



Rebuilding the Temple

Ezra 3:8-13

1. When the _____ is _____

God had set the parameters of necessary discipline, now God would restore His people. The time had come for Israel to return and re-establish her center of existence: the temple of the Almighty God.

2 Corinthians 2:6-7 ~ For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2. Under _____ Spiritual _____

The work of rebuilding the temple was not left to native craftsmen or to those who had no understanding of God's design. For the temple of God was not merely an architectural edifice, but a place for the worship of the LORD.

2 Corinthians 13:10 ~ For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

3. With a _____ to Worship _____

At the laying of the foundation, the people were moved to worship with great shouts of praise. It was the right response to the restoration that God provided for His people.

John 4:23 ~ "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."

4. In the _____ of Past _____

When looking back at the former state of the temple, those who remembered wept. Past glories may not return, but present restoration still recognizes with joy the Divine grace of God.

Revelation 2:5 ~ "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent."

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



Rebuilding the Temple Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Daniel 4:34

At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever.

Jeremiah 29:10

"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

Ephesians 4:12

...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:25

...the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Psalms 126:1-2

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Haggai 2:3

"Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?"

Habakkuk 3:2

O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.