

## Lesson III.

## THE TEMPLE REBUILT AND DEDICATED October 21, 1917

Ezra 3 : 8-13 ; 6 : 14-18. Scripture Memory Verses.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—Psalm 100 : 4.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jeru'salem, in the second month, began Zerub'babel the son of Sheal'tiel, and Jesh'ua the son of Jo'zadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Le'vites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jeru'salem; and appointed the Le'vites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the Lord.

9 Then stood Jesh'ua with his sons and his brethren, Kad'miel and his sons, the sons of Ju'dah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God : the sons of Hena'dad, with their sons and their brethren the Le'vites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Le'vites the sons of A'saph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of Da'vid king of Is'rael.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord ; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Is'rael. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Le'vites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid

**Revised Version**—1 rest ; 2 have the oversight of another ; 3 saying, For he ; 4 heads of fathers' houses,

**LESSON PLAN**

I. Organizing for Building, 8, 9.

II. The Laying of the Foundations, 10-13.

III. The Completion of the Temple, ch. 6 : 14-18.

**DAILY READINGS**

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M.—The temple rebuilt and dedicated, Ezra 3 : 8-13.

T.—The temple rebuilt and dedicated, Ezra 6 : 14-18.

W.—Preparing to build, Ezra 5 : 12-17. Th.—The

first dedication, 1 Kgs. 8 : 10-21. F.—The temple of

the body, 1 Cor. 3 : 10-23. S.—Glory and peace in

God's House, Haggai 2 : 1-9. S.—Thanksgiving in

God's house, Ps. 136 : 13-26.

**Primary Catechism**—Ques. 52. What promise did

Jesus make to his disciples when he was going away ?

Jesus promised to send them another Comforter, or

before their eyes, with a loud voice ; and many shouted aloud for joy :

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people : for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Ch. 6 : 14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Hag'gai the prophet and Zechar'iah the son of Id'do. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Is'rael, and according to the commandment of Cy'rus, and Dari'us, and Artaxer'es king of Per'sia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month A'dar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Dari'us the king.

16 And the children of Is'rael, the priests, and the Le'vites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs ; and for a sin offering for all Is'rael, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Is'rael.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Le'vites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jeru'salem ; as it is written in the book of Mo'ses.

the work ; 3 have the oversight of ; 4 order ; 5 one to be old men, that ; 6 Omit they ; 7 decree ; 8 they.

Helper, to remain with them forever.

**Shorter Catechism**—Ques. 103. What is we pray

for in the third petition ? A. In the third petition

(which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven) we

pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and

willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all

things, as the angels do in heaven.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—

Primary, 17 ; Junior, 19, 383, 389, 573, 252.

**Special Scripture Reading**—Psalm 121 : given

also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quarterlies. (To

be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

**Hymn for Opening Worship**—Hymn 263, Book of

Praise : given also in Departmental Graded Quarterlies.

**Lantern Slides**—For Lesson, B. 842, The Temple

Rebuilt and Dedicated. For Question on Missions,

15900, Patients Leaving the Hospital. (Slides are ob-

tained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Depart-

ment, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

**THE LESSON EXPLAINED**

**Time and Place**—The foundations of the temple were laid in B.C. 536, and the building was completed in B.C. 516 ; Jerusalem.

**Connecting Links**—The second chapter of Ezra gives the names and number of those who took advantage of the decree of Cyrus in order to return to their own land. That decree was issued in B.C. 538. In September or October of B.C. 537, a great gathering of the returned exiles was held in Jerusalem. At this gathering, in order that the sacrifices commanded by the law might be regularly offered, the altar was built under the direction of Joshua the priest and Zerubbabel the governor. The feast of booths was held, and the regular sacrificial ritual was reestablished. But the foundation of the temple was not yet laid.

**I. Organizing for Building, 8, 9.**

V. 8. *In the second year ;* probably in B.C. 536. *In the second month ;* which would correspond to part of our April and May. *Zerubbabel ;* a name which calls up the Exile in Babylon. It may mean, "seed" or "offspring" of Babylon. Zerubbabel may also have had a Hebrew name. *The son of Shealtiel ;* called Salathiel in Matt. 1 : 12, one of the sons of Jehoiachin, the captive king of Judah. (See 1 Chron. 3 : 17.) *Jeshua ;* called Joshua in Haggai and Zechariah. His father, Jehozadak, was carried captive to Babylon where Jeshua was probably born. It was natural that he should take a leading part in the foundation of the temple. *To set forward ;* to help the progress of the undertaking.