



## **Nehemiah's Lament Story**

Nehemiah 1

Royal Servant - kneeling man, king, cup - Let me share a story with you about grief. Nehemiah was in exile serving a Persian king when some friends visited him.

Devastating Loss - grieving man, tears, burning city - Nehemiah's brother told him that Jews returning home from exile found their city Jerusalem in ruins. He wept.

Free Will - serpent, diving line, cloud, crown - Nehemiah mourned how his people rebelled against God. He worshipped God for his redeeming love.

Scattered Nation - earth, city, paths, flags, stars - He prayed for his generation to worship God again and return home. He asked God for favor with the king.

### **Storytellers Sight**

- See Nehemiah's brokenness: how his love for God and his nation drove him to mourn, pray, and fast.
- How does it feel to receive bad news while you're far away from home?
- Nehemiah was a faithful disciple. Why did he personally confess the sins of his nation in prayer?
- How is the Holy Spirit guiding Nehemiah's requests?
- What details reveal Nehemiah's devotion to God?