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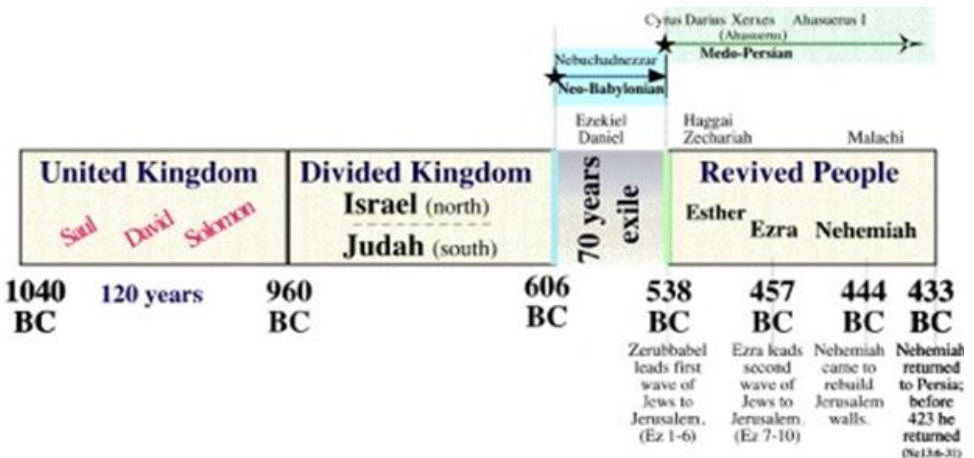
**August 21, 2022**  
**Nehemiah 1: Humble Prayer**

Verses: 1-3

Brother, how are our fellow Jews doing in Jerusalem?

*They are in disgrace... they are dealing with great troubles... The walls around the city that were rebuilt have been torn down by those wishing to do them harm... the gates have been burned by fire from surrounding tribes and enemies... they are not doing well at all.*

Who is this Nehemiah? And what is the historical book of Nehemiah all about...





So, Nehemiah gets bad news about how things are going... So what does Ezra do?

Verses 4-11

*True prayer catches up the promises that flutter down to us and flings them up again like arrows. (Alexander Maclaren)*

*“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient for the day.”  
(Abraham Lincoln)*

*“The crushing moments of life are an invitation to know Christ unlike we have ever known him before.” (Jeff Butler)*

*“The point of God disturbing your life is so that you will say, ‘Father, what am I missing? What are we doing wrong? What are you doing?’ And this draws us back to God.” (Carl Vereen)*

How do I pray?

A - Adoration

C - Confession

T - Thanksgiving

S – Supplication

A: Look at verse 4-5 again... Do you hear Nehemiah worshipping (or adoring) God's faithfulness, strength, love, awesomeness? Your times of coming to prayer should include this sort of worship and adoration.

C: Look at verses 6-7 again... God, we are sinners as a group, my family are sinners, I got sin issues. Lord, we need your mercy.

T: Look at verses 8-10 again... Lord thank you for your covenant to bring us back to this place. We thank you for giving us this dwelling place.

S: Supplication - Latin for humble pleading. Praying for others and/or yourself. Lord, hear my prayer, give me favor, heal, help.

## **HOME GROUP Questions ...**

Praying ACTS

A: Read Psalm 146: What do you hear in this adoration and worship of God?

C: Read Psalm 51:1-5. Talk about the confession of sin you hear from King David.

T: Read Psalm 18:1-6. Talk about the thanksgiving you hear in this passage.

S: Read Psalm 43: How is the writer pleading with God?