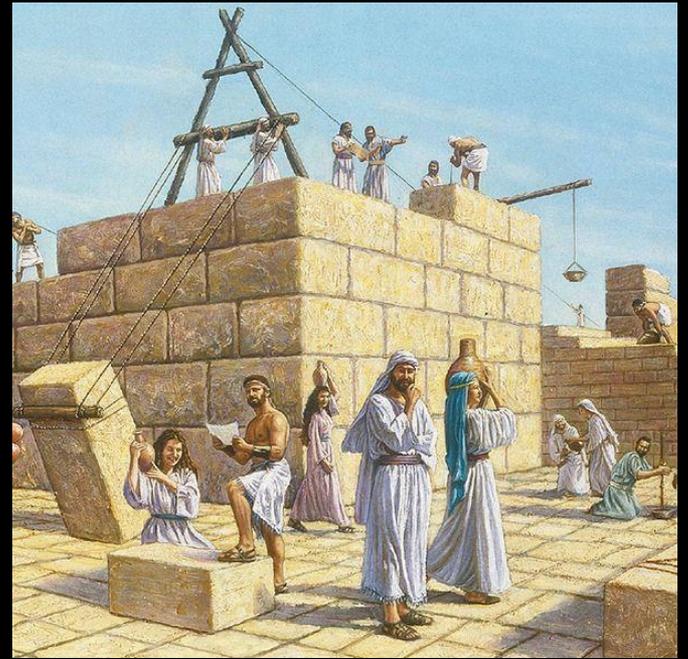


Ezra 3-4

THE REBUILD

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- **Phase 1:** Rebuilding the altar (3v1-6)
- **Phase 2:** Rebuilding the temple (3v7-13)
- **Opposition to the rebuild (4v1-24)**

1) Rebuilding the altar

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V2: Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar...



1) Rebuilding the altar

Rev 3v20: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

1) Rebuilding the altar

V3: Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and evening sacrifices.

2) Rebuilding the temple

V7: Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters...

V8: ...They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the LORD.

2) Rebuilding the temple

John 2v19-21: Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' ²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

2) Rebuilding the temple

1 Peter 2v4-5: As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him –
⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2) Rebuilding the temple

*God used to dwell
In a house among His people
But now He has a home
That's better than the first
It doesn't look
Like a building with a steeple
Now, He's living
In the people of the Church*

2) Rebuilding the temple

Brick after brick

God is building His temple

Brick after brick

He is making it strong

With Christ the sure foundation

And His people as the stones

He is building a place He can live

Brick after brick

2) Rebuilding the temple

- Temple building is **corporate**

V1: When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled together as one in Jerusalem.

2) Rebuilding the temple

- Temple building is **corporate**
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V11: With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD:

‘He is good; his love towards Israel endures for ever.’

2) Rebuilding the temple

- Temple building is **corporate**
- Temple building is **joyful**

V12: But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy.

2) Rebuilding the temple

- Temple building is **corporate**
- Temple building is **joyful**



3) Expect Opposition

V4-5: Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building. ⁵ They bribed officials to work against them and frustrate their plans during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.

3) Expect Opposition

V24: Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

3) Expect Opposition

1 Peter 5v8-9: Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

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Ephesians 6v18: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

