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THE DISTRESS THAT WAS DOMINANT

THE DISTANCE THAT WAS EVIDENT

THE BROKENESS THAT WAS EVOKED "HE PRAYED"

Nehemiah 1:1-6 ¶ The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, **2** That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. **3** And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. **4** And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, **5** ¶ And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: **6** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

Significant People & Books---{Nehemiah, Haggai, Ezra, Zurabbel}

Significant Prophets--Haggai.....Zechariah...Malachi. ...Obadiah. ...Joel

Destruction to Construction and Cooperation

605 BC	Captivity into Babylon of Daniel and others
586 BC	Temple Destroyed
539 BC	Babylon Falls
538 BC	Cyrus' Decree Permitting the Return
536 BC	Some Jews Go Home NEHEMIAH
535 BC	Temple Reconstruction Begins
535 BC / 520 BC	In Transition
520 BC	Temple Completed HAGGA
457 BC	Return and Revival EZRA
444 BC	Nehemiah burden, birth of vision

Ezekiel 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

REMEMBERING THE UNTHINKABLE 6

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SIN AND ITS CHARISMA	<i>charm, allure, appeal</i>
SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES	<i>penalties, concerns, costs</i>

HEARING THE UNIMAGINABLE 1-4

THE BURDEN FOR THE PLACE

THE BURDEN FOR THE PEOPLE

SEEING THE INVISIBLE

SEEING THRU THE EYES OF FRIGHT -----HEARD

SEEING THRU THE EYES OF FAITH -----

Habakkuk 3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

CONFESSING THE UNCONCEIVABLE 6 *unbelievable,*

“ Brokenness, in God's eyes, is being so crushed by the sin and darkness of the world that we recognize there is no place to turn but to God.

David's life and brokenness is a perfect example.” 2 Samuel 12 and Psalm 51

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RECOGNIZE WHERE WE ARE INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY!

CONFESS {privately, corporately} WHERE THE SIN HAS DOMINATED!

EMBRACE WHERE WE ARE WILLING TO GO AS GOD LEADS!