RETURN | RESTORE | REBUILD

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 1:1-2

And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." Nehemiah 1:3

HISTORY OF ISRAEL

- Gen. 12 Calling of Abraham
 - Gen. 35 Jacob's Name Changed to Israel
 - Gen. 37 Joseph Sold into Slavery in Egypt
 - Exodus God Raises up Moses to Lead Them out of Slavery
 - Joshua 1 Joshua Leads Israel into the Promised Land
 - 1 Sam. 9 Saul Anointed as King of Israel
 - 2 Sam. 5 David becomes King of Israel
 - 1 Kings 2 Solomon becomes King of Israel

HISTORY OF ISRAEL

- Kingdom Splits

- Israel (10 Tribes to the North)
 - Judah (2 Tribes to the South)
 - 772 B.C. Assyrians Captured Israel (Northern Kingdom)
 - 586 B.C. Babylonians Conquered the Assyrians and Judah (Southern Kingdom)
 - 539 B.C. Persian Empire Conquered Babylonians

HISTORY OF ISRAEL

- 538 B.C. – Israel and Judah Return to Jerusalem in Three Waves

- 1. Ezra 1-6: Cyrus sends Zerubbabel with a group to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem
- 2. Ezra 7-10: Artaxerxes sends Ezra to teach in the temple
- 3. Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall

NEHEMIAH'S CENTRAL THEME IS RESTORATION

Restoration of God's Place Restoration of God's Word Restoration of God's People

if we are faithless, he remains faithful

2 Timothy 2:13