

**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)