



NEHEMIAH



+ COURAGE

ABOVE

AND

BEYOND

NEHEMIAH: 1 & 2

+ A BRIEF HISTORY



- ISRAEL – HEBREWS
- 2100 – 1900 BC – ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, & JOSEPH GOVERNS EGYPT 1885BC
- 1500 BC – MOSES (1445BC 10 COMMANDMENTS)
- 1375BC – JUDGES (E.G. DEBORAH, GIDEON, SAMSON)
- 1050BC – KINGS (E.G. SAUL, DAVID, SOLOMON)

PROPHETS – GOD’S MESSENGERS ALONG THE WAY

ELIJAH, ELISHA, JONAH, ISAIAH ETC.....

→ **2 chronicles 36:** 14 Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful, following all the detestable practices of the nations and defiling the temple of the Lord, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. The fall of Jerusalem 15 The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling-place. 16 But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.





NEBUCHADNEZZAR DESTROYS JERUSALEM 586BC

- TREASURES TAKEN



- TEMPLE DESTROYED - FIRE

- WALLS BROKEN DOWN





CYRUS – KING OF PERSIA OVERTHROWS BABYLON – 539BC



■ 1.ZERUBABEL 538BC

*TEMPLE RECONSTRUCTION

STARTS

*STOPS DUE TO OPPOSITION

*RESTARTS & COMPLETED
515BC

■ 2.EZRA 458BC

*EXPERT LAW – SPIRITUAL MAN

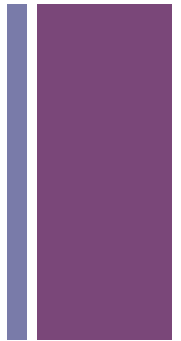
*WORSHIPFUL

■ 3.NEHEMIAH 445BC

FOCUS OF NEW SERIES



NEHEMIAH – CUP BEARER TO KING ARTAXERXES



■ FOOD & WINE



■ SUSAS IN PERSIA



NEHEMIAH 1:1-4 In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa.

2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem.

3 They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.

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NEHEMIAH 1:1-4

4 When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

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EVERY CHANGE
NEEDS A BEGINNING

HORNBACH



NEHEMIAH 2:1-2

1 Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence.

2 So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled." Then I was terrified.



PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR



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1 JOHN

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

SERVANTHOOD

PARABLE – THE MASTER & HIS SERVANTS

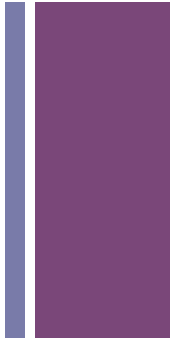
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MATTHEW 25

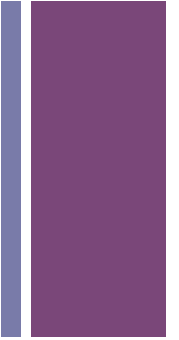
+ KINGS STAMP OF APPROVAL

- FUNDING – SPONSORED
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- KING'S FOREST
- PROTECTION (ARMY OFFICERS & HORSEMEN)



+ OPPOSITION

- SANBALLAT THE HORONITE
- TOBIAH THE AMMONITE



+ EXECUTING THE PLAN



Visionary people face the same problems everyone else faces; but rather than get paralysed by their problems, visionaries immediately commit themselves to finding a solution

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Bill Hybels

NEHEMIAH – VISION FOR CHANGE

PLAN & STRATEGY

ANNOINTING AND BACKING OF
+
GOD