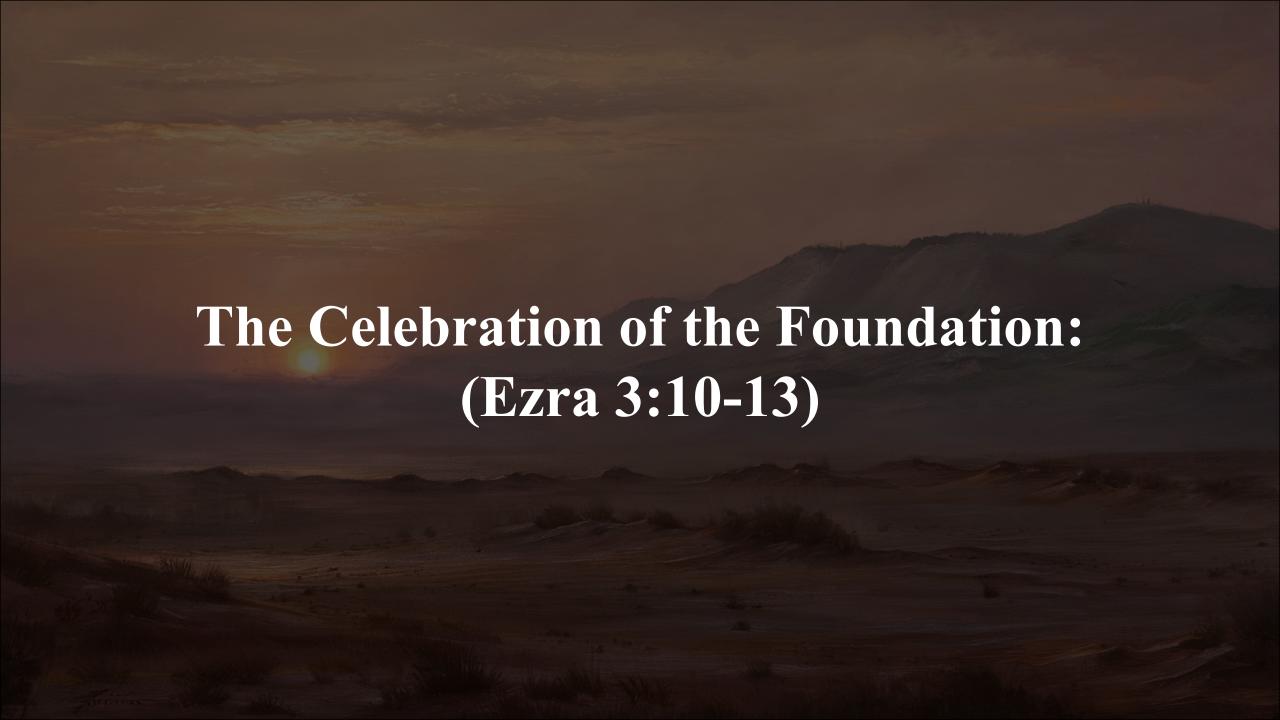




Laying the Foundation and Passing the Torch: (Ezra 3:8-9)



The Three Temples: Past, Present, and Future

First Temple (Solomon's Temple)
Second Temple (Rebuilt After Exile)
Third Temple (Prophetic Visions)

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.

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.

- 1. Personal: Faith in Christ, Baptism, Growth.
- 2. Church: New Families, Marriages, Projects.

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

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 along-side with the younger generation, this is encouragement for elders to work with younger people.

Reference Verses: Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 22:6

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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



