

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part II
“Being SAD is a Good Thing”
Reference: **Nehemiah 1:1-4**
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_____ B.C. - The ancient United Kingdom of Israel that had consisted of twelve original tribes was divided into two distinct parts: a northern kingdom and a southern kingdom.

The Babylonian captivity transpired in three distinct stages:

_____ B.C. – First Babylonian Invasion - Nebuchadnezzar’s armies besieged Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar confiscated some of the sacred vessels in the Jerusalem temple and he brought captive some of Jerusalem’s finest men to serve him in Babylon.

_____ B.C. – Second Babylonian Invasion - Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and captured 10,000 Jewish people and brought them as slaves to Babylon.

_____ B.C. – Third Babylonian Invasion – Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and left it in ruins, destroying the temple, homes and walls. This invasion ended Judah’s existence until after the Babylonian captivity.

The return to Judah from Babylon transpired in three distinct stages:

_____ B.C. – The first group of Jewish people received permission to return to Jerusalem. **Zerubbabel** brought some _____ construction workers and started to rebuild the temple.

_____ B.C. – **Ezra** brought a second group of Jewish people back to Jerusalem.

_____ B.C. – **Nehemiah** asks permission from Artaxerxes to return to Jerusalem with a third group of Jewish exiles in order to rebuild the torn down walls and burned gates.

verses one and two (see screen)

Nehemiah’s two questions:

1. How were the _____ in Jerusalem?
2. How was _____ itself?

verse three (see screen)

The answers to Nehemiah’s questions:

1. The survivors are in great _____.
2. The wall of Jerusalem is _____ and the gates are _____.

verse four (see screen)

Using the acronym SAD:

First, Nehemiah was **S** _____ to seeing and sensing a need.

Axiom: If the student hasn’t learned then the teacher hasn’t _____.

Three Don’ts in Seeing and Sensing Human Needs:

1. Don’t be _____ in seeing needs.

Three Groups of People:

- The _____ - _____ person who says “I can do it and you can do it; so let’s get it done.”
- The _____ - _____ person who says, “I can do it and you can’t do it; so, get out of my way and let me do it.”
- The _____ - _____ person who says, “I can’t do it and you can’t do it; so, who brought it up anyway?”

2. Don’t _____ the need.
This statement comes in two separate parts, **Don’t underestimate** the need and **don’t overestimate** the need.

3. Don’t concentrate on self-needs and _____ the needs of the people around us.
Reference: **Philippians 2:4** (see screen)

Second, Nehemiah made himself **A** _____ to meet that need.

Reference: **Isaiah 6:8** (see screen)

Third, Nehemiah was **D** _____ in doing all he could to fulfill his commitment to meeting that need.

Reference: **Proverbs 20:6b** (see screen)