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I. Background:

A. Contemporary with Ezra and Nehemiah.

B. Addressed <u>spiritual</u> and <u>moral</u> decay.

C. Making <u>charge</u>, raising <u>objections</u>, then <u>refuting</u>.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call 14 But cursed be the hath in his flock a m and sacrificeth unto th thing: for I am a grea LORD of hosts, and m ful among the heather

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II. Text:

They were <u>doubting</u> God's <u>love</u>. (1.1-5) A. They were <u>dishonoring</u> God's <u>name</u>. (1.6-2.9) Β. They were profaning God's covenant. (2.10-16) C. They were trying God's patience. (2:17-3.5) D. They were forsaking God's ordinances. (3.6-12) They were despising God's service. (3.13-4.6) F.

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III. Lessons:

THE burden of the word of the polluted; and the fi A. <u>Remember</u> and <u>notice</u> God's love. (1.2-5) Yet ve say. Wherein hast thou B. There is no distinction between "religious sin" Jacob and "moral sin." e sick: thus ve bro And I hated Esau, and laid his I accept this of C. God seeks <u>consummate</u> <u>godliness</u>. But cursed be the hath in his flock a m poverished, but we will return and and sacrificeth unto f build the desolate places : thus saith the thing: for I am a grea LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I LORD of hosts, and m will throw down; and they shall ful among the heath

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III. Lessons:

THE burden of the word of the polluted; and the f D. As "priests," we have responsibilities. (2.7-9) ness is it! ar God is <u>faithful</u>. (3.6-7) Æ. saith the LORD that which was torn, a the sick; thus ye bro F. Beware of <u>robbing God</u>... should I accept this of the LORD. By failing to give. (3.8-12) 14 But cursed be the in his flock a m By failing to give our <u>best</u>. (1.6-12) 2. 3. By failing to give our <u>best</u> with the <u>right attitude</u>. (1.13-14)