

## Nehemiah - Restoring the Broken Birth of a Vision

God made something crystal clear to Israel when they started off as a nation out of Egypt. Deut. 28

How did they get here?  
Jeremiah 9

1. Didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to the Truth – vs. 3
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to Listen – vs. 6
3. Returned to past sin - vs 13
4. Response from God – 14-17

1. The Situation – 1:1-3

Judah fell and as Jeremiah predicted, Israel would be silent for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The restoration period commenced with the defeat of Babylon by the Persian monarch Cyrus, who ordered the release of the Jews in 538 B.C.

1. 538 BC – Zerubbabel leads a group of about 50,000 with the permission of King Cyrus.  
They complete the temple about 516BC. (70 years after captivity began.)
2. 458 BC – \_\_\_\_\_ leads another group with the permission of Artaxerxes I. He leads a revival in the land of apathetic people.
3. 445 BC – \_\_\_\_\_ comes back with the permission of Artaxerxes I. He is allowed to rebuild the wall.

Nehemiah

1. His name means, “The Lord has \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. His dad’s name was Hacaliah – v. 1
3. His brother is Hanani – v. 2
4. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_
5. Probably his great grandparents were taken into captivity.
6. It is very likely that Esther influenced in getting Nehemiah his position!

We can best put everything into God's \_\_\_\_\_ when we see God's hand in everything.

Nehemiah becomes Artaxerxes cup bearer.

Simply put, a cupbearer would test the drink before the King drank to protect him from poisoning.

In those days, killing of the monarch was common and it often came from one's own family!

2. Passion for the \_\_\_\_\_ – 1: 4-7

2.1. He was \_\_\_\_\_ that the broken was not restored. – v.4

2.2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to the only one who can restore. – v. 5

2.2.1.Lord - \_\_\_\_\_

The name occurs nearly 7,000 times in the Old Testament and is especially associated with Yahweh's holiness (Lev 11:44–45),

God's is \_\_\_\_\_ incorruptible.

A proper view of the holiness of God should make the believer sensitive to his own sin. Isa. 6:3, 5

2.2.2.God of Heaven  
\_\_\_\_\_. "Strong One,"

Sovereignty

- God is the supreme Being in the universe
- God is the supreme power in the universe

2.2.3.\_\_\_\_\_ God

Remarkable or out of the ordinary in quality, quantity or effect.

Super powerful

2.2.4. \_\_\_\_\_ God

To tremble with knees shaking over the overwhelming majesty of God.

\_\_\_\_\_ of God

Consumed with the knowledge of my personal insufficiency in the presence of God the Almighty,

2.3. He was \_\_\_\_\_ about the brokenness in him and his people.  
– vv. 6,7

1. I will own it without \_\_\_\_\_ - I sinned!
2. I will own it without escape - I ruined my life!
3. I will own it without \_\_\_\_\_ - I deliberately disobeyed.

3. Personal Plea for \_\_\_\_\_ – 1: 8-11

Nehemiah prays with confidence that God can and will restore the broken.

4. Application:

Ezekiel 10:18

Then the glory of the LORD moved away from the threshold of the temple and stood above the cherubim.

The Presence of Almighty God was removed from the Temple and nobody noticed!

When we get:

- 4.1. Disturbed that the broken was not restored.
- 4.2. Devoted to the only one who can restore.
- 4.3. Distraught about the brokenness in him and his people.

God will birth a passion in your soul for vision.

Vision

To glorify our Lord by being a Bible-based, Spirit-led, revival-hearted church that affects all of New England.