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the help of man.—Pa. 108; 12.

Namentan ("compassion of Jehovah" was the son of Handhaidh, and probably hear of the tribe of Judah, and of the roys annily of David.—He was cup-bearer to King Artaxersee at Susa, the capital, and was a man of-great greatht and influence For 12 years, 445-458, he was governor or Judea, leading a great religious revival and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem At the end of 12 years he went back to Persia, but atter a time he again (431) returned to Jerusalem and reformed the abuses there.

uses there.

TERMENING HISTORY.—The history in our tlesson closed with the dedication of the ond temple, a. c. 515. Then follows as eval of 57 years, during which we have so no information of the condition of Jewes in Palestine.

THE REFORM FROM JUDEA.—[. The red of Nehemiah. Rather the narraftee second.

the Jews in Palestine.

I. The Report Prop. JUDEA.—1. The Words of Nehemich. Rather the narraffee or record.

The Reporters.—2. That Hanani one of my brethren. Hanani seems to have been an actual brother of Nehemiah. Came of my brethren. Hanani seems to have been an actual brother of Nehemiah. Came from Jerusalem to Suns. And I select the actual to the seems of the s

broken drown the newly rescuous wasses, burned the gates with fire. (See Neh. 2: 11-15.)

II. The Espect or the Resourt on Nemental.—When I heard these wered I sat does and seept. He had perhaps not thought much upon the subject before; the had no means of exact information. And he may have felt that his city, under the circumstances of the time, was in real danger. As Dean Stanley observes: "In those days, rather one may say in those countries of disorder, a city without locked gates and loft walls was no city at all." And monimed certain days. This state of mourning continued three or four months, from December to the following April. (Compare Neh. 1: with 2: 1.) And fasted.

Pasting.—Pasting would seem to have its basis in 1.0 a grief over sin so deep and intense that all desire for food is taken away; (2) in the aid to devotion furnished by a body unburdened with food. (3) It is the natural expression of deep sorrow for sin.

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Iypocritical fasting, (2) Fasting considered
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III. NEIMMAN' PRAYER.—This prayer has several marked characteristics of true prayer.

(1.) ADORATION (vers. 5). O Lord: Jehovak, as Lord in small capitals always means in our version of the Old Test. God of hazers. The ruler not only of the earth, but of the infinite worlds of heaven. The ruler not only of the earth, but of the infinite worlds of heaven. The great and terrible God. So great as to inspire reversential awe in every whorshipper, and unspeakable fear in his remember. That keepeth. covenant and, mergy. No matter when the promise wasgande, it is as true and octation of fulfillength on see then. For them that love him and observe his true and octation of fulfillength on which alone the blessings can be given. To reward disobedience and furgetfulness of God is to put a premium on ano, and to increase the evil and sorrow of the world. (II.) Convessors. 6. Conflexe the sine of the children of lersed. (I) He monognizes that the cause of their troubles lay in their sins. (2) This confession recognizes the first that God was not for blame for their troubles. (3) Confession is natural to a truly preliter heart. It must confess. (4) Notice how he joins himself with the pope in this confession. He had sinned

FLEADING THI PROMISES. 3. If ye from every point of the promises and the print the print

blass. I will gather them from thence (Lav. 26: 40-45;) Deut. 30: 1-10. God

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