

RESTORING THE FOUNDATIONS OF WORSHIP

Rebuild What Has Been Lost

EZRA 3



When the seventh month came,
and the children of Israel were in
the towns, the people gathered
as one man to Jerusalem.

EZRA 3:1



Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

EZRA 3:2



They set the altar
in its place, for fear
was on them because
of the peoples of the
lands, and they offered
burnt offerings on it
to the LORD, burnt
offerings morning
and evening.

EZRA 3:3



And they kept the
Feast of Booths, as it
is written, and offered
the daily burnt offerings
by number according
to the rule, as each
day required,

EZRA 3:4



and after that
the regular burnt
offerings, the offerings
at the new moon
and at all the
appointed feasts
of the LORD, and
the offerings of
everyone who made
a freewill offering
to the LORD.

EZRA 3:5



From the first day
of the seventh month
they began to offer
burnt offerings to
the LORD. But the
foundation of the
temple of the LORD
was not yet laid.

EZRA 3:6



So they gave money
to the masons and
the carpenters, and
food, drink, and oil
to the Sidonians and
the Tyrians to bring
cedar trees from Lebanon
to the sea, to Joppa,
according to the grant
that they had from
Cyrus king of Persia.

EZRA 3:7



1. Hiram king of Tyre
sent David
**cedar trees,
carpenters, and
masons**
to build his palace.

2 SAMUEL 5:11 • 1 CHRONICLES 14:1

2. When David
prepared for the
future temple, the
**Sidonians and
Tyrians** brought
him great quantities
of cedar.

1 CHRONICLES 22:4



Now in the second year after their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their kinsmen, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the LORD.

EZRA 3:8



And Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together supervised the workmen in the house of God, along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and brothers.

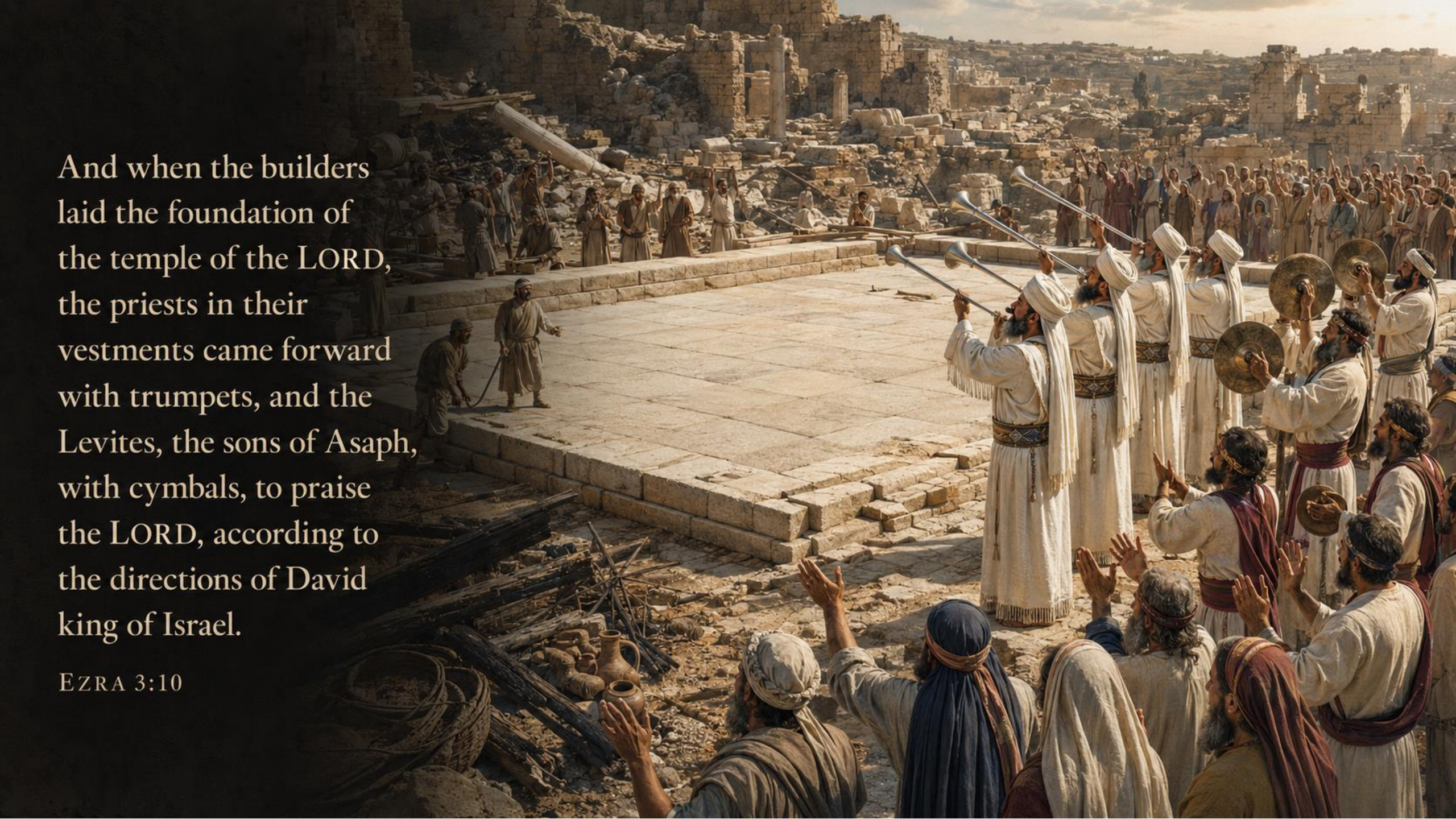
EZRA 3:9



Who dares despise
the day of small things,
since the seven eyes of
the LORD that range
throughout the earth
will rejoice when they
see the chosen capstone
in the hand of Zerubbabel?

ZECHARIAH 4:10 • NIV





And when the builders
laid the foundation of
the temple of the LORD,
the priests in their
vestments came forward
with trumpets, and the
Levites, the sons of Asaph,
with cymbals, to praise
the LORD, according to
the directions of David
king of Israel.

EZRA 3:10



And they sang
responsively, praising
and giving thanks to
the LORD, *“For he is
good, for his steadfast
love endures forever
toward Israel.”* And all
the people shouted
with a great shout
when they praised
the LORD, because the
foundation of the house
of the LORD was laid.

EZRA 3:11

But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that *the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping*, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

