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THE HIGH PLACE SAGA

Three Kings and a Wise Man

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Ezra 5:11-6:1

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Do you ever feel that life keeps throwing you curve balls? Just when you think things are well, something unexpected comes along. Times like these remind us that we are not in control of our lives. But here's the good news—we know the One who is. God is always in control!

For the Israelites, this was a hard lesson to learn. Due to their sin, God caused the north kingdom of Israel to fall to the Assyrians in 722 BC. He also caused the south kingdom of Judah to fall to the Babylonians in **586 BC**. However, He promised their return after 70 years (Pr. 21:1).

In our text, Ezra named three kings that God used for His purposes, and there was an unnamed wise man at work behind the scenes.

Main Thought...

➔ No matter the circumstances, God our _____ is always in control.

1. God's _____ has no limits (5:11-12, "Nebuchadnezzar").

Jer. 25:8-9, 11; 29:10-11

2. God's _____ are always kept (5:13-15, "Cyrus").

Ezra 1:1-3 (**538 BC**); Is. 44:24, 28; 45:1a, 5, 7 (**700 BC**)

3. God's _____ is ever present (5:16-6:1, "Darius").

Ezra 6:12, 14-15 (**516 BC**)

4. God's _____ are to be His light (Dan. 9:1-3, "Daniel").

Dan. 1:21; 2:26-48; 9:2b-3; Lk. 2:1

Final Thoughts...

➔ Do you know that _____ your Father is always in control?

➔ Will you be a _____ light for Him to all those around you?