

Worship by Singing Praises to God

The HEBREW people who had been held CAPTIVE in BABYLON finally returned to their homes in JERUSALEM and Judah. ZERRUBAABEL led the people back to Jerusalem and they went to look at the temple. When they saw the ruins where the TEMPLE had been DESTROYED, some of the FAMILIES gave OFFERINGS of MONEY to get ready to REBUILD it. They gave GOLD COINS, SILVER, and SPECIAL ROBES for the priests.

They began by rebuilding the ALTAR. They started worshiping God by offering SACRIFICES on the altar. They began to worship God even before the foundation for the temple had been laid. Soon, there was enough money for BUYING SUPPLIES needed to complete the rebuilding of the temple. When the foundation of the temple was finished, Zerubbabel and the people took time to worship God. The PRIESTS dressed in their robes and holding TRUMPETS and the Levites holding CYMBALS, came to praise the Lord by PLAYING MUSIC. The priests praised god by SINGING, "GOD IS GOOD; His faithful love for Israel last forever." Then all the people shouted praises to God and thanked Him because the FOUNDATION of the temple had been laid.

Some people wept. Some people SHOUTED PRAISES loudly because they were so happy. Some people sang of their GREATFULNESS TO GOD. They sang so loudly that the sound was heard far away. We can SHOW OUR LOVE and THANKFULNESS to God by singing praises and giving offerings like the people of Israel.

G R E A T F U L N E S S T O G O D
A E S E V O L R U O W O H S M B S
G O D I S G O O D M C S D A O H E
S C D E S T R O Y E D S S C N E R
E Y J R E V I T P A C E E R E B U
S M E E S F S S H R I N I I Y R B
I B R V E E G T G E S L L F I E B
A A U L I L N E N B U U P I J W A
R L S I L P I P I U M F P C R N B
P S A S I M R M G I G K U E A P E
D I L O M E E U N L N N S S T R L
E P E Q A T F R I D I A G R L I S
T V M T F K F T S W Y H N U A E A
U K X L C F O U N D A T I O N S F
O B A B Y L O N Z E L B Y G P T I
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