

2017

The image features the year '2017' in a large, stylized, outlined font. The numbers are white with a bright yellow-to-white gradient. Each digit is accompanied by a bright starburst effect. The numbers are reflected on a dark, glossy surface below them. The background is black with numerous small, glowing yellow and orange particles, creating a festive, sparkly atmosphere.

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Evan **ALMIGHTY**





A TIME TO BUILD

NEHEMIAH

CHANGE



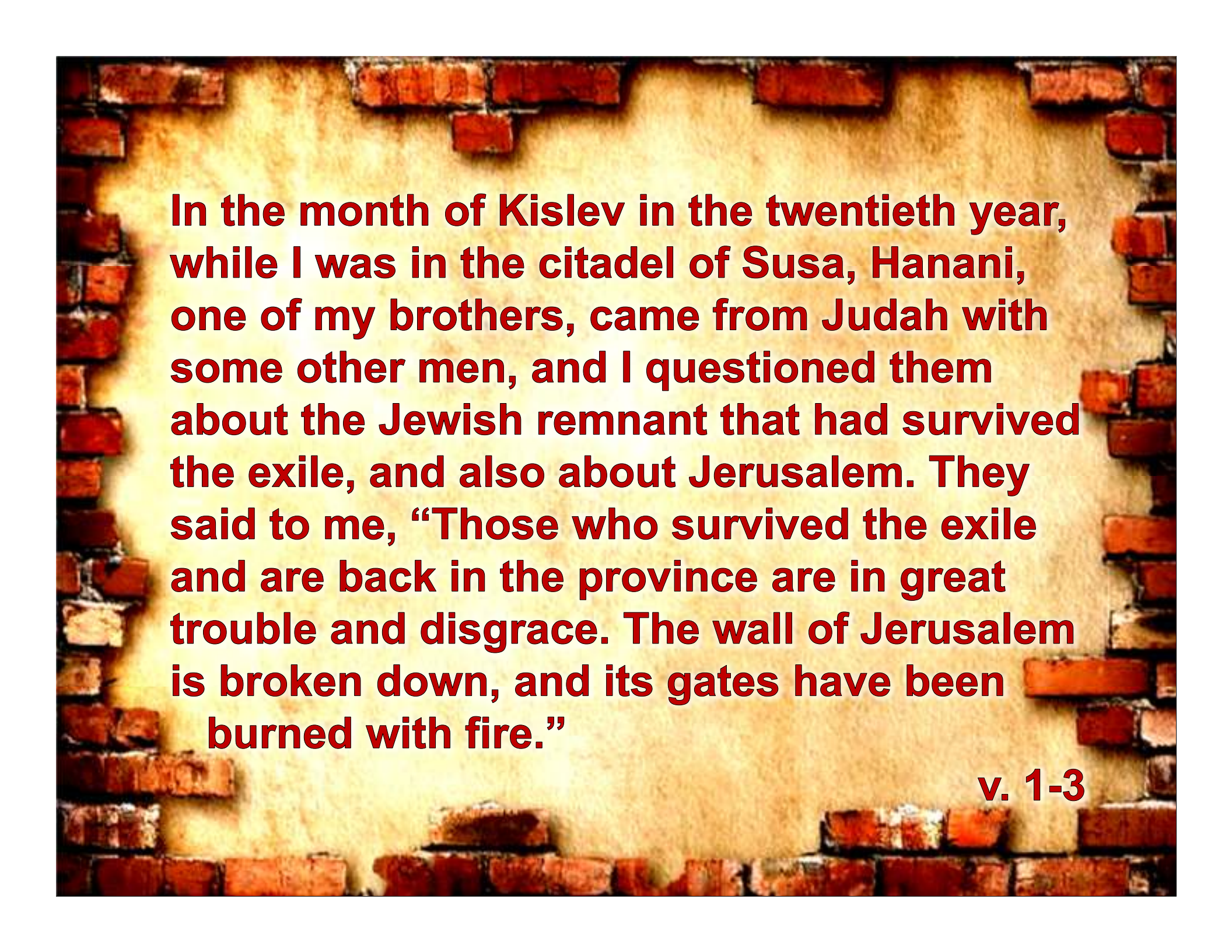
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NEHEMIAH

Chapter 1:1-11



In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

v. 1-3

TROUBLING NEWS

Israel is in exile

**Some Israelites remained
in the land**

**Nehemiah is now getting a report
on those people from
a member of his family**

It's not a good report

REBUILDING PROJECT

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

v. 4

WHERE TO START

Nehemiah took the report to heart

**He wept for the brokenness
of God's people**

Important!

He does NOT...

He does...

Mourn, Fast and Pray



WHERE TO START

Mourn

**Allow the brokenness
to break you**

**You have to realize that
something must be done**



WHERE TO START

Fasting

It humbles your body

It heightens your senses

It helps you focus on God



WHERE TO START

Prayed

**Nehemiah had a secret
weapon one we will see a
few times as we go
through this book**

NEHEMIAH'S APPROACH

Then I said: “Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

v. 5-6

NEHEMIAH'S CONFESSION

I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

v. 6-7

REMEMBER

“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’

v. 8-9



SEND ME

“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

UNWORTHINESS

I was cupbearer to the king

It's not I

It's not King

It's not cupbearer

It's "was"...Nehemiah went

NEHEMIAH

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