

## Three Stories That Inform Nehemiah

I.	The story of =
	The of God is deeply rooted in the identity of Israel.
	The of God's people is a constant cycle.
	God keeps his promise to Israel
	Nehemiah is the last story of Israel in the Old Testament.
2.	The story of
	• of exile - Collective and individual disobedience over time to God's commands
	• of exile
	o Identity crisis
	o Distance worship
	of exile - Return with a whole heart
3.	The story of the God moving in the hearts of kings
	Return Stage 1 - Zerubbabel builds the temple.
	Return Stage 2 - Ezra teaches the Law.

## QUESTIONS:

• Return Stage 3 - Nehemiah builds the wall.