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Where did the Jews find themselves after 80 years of being back in the Promise Land?

Ne. 9: 36-37 Behold, we are slaves this day; in the land that you gave to our fathers to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves. And its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please, and we are in great distress.



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Questions that we can ask ourselves...

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Where do I go from here?



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No matter the circumstances there is hope...

Ezra 10:2

And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed Ezra: “We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, ***but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.***



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Nehemiah 10:28 Unified to walk together

“The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes.



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How do I move forward from where I am today?

- Living life with a group of *imperfect* people who love Jesus to learn how to *love* Him.

Nehemiah 10:30 Moving forward...

We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.



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Deuteronomy 7:2-5 Why not intermarry?

You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, ***for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods.*** Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.



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- Being willing to go to those painful areas of my life with Jesus so I can be healed.

Nehemiah 10:31 Moving forward...

And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.



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Nehemiah 10:32-33

We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.



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Nehemiah 10:39

For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. ***We will not neglect the house of our God.***



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How do I move forward from where I am today?

- Living life with a group of imperfect people who love Jesus to delight in loving Him.
- Open my heart to go to those painful areas with Jesus so I can be healed.
- Step out against my culture to practice rhythms of life to enjoy Jesus.
- My life is directed by Jesus rather than by my own passions.

How do I move forward from where I am today?

- Always remember... ***but even now there is hope for me in spite of this.***