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Ezra 3:1-12

Title: Back to the future

So far (chapters 1 and 2):

- **Cyrus provides resources for the return to Israel**
- **The gave freely for the second temple**
- **Remember — Isaiah prophesied about Cyrus**

Coming up in Chapter 3:

- Cyrus gave resources for the temple
- Sacrifices back
- Cornerstone + foundation
- His mercy (lovingkindness) endures forever

**Going together as one man to Jerusalem
(Ezra 3:1) means that people were on
the same page having returned to the
land that the Lord gave them.**

The Israelites were afraid of their neighbors (Ezra 3:3) and brought back the feasts and offerings that for a great time they neglected, being outside of their land (Ezra 3:4-6).

**The people re-instituted the sacrifices
the law required of them.**

Deuteronomy 12:26-32

**Jesus Christ is the ultimate sacrifice
that bests the ones the Israelites
restarted upon their return to
Jerusalem.**

Hebrews 9:22-28

Hebrews 10:8-15

Cyrus gave resources (Ezra 3:7). Tyre and Sidon are in present-day Lebanon, and they were wealthy places. God used their wealth to provide for His own purposes.

Ezekiel 27:33, Ezekiel 28:4-5

Joel 3:1-8

Zechariah 9:1-5

Proverbs 13:22

**Many of the Israelites rejoiced having
seen the foundation what would become
the second temple (Ezra 3:10-11).**

**The people wept, and some rejoiced:
Zechariah 4:5-10**

**Another prophet warned those who did not
acknowledge the second temple rightly.**

Haggai 2:1-9

**The Israelites praised the Lord with instruments
once the foundation was laid because of an
ordinance from David (Ezra 3:10).**

1 Chronicles 25:1-7

2 Chronicles 5:12-14

2 Chronicles 7:4-6

We rest on an even better foundation.

Acts 4:10-12

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

**We are a temple of sorts, too, and Jesus
Christ is the cornerstone.**

Ephesians 2:14-21

Israelites sang + rejoiced is because His
mercy endures forever towards Israel
(Ezra 3:11).

Psalm 124, Lamentations 3:22-23

**Praise God for the sacrifice His Son is
for us. He made that sacrifice once and
for all.**

**Praise God for His Son, who is
cornerstone for us as we grow into a
holy temple.**

**The Israelites acknowledged God's
mercy. We must do the same who
believe in His Son Jesus the Christ,
whom we did not deserve.**