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FOCUS LIVING FORWARD

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# Looking Back to the Future

## Nehemiah 1:1-4

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"It is the goal of the archeology writer to make the dead come alive, not to put the living to sleep."
—Arthur Weigall

[1]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, [2]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. [3]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."[4]As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.
—Nehemiah 1:1-4

**1. The** _____

| ANCIENT HISTORY | CORRESPONDING HISTORY OF ISRAEL |
|---|---|
| ASSYRIANS<br>(Sennacherib) | KINGDOM 740-680 B.C.<br>ISAIAH—*Calling* |
| BABYLONIANS<br>(Nebuchadnezzar) | EXILE 586-530 B.C.<br>DANIEL—*Conviction* |
| MEDO-PERSIA<br>(Cyrus/Artexerxes) | RESTORATION 480-430 B.C.<br>EZRA / NEHEMIAH—*Construction* |
| GREEKS<br>(Phillip II/Alx the Grt) | INTERTESTAMENTAL Silent Years<br>(…) |
| ROMANS<br>(Caesar Augustus) | NEW TESTAMENT Church Age A.D.<br>JESUS CHRIST—*Commission* |

**2. The** _____

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

…you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.
—Isaiah 60:18b

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**3. The** _____

[4]For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope… [13]May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. —Romans 15:4, 13

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