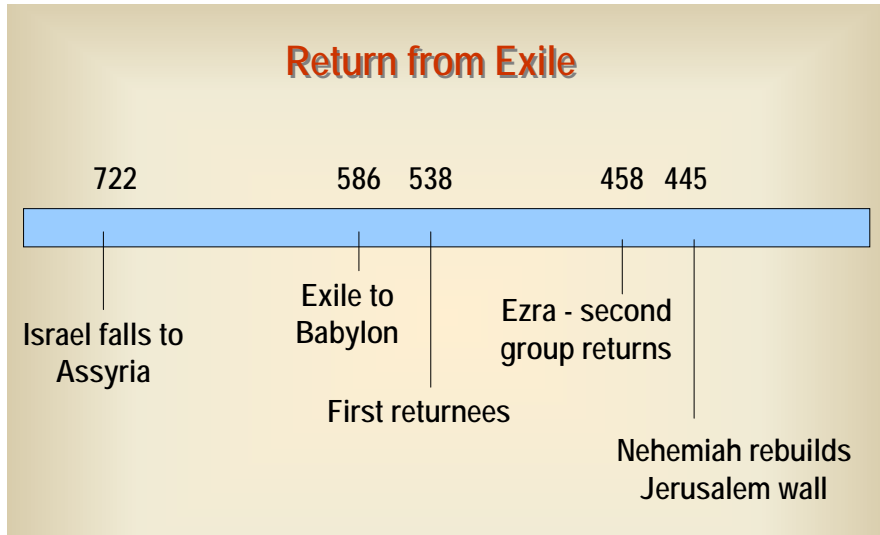


## SERMON NOTES

### Determine to Make a Difference Nehemiah 1

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“In the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.” [vv. 1-2]

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“They said to me, ‘Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.’ [v. 3]

1] \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some time I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.” [v. 4]

2] **Seek God’s** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

“then I said: O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commandments . . .”  
“...let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants the people of Israel.” [vv. 5-6a]

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"I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my ancestral family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave to your servant Moses." [vv. 6b-7]

3] Own \_\_\_\_\_ part and \_\_\_\_\_.

"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations . . .  
"...but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.  
"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name." [ vv. 8-11a]

4] \_\_\_\_\_ to gain clarity.

"Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man' I was cupbearer to the king." [v. 11b]

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### Question to consider:

1] If I were to mention your name to a group of your friends, what would they say you were really interested in or passionate about?

2] At the end of my life, I'd love to be able to look back and know that I'd done something about \_\_\_\_\_.