



Nehemiah 1

verses 1-4

Salvation history

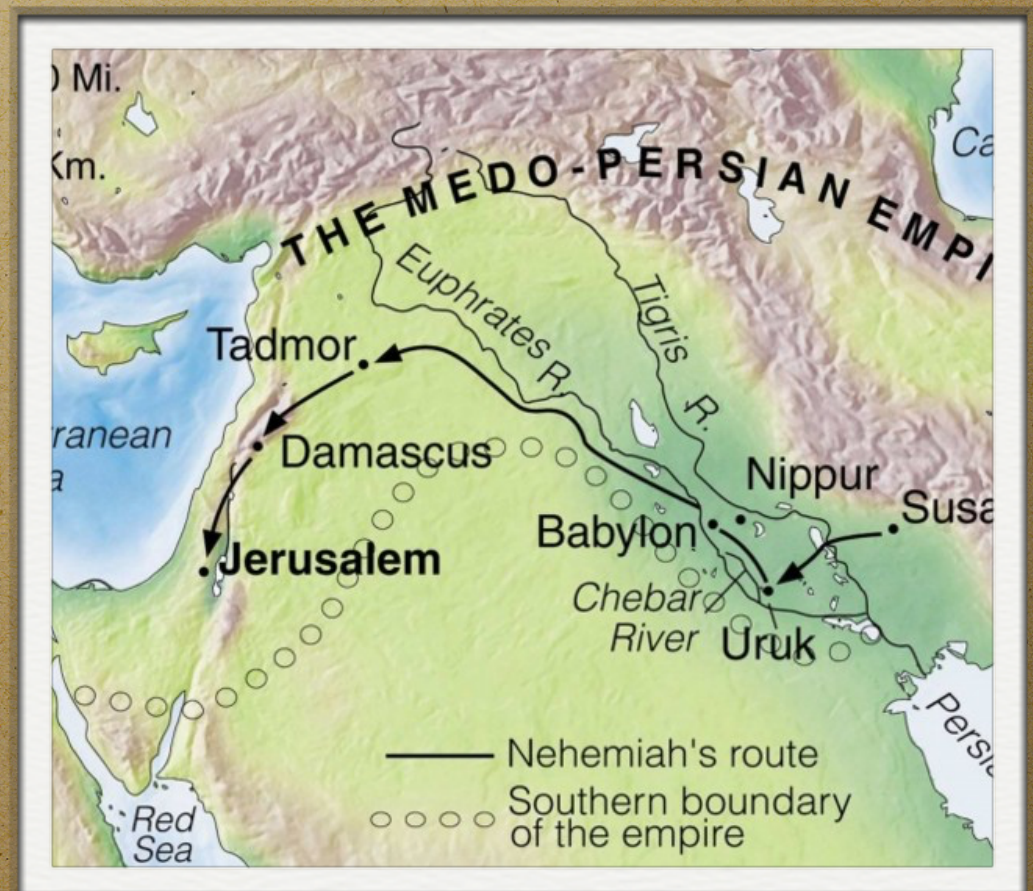
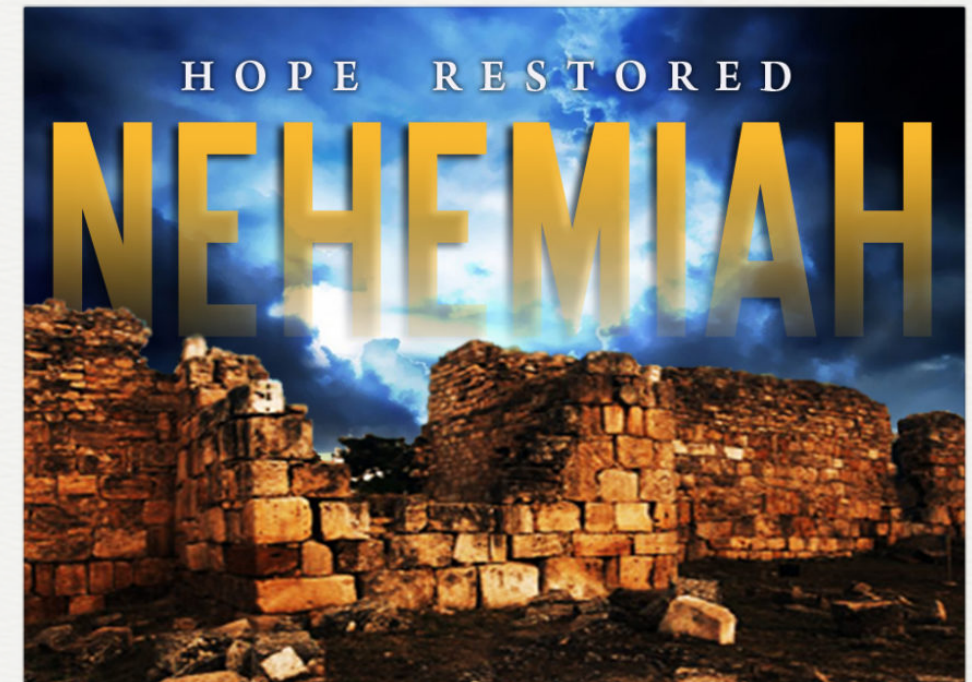
- 587BC the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians- the people are exiled and the city destroyed.
- 538BC Cyrus sent some exiles home to rebuild the temple.
- 538-516BC- Zerubbabel, Haggai and Zechariah
- Ezra sent to Jerusalem after 60 years to restore the word and worship of God.
- 445-446 The book of Nehemiah begins.

5 main events in the book

- ch 1-7 Building the Wall
- ch 8 Reading the Word
- ch 9-10 Renewing the Covenant
- ch11-12 Restoring the Community and Dedicating the Wall
- ch13 Reforms



Shine Thrive





Restoration

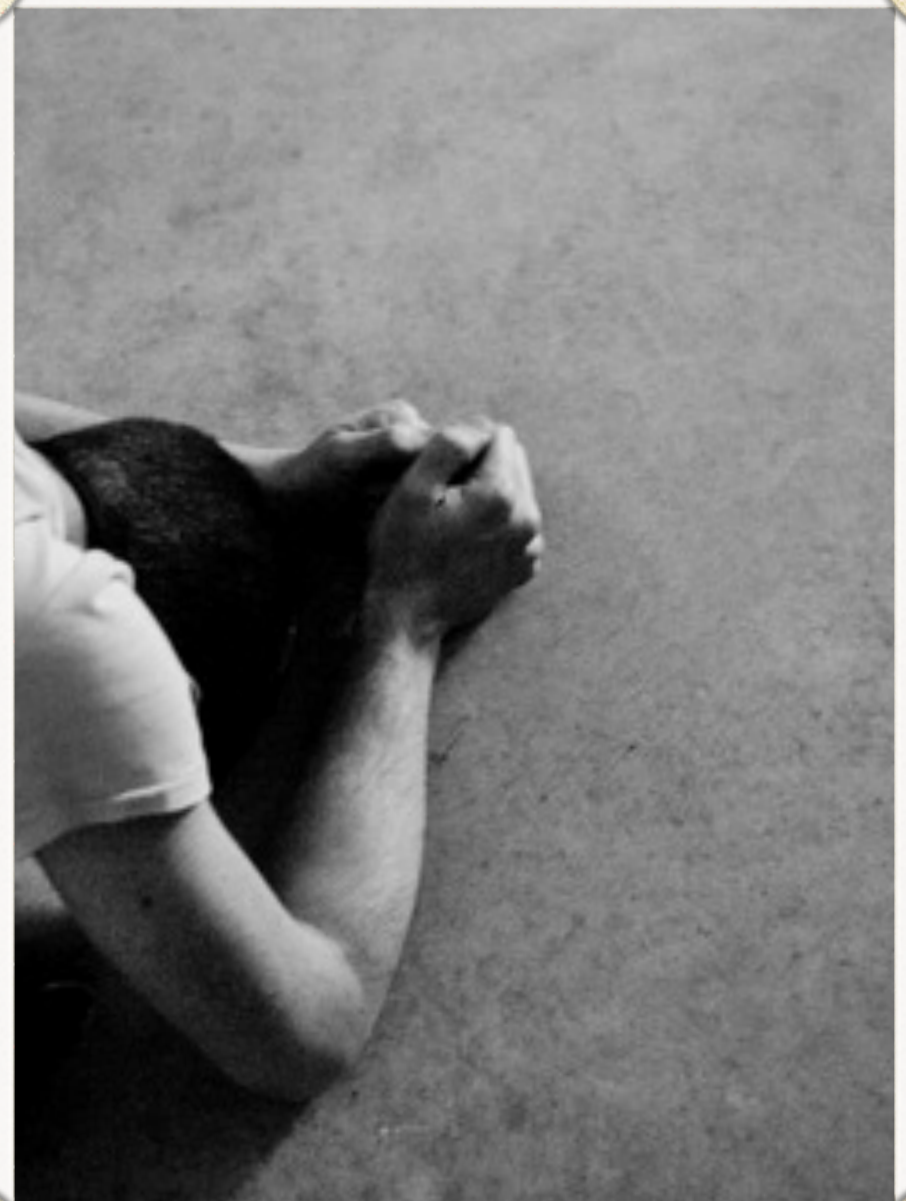




- Restoration is about HOPE
- It starts with a clear understanding of the situation we face
- And requires us to CARE
- Christian people are not just those who look on a need and bemoan its existence but who with their disturbed consciences have to meet the need.
- Restoring the altar

verses 3 and 4

- No superficial response
- No anger, bitterness or frustration
- He turned his mourning to prayer and fasting
- Soften our hearts
- Work through situations by prayer.



You are a
light to this
world-
thrive and
shine

**God
wants
to
restore
the
walls**

BE FULL OF HOPE
there is a feast and an
inheritance for you.

**Bring our burdens
to prayer and see
what he will say**