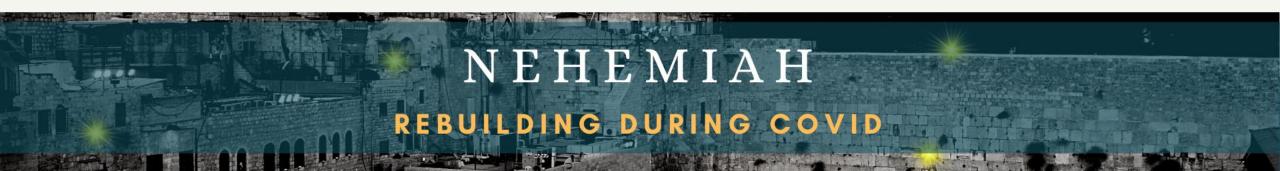


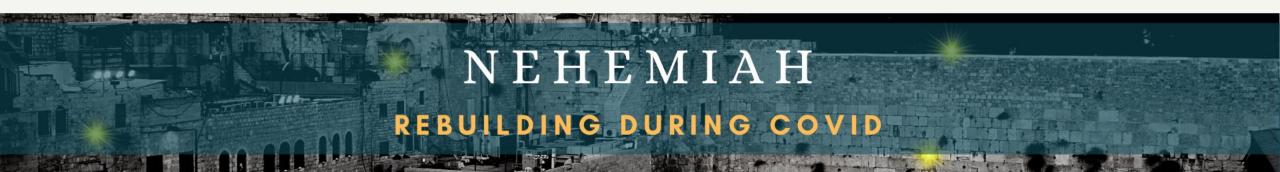
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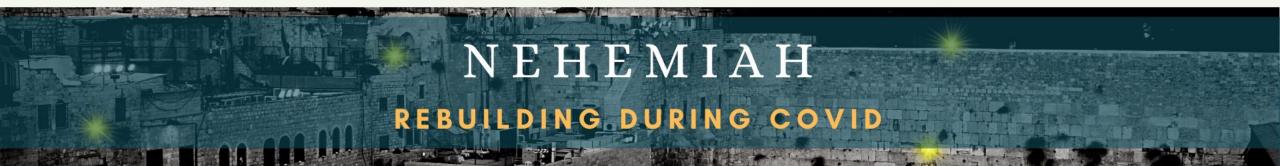
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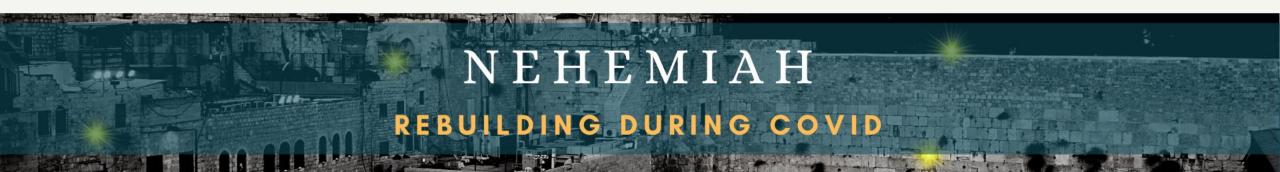
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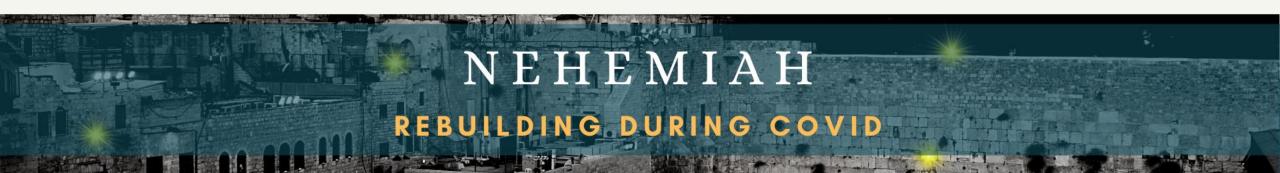
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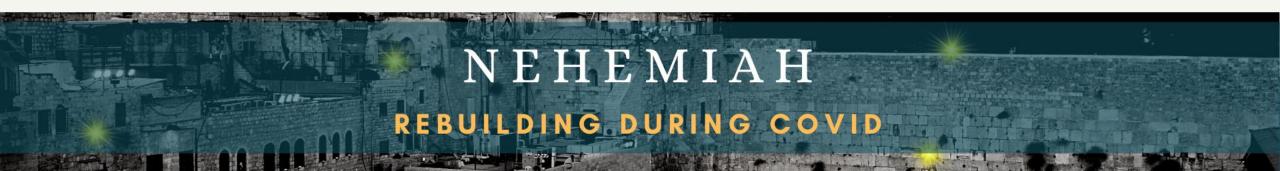
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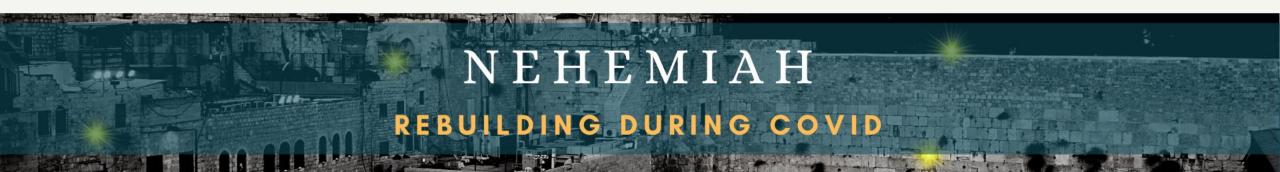
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#### Nehemiah 1:5

And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,



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#### Nehemiah 1:6-7

...let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses.



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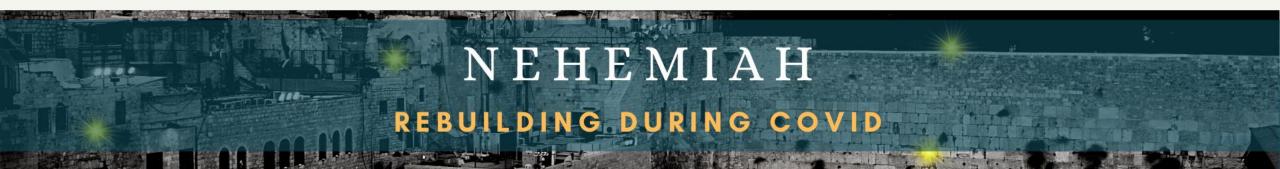
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4. Rebuilding by reciting God's promises

#### Nehemiah 1:8-9

Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'

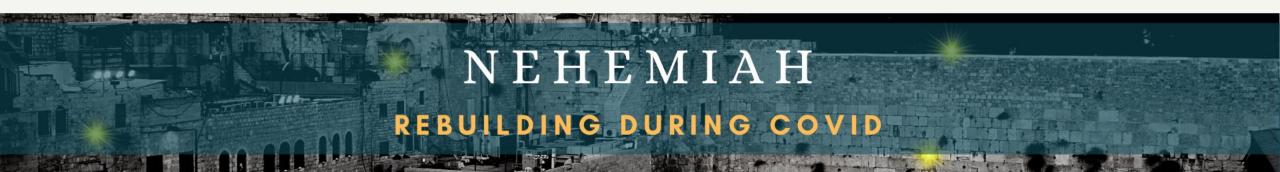


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 The Israelites are God's chosen people and no matter how badly they messed up God will bring them <u>back</u> to the promised land. 5. Rebuilding by remembering my identity

#### Nehemiah 1:10

They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

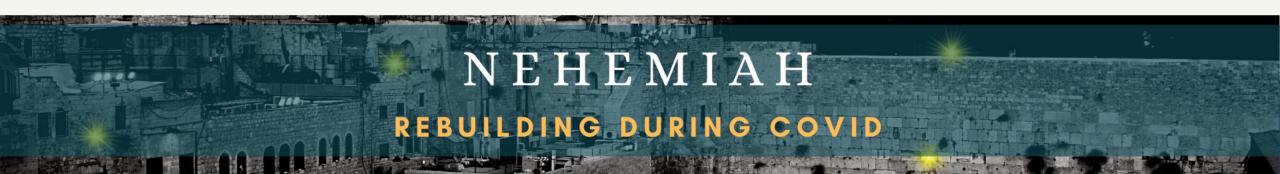


6.Rebuilding by redirecting me to be part of the solution

#### Nehemiah 1:11

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

Now I was cupbearer to the king.



#### Rebuilding my life by prayer to...

- See where I might have <u>missed</u> being a part of God's solution.
- Accept God's promises to direct me in those difficult times to accomplish something <u>better</u> in me.
- Embrace God as *God* in my life.

