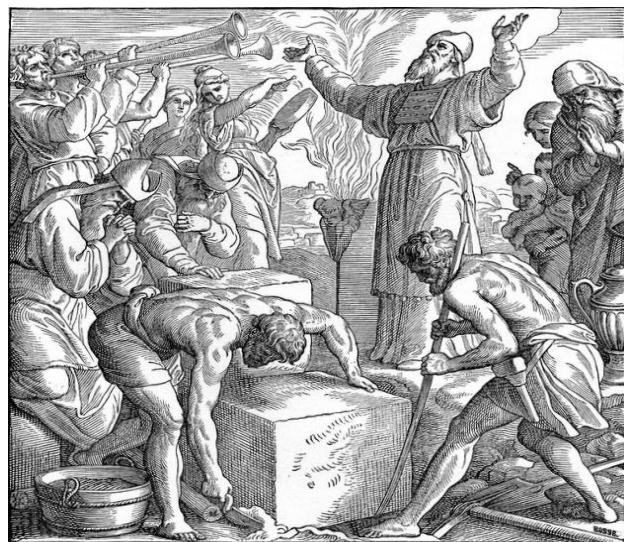


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They laid the foundation to build the Temple

Scripture to read: Ezra 3rd Chapter

The people who came from the captivity of Babylon settled in Israel and Judah. Then Jeshua, Zerubbabel the priests with his family rebuilt the altar of the God of Israel and sacrificed burnt offerings on it, as instructed in the Law of Moses. Firstly they celebrated the Festival of Shelters and then they celebrated all the annual festivals as prescribed by the Lord and sacrificed burnt offerings unto the Lord. The construction of the Temple of God began in mid spring, during the second year after they arrived in Jerusalem. The Levites who were twenty years old or older were put in charge of rebuilding the Lord's Temple. When the builders completed the foundation of the Lord's Temple, the priests put on their robes and took their places to blow their trumpets. And the Levites, descendants of Asaph, clashed their cymbals to praise the Lord, just as King David had prescribed. With praise and thanks, they sang this song to the Lord: "He is so good! His faithful love for Israel endures forever!" Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's Temple had been laid.



Little ones, even you're happy to see the Temple of the Lord being built again right. Under whose leadership was the construction of the Temple took place? Under the leadership of Jeshua and Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was a priest and also a teacher of the law. They started the work as prescribed in the law of the Lord. Firstly they followed the sacrifice and festival and then appointed the Levites required for the work of the Lord. The people of Israel were in a state where they were not able to worship the Lord together for almost 50years. But Zerubbabel lead them in a way they made them not to forget the ways and discipline of the Lord. Children, we should read the word of the Lord every day, pray and worship him and enter into his presence. We should learn to do the work ordained by the Lord in a disciplined and orderly way. The work of the Lord is not meant to be small or big but it is important how we do the work given to us by the Lord.

"Call forward the tribe of Levi, and present them to Aaron the priest to serve as his assistants. Numbers 3:6

Prayer:

Lord who is greater in thy temple, we praise you. Lord even we desire to do thy work. In whatever we do may you be glorified Lord. Amen

