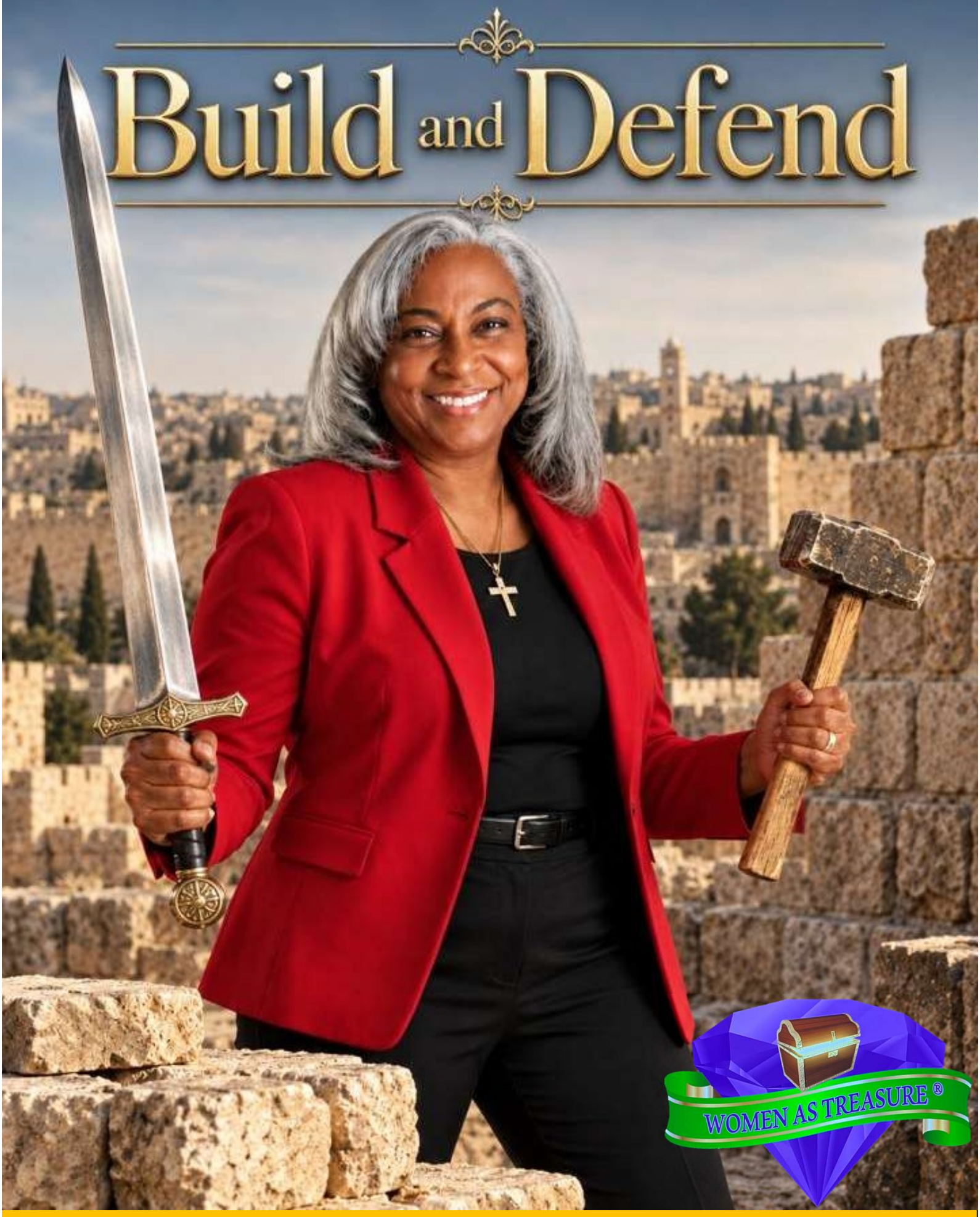
He also pulled _____ off his head and out of his _____(fill in the blank)

As you move forward remember don't put your 'sword' the word of God down!

Next month we will continue in the book of Ezra

Even though the book setting involves the rebuilding of the temple. I also see the book encouraging us to finish what we start, and to recognize God's hand in our lives.





See you next month!