

ROUGH DATES

2000 BC -Abraham

1000 BC -Saul, David, Solomon (United Kingdom)

Divided Kingdoms of Judah (South) and Israel (North)

722 BC -Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to the Assyrians

606 BC -Babylon attacks Southern Kingdom of Judah

Exile Begins

586 BC -Jerusalem, Temple and Walls of city destroyed

Approximately 70 years of Exile in Babylon- Jeremiah 29

539 BC -Zerubbable returns with some exiles- Temple

460 BC -Ezra returns with more exiles- Religious reforms

445 BC -Nehemiah



Nehemiah's Prayer

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. ⁵ And I said,

“O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you **day and night** for the people of Israel your servants, **confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned.** ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, **‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,** ⁹ **but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’** ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, **let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name**, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.



Free from complacency

Daring to see the rubble

God's perspective

Vs

What God has promised

contrast

Fresh perspective

Remember God's promises

Can't settle for less

Result:

**Broken Heart
in place of
Calloused Heart**

Confession





100 Days of Prayer

Where will God take us?