

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 21

THE TEMPLE REBUILT AND DEDICATED.

LESSON TEXT—Ezra 3:8-13; 6:14-18. GOLDEN TEXT—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—Psalms 100:4.

The remnant which returned had now become settled in their new homes. As it would be a considerable time before the temple could be rebuilt, arrangement was made for the religious life as early as possible, as religion was the very heart of the nation's life. They first set up the altar of the God of Israel (3:1-3) and offered burnt offerings thereon. They next revived the annual festivals (3:4-7) which had a powerful, unifying influence upon them.

I. The Appointment of Officers to Set Forward the Work of the Lord's House (v. 8, 9). Overseers were needed to direct this great work. Rubbish needed to be cleared away so the building operations could begin; timber needed to be cut in the Lebanon forests and floated down to Joppa; stones needed to be cut from the quarries; intelligent and consecrated men were needed to direct this work, as it was needful that it be done with the utmost expedition. The Lord's house demands the most systematic adjustment of its labors. Mere zeal will not make up for lack of intelligence.

II. The Foundation of the Temple Laid (3:10-13). This was done amid great rejoicing. The consciousness that the Lord's house was taking shape, even though the mere foundations could be seen, provoked great enthusiasm on the part of the people. Musicians were appointed to furnish music while the work was being done. Under the influence of music men will do better work, armies will march and fight better when bands are playing. While there was great joy, there was also mingled sorrow. This was on the part of the elders who had seen the former temple. The meanness of the present temple in comparison with Solomon's temple caused their praise to be drowned with their sorrow. These people belonged to that class who think that nothing now is so good as in the former days. So completely were these voices mingled that the people could not discern the one from the other.

III. The Building of the Temple Delayed by Opposition. (Chapters 4 and 5). For a time matters went smoothly with them, but as soon as the work had taken such shape as to show that there was some prospect of success, the half-heathen Samaritans began to oppose them. No vital work of God will be allowed to go on without opposition. Satan resents and bitterly opposes all inroads upon his kingdom. These Samaritans sought to frustrate this work of God by:

(1) An Alliance With the Jews (4:2-3). They wanted to bring the work in harmony with their own religious practices, as God's pure worship would be a constant rebuke to them. This is ever the way of the world, to seek to effect a compromise with God's children; but God's call is separation. "Come out from among them" (2 Cor. 6:14-18). Nothing so weakens God's cause as worldly alliance and compromise. There is but one answer to be given to such an offer of compromise. "Ye have nothing to do with us in building a house unto our God." We are in the world, but not of the world.

(2) Weakening the Hands of the People (4:4). Doubtless this included the withdrawal of supplies, the spreading of dissension among the workmen, and the employment of counselors against them.

(3) Letters of Accusation to the Persian King (4:6, 7). So severe was this opposition that the building was delayed for a term of years. These counselors succeeded in creating doubt as to whether Cyrus had ever issued a decree for their return. This wicked opposition resulted in the undoing of the opposers, for search was made and a copy was found. Darius confirmed this by his own decree, and directed that aid be given from the royal taxes so that the house of God might be built.

IV. The Temple Completed and Dedicated (6:14-18). The Prophets Haggai and Zachariah now appear, and by warnings, exhortations and entreaties stir up the people so that the work goes forward to a successful completion. Without their aid probably the work would never have been completed. Human nature at times needs to be cheered and urged forward. These prophets did not themselves work in the building of the walls, yet their work was of even greater importance. It is generally found that this is so with the religious leaders today. The words of cheer and encouragement of the Christian minister are needed daily for those who labor in the building of the Lord's house. Were it not for them many would give up the struggle. When the building was finished it was dedicated to God with great joy. This was possible because they had builded and finished their task according to the commandment of the God of Israel. The service of dedication was much after the order of that of Solomon's temple, only on a less magnificent scale.

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The contractors have promised that the first floor of the federal building will be ready for occupancy about the first of December and the local office is instructed to be ready to move not later than that time. Considerable delay has been experienced in the finishing of the building, said to have been caused by certain changes in the original plans. The post office will be newly furnished throughout and will contain the addition of some fifty more boxes.

NO PEDDLING FROM CARS ALLOWED IN NEBRASKA

According to an announcement made a few days ago by the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads, car peddling from cars on track will not be allowed hereafter, even in intrastate shipments. Notice to this effect has been filed with the State Railway Commission. Potato growers of western Nebraska are thus deprived of the opportunity to load a car of spuds and sell it out from the

car at some other point. Apple or other fruit peddlers may not ship a car into Alliance and sell from the car.

Late in July the Interstate Commerce Commission dismissed a complaint by Nebraska apple growers who asked that the Union Pacific be compelled to allow growers such use of cars in interstate commerce. The commission held at that time that such use was simply a toleration by certain railroads. Following this decision, which eliminated car peddling when shipped from one state to another, the roads have discontinued the practice within the state, as well as when moving from Nebraska to other states.

WOMAN CELEBRATES SECOND SILVER WEDDING

Los Angeles.—Her second silver wedding was celebrated recently by Mrs. C. T. Reed of this city, although one silver wedding is as far as most married people get. Mrs. Reed, married her first husband when she was seventeen years of age, and twenty-five years later celebrated a happy silver wedding anniversary. Now, many years later, she is observing a second anniversary of the same nature.

New line of Silk Waists on sale at from \$2.00 to \$8.50. Mrs. Anna Simmons.

Winter Tourist Rates Now Available

The entire scheme of Southern tourist fares becomes effective this year October 1st. All resorts and principal cities of the Gulf Coast and the Southeast are included; Florida fares include circuitous routes. With its great military cantonments, the Southland, during the coming Winter, will be a most interesting tourist region.

TO CALIFORNIA: The usual Winter tourist fares via all routes. The Burlington can ticket you either via Denver, Scenic Colorado and Salt Lake, in through tourist sleeper service, or via Denver, the Santa Fe "Grand Canyon" line, also for the grand Coast tour including the Northwest.

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