

## PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION: ACT ONE, SCENE THREE, STEPS 1-2.

### THE PROMISE REVIEWED

- Promise Made: GENESIS 12 to ABRAHAM
- Breaking the Promise Down:
  - Promise to become a GREAT NATION (Act One, Scene One)
    - Current State: The NATION is DESTROYED (Act One, Scene Two)
  - Promise to become a BLESSING.
    - Current State: *Stay tuned...*

### FOUR IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

1. God is GROWING things.
2. God is WORKING through MANKIND.
3. God is not in a HURRY.
4. God will DO what He SAYS He will DO.

### SETTING THE STAGE FOR OUR NEW SCENE

- Only FOUR good kings out of THIRTY-NINE...the people DESPISED the Lord.
- The state of the “GREAT” NATION:
  - *The glory of God had departed from the temple and from the land; the temple was a heap of ruins, a testimony that God's people had forsaken Him; Jerusalem is like a plowed field; the promised land is emptied; there is no nation, let alone a great one, and God's people live in exile in Babylon.*
- The Hope: God will RESTORE! (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

### ACT ONE, SCENE THREE, STEPS 1-2: TEMPLE AND WALL REBUILT

- Step One: God's Word to EZRA: Build the TEMPLE in JERUSALEM!
  - Returns with a REMNANT of 50,000 Jews.
- Step Two: God's Word to NEHEMIAH: Build the WALL in JERUSALEM!

### JERUSALEM SIGNIFICANCE

- Deuteronomy 12:5-7
- 1 Kings 8:12-13, 27-30

- Psalm 137:4
- John 4:20-24

#### TWIN OUTLINES: EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

<i>Step</i>	Step One	Step Two
<i>Book</i>	<u>EZRA</u>	<u>NEHEMIAH</u>
<i>Chapters</i>	1-6	1-6
<i>Job</i>	Rebuild the <u>TEMPLE</u>	Rebuild the <u>WALL</u>
<i>Chapters</i>	7-10	7-13
<i>Job</i>	Rebuild the <u>LAW</u>	Rebuild the <u>LAW</u>

#### BOTTOM LINE:

God is DOING what He said He would DO: RESTORATION!