

# Building a Legacy

August 11, 2024 | *Ezra 3:8-13*



## Observations from Ezra 3:8-13

What is happening in these set of verses?

### **Laying the Foundation and Passing the Torch: (Ezra 3:8-9)**

- Two years of returning to doing services and festivals
- The appointment of the Levites: 20 years and up.

### **The Celebration of the Foundation: (Ezra 3:10-13)**

- When the foundation was laid, the people celebrated
- Mixed emotions among the people: Some celebrated, some wept.

### **The Three Temples: Representing Past, Present, and Future:**

Temple	Category	References
First Temple (Solomon's Temple)	Construction	1 Kings 6:1-38, 2 Chronicles 3:1-17
	Dedication	1 Kings 8:1-66, 2 Chronicles 7:1-3
	Destruction	2 Kings 25:8-17, 2 Chronicles 36:17-19
Second Temple (Rebuilt After Exile)	Rebuilding	Ezra 1:1-4, Ezra 3:7-13
	Completion	Ezra 6:14-18, Haggai 2:1-9
	Renovations	John 2:20
Third Temple (Prophecy)	Ezekiel's Vision	Ezekiel 40-48
	Prophetic References	Daniel 9:27, Revelation 11:1-2

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## Lessons from Ezra 3:8-13

What can we learn (interpretation) from these verses?

### **Passing the Torch to the Next Generation**

- The people of God worked with the younger generation in the building of the foundation of the temple. We should do the same.
- **Reference Verses:** *Psalm 145:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7.*

1. Personal: Faith in Christ, Baptism, Growth.

- **Reference Verses:** *1 Corinthians 3:11, Luke 15:7*
- 2. Church: New Families, Marriages, Projects.
- **Reference Verses:** *Ezra 3:11*

### **Celebrate Milestones in our Faith**

- Once the foundation was laid, the people celebrated the progress. As people and as the church grows, we should celebrate progress together.

### **Honor the Past, Live in the Present**

- When the foundation was laid, some wept, some celebrated. This is much like any sort of change. As the body, we are to be present with those who celebrate and those who weep.
- **Reference Verses:** *Ecclesiastes 7:10, Philippians 3:13-14*

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## Application from Ezra 3:8-13

How can I apply / live out these verses?

### **As You Learn, Teach:**

- As you grow in your walk with Christ, teach others. .
- **Reference Verses:** *2 Timothy 2:2, Matthew 28:19-20*

### **Mentor the Next Generation:**

- Just as the elders in Ezra worked alongside with the younger generation, this is encouragement for elders to work with younger people.
- **Reference Verses:** *Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 22:6*

### **Honor the Past: Live in the Present:**

- Honor the past. Learn from the past. Live in the present moment.
- **Reference Verses:** *Philippians 3:13-14, Psalm 90:12*

### **Live in the Present: Trust in the Hope for the Future**

- As you live your life in the present moment, know that God has plans and promises for the future.
- **Reference Verses:** *Romans 15:4, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.*

### **Build a Lasting Legacy Together:**

- We are stronger together. We can make a greater impact for Christ together. We can make a lasting legacy together.
- **Reference Verses:** *Ephesians 1:4, Romans 8:28-29, Philippians 1:6, Esther 4:14, John 16:13, Proverbs 13:22, Colossians 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 6:9-10, Matthew 6:19-21*

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