1:1 the words of nehemiah the son of hachaliah. and it came to pass in the month chisleu, in the twentieth year, as i was in shushan the palace,

2 that hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of judah; and i asked them concerning the jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning jerusalem.

3 and they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 and it came to pass, when i heard these words, that i sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the god of heaven,

5 and said, i beseech thee, o lord god of heaven, the great and terrible god, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

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