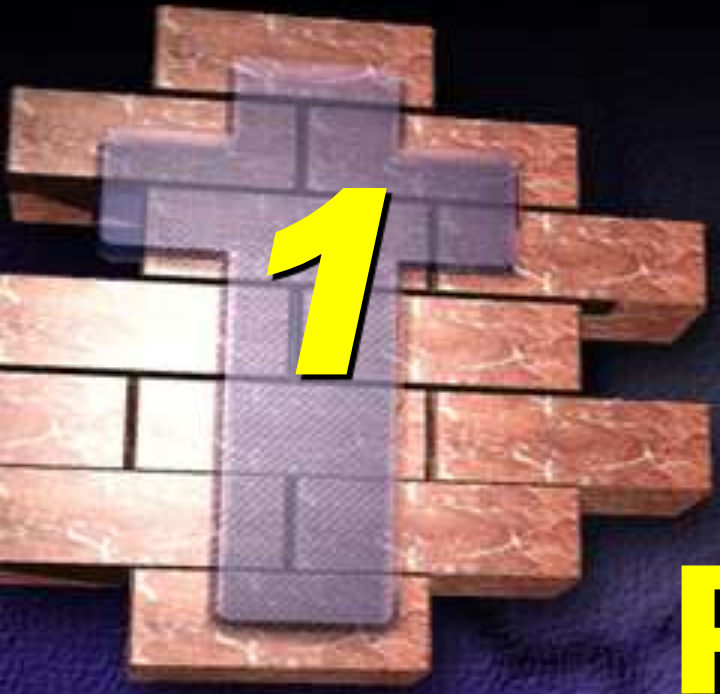


# A NEW FOUNDATION FOR A NEW YEAR

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**Ezra 3:10-13**



**Preparation**  
**for the**  
**New Year**

*"When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel."*



**Ezra 3:10**

# Why was the Temple destroyed?

- God's people had turned from Him!
- God had punished the people by allowing the Babylonians to capture them.
- The Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple.



# What was the first step in rebuilding the Temple?

Before the people could build God's Temple, they had to build the altar of God.

Before they could build the worship place, they had to make sacrifices for their sins.



*"Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body."*

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**



**2**

**Celebration  
of the  
New Year**

*"With praise and thanksgiving  
they sang to the LORD:*

*"He is good;  
His love to Israel endures forever."*

*And all the people gave a great shout of  
praise. But many of the older priests and  
Levites and family heads, who had seen the  
former temple, wept aloud when they saw  
the foundation of this temple being laid,  
while many others shouted for joy."*

**Ezra 3:11-12**

# A. Why did the people celebrate?

1. David's instruction
2. A "New Foundation"
3. A "New Beginning"



## B. How did they worship the Lord?

1. They sang and they shouted.
2. They praised and gave thanks.





**3**

**Resonation**  
**in the**  
**New Year**

*"No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away."*

**Ezra 3:13**

A. Unity was found in  
diversity.

B. All the sounds were  
heard from "far away".

