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THE CRY OF THE SOUL OF

Nehemiah

This week's message:

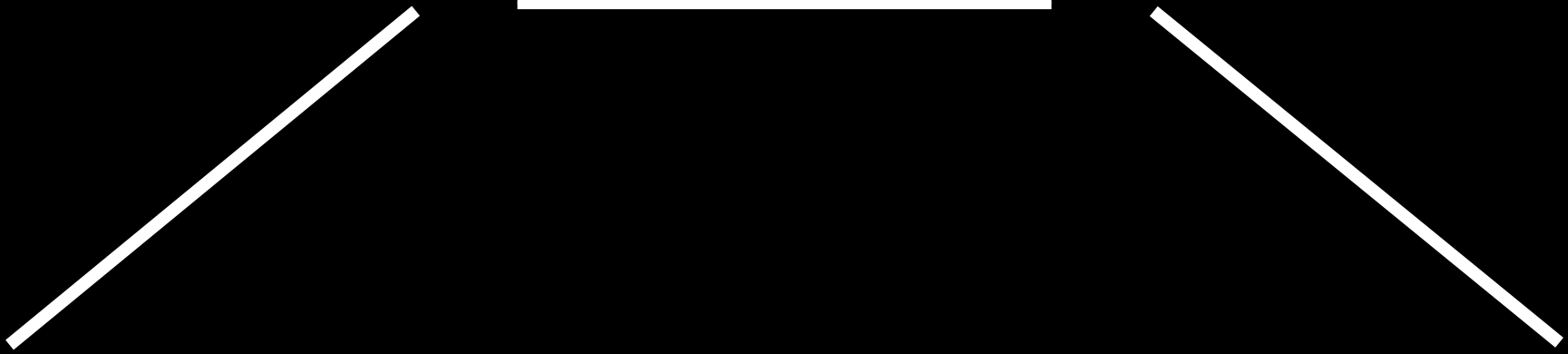
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In his name, intercession, and role
Nehemiah 1:1-11*

The Old Testament in brief

Abraham

David

Exile



This final glimpse reveals a struggling remnant of Abraham's seed, his offspring. Through the generations after Abraham, that seed had grown into a great people just as God promised, in the land God promised (see [Gen. 12:1-7](#)). They had become a magnificent kingdom, and God had made a covenant with King David that in his line would come an eternal throne (see [2 Sam. 7:12-17](#)). God's presence had dwelled with His people in the temple in Jerusalem, where according to the Law, priests regularly offered sacrifices to atone for the people's sin and people gathered joyfully on the prescribed feast days. But this chosen people had turned away from following the Lord and His law. In answer to their sin, God used the Assyrians and then the Babylonians to conquer first the Northern Kingdom of Israel and finally the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed, and the people were overthrown and dispersed as slaves into exile.

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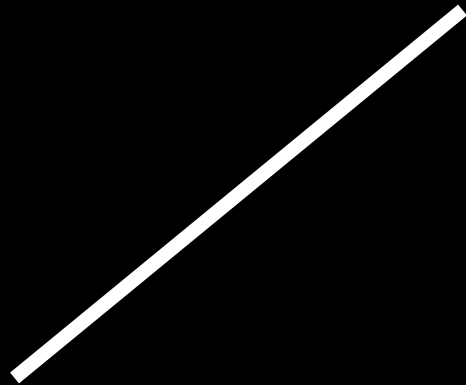


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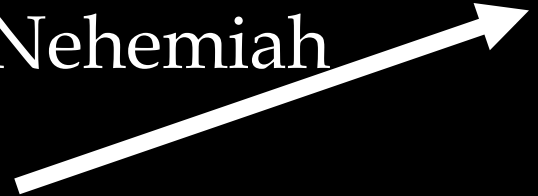
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Ezra-
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EZRA-NEHEMIAH

BABYLON

539 BC

PARALEL DESIGN

CHAPTER 1-6 ZERUBBABEL THE PEOPLE

1. Zerubbabel is chosen to lead the people back to Jerusalem.

2. The people are encouraged to rebuild the temple.

3. The temple is completed and dedicated.

CHAPTER 7-10 EZRA

1. Ezra is sent to Jerusalem with the law.

2. Ezra discovers that the people have intermarried with the surrounding nations.

3. Ezra calls for a fast and prayer.

4. The people repent and agree to separate from the foreign women.

CHAPTER 11-13 NEHEMIAH

1. Nehemiah is appointed governor of Jerusalem.

2. Nehemiah discovers that the city walls are in ruins.

3. Nehemiah organizes the people to rebuild the walls.

4. The walls are completed and the city is fortified.

CHAPTER 14-16 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

1. The people are encouraged to observe the Sabbath.

2. The people are encouraged to keep the law.

3. The people are encouraged to be faithful to God.

CHAPTER 17-23 NEHEMIAH'S NOT

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Worship



Ezra

Word



Nehemiah

Walls



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Means "YAHWEH comforts" in Hebrew, derived from **Y** (comfort) and **h** (yah) referring to the Hebrew God. According to the Bible, **Nehemiah** in the Old Testament he was a leader of the Jews for the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the return from the Babylonian captivity.

Meaning, origin and history of the name Nehemiah

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Nehemiah 1:8-11a

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“Like many since his time, Nehemiah’s greatness came from asking great things of a great God and attempting great things in reliance on him.”

“Any who read the Bible and somehow do not find Jesus in it have not encountered the Word of God.”



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Luke 2:25-26

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

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Hebrews 9:14-15

14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! 15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

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1 Timothy 2:5

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and humankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

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Philippians 2:5-8

...Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

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What does this mean for us?

Possible responses to the LORD from Nehemiah 1:1-11

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how he consoles, intercedes, serves, and dies for you

The words of 1:1-11
Remember who God is, confess sin, call on God to fulfill his promises

Remember and celebrate Jesus in his death through communion

Respond with giving and prayers

Worship the LORD through song

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