

## INACCURATE BUILDING – LESSON 42(ABC)

### QUESTIONS

#### PART 1

DISCUSS INACCURATE BUILDING PATTERNS AND METHODS.

#### PART 2

READ THE BOOK OF EZRA. DISCUSS THE ERRORS IN THE BUILDING OF ZERUBABEL'S TEMPLE.

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### ANSWERS

#### PART 1

INACCURATE BUILDING PATTERNS AND METHODS

BORROWED ANOINTING – THE ABSENCE OF A RESIDENT ANOINTING TO BUILD.

II Ki 6:1-7

1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

2 "Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."

3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go."

4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed."

6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float.

7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.(NKJ)

The axehead is symbolic of the anointing to build. A servant may borrow from his master, but a master needs his own. A master is a lender.

A servant operates with a borrowed anointing.

A master (set man, leader) needs a resident anointing to build.

The anointing upon Moses was from God. The anointing upon the elders was borrowed from Moses (Numbers 11:16,17). Moses was a lender.

Every autonomous church needs a resident anointing to build. The house cannot be built with borrowed anointing (guest speakers every week). The set man of the house cannot operate as a servant with a borrowed axe.

If a set man is constantly borrowing, then he is a servant. He must find his master and work under him.

Prov 22:7

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.(NKJ)

## UNEQUAL YOKE(MIXTURE, HYBRIDIZATION)

### (A JOINING TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS)

2 Cor 6:14-18

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

18 "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."(NKJ)

### LIGHT AND DARKNESS CANNOT WORK TOGETHER.

The building of God's house demands purity – particularly in doctrine. An unequal yoke leads to doctrinal contamination and incremental error. It jeopardises accurate transgenerational building. This was the Samaritan problem.

II Ki 17:32-34 / 40-41

32 So they feared the LORD, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, yet served their own gods-- according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.

34 To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel,

40 However they did not obey, but they followed their former rituals.

41 So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.(NKJ)

An unequal yoke(joining to an ungodly system) was an illegitimate method of propagating seed. The end result of this joining was contaminated offspring that could not manifest the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:18-23

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"

21 "You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."(NKJ)

Peter discerned Simon's unclean mentality which he did not want reproduced in the church.

Gal 5:9

A little leaven leavens the whole lump.(NKJ)

#### MODERN UNEQUAL YOKES IN BUILDING:

A JOINING WITH JEZEBEL - PRODUCES EUNUCHS

A JOINING WITH BABYLON – PRODUCES FILTHINESS

A JOINING WITH RELIGIOUS ORDER – SPIRITUAL DEATH

A JOINING WITH ABSALOM – REBELLION

#### UNEQUAL YOKES WERE PROHIBITED.

##### BETWEEN BEASTS

Lev 19:19

‘You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you. (NKJ)

##### BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE HEATHEN NATIONS.

Deut 7:1-5

1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, 2 "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.

3 "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.

4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

5 "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.(NKJ)

Ezra 9:1-2

1 When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 "For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass."(NKJ)

Neh 13:23-24

23 In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.

24 And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.(NKJ)

#### INTERMARRIAGE WAS PROHIBITED BECAUSE GOD KNEW THAT IT WOULD SEDUCE HIS PEOPLE TO SERVE FOREIGN GODS.

#### INCORRECT MATERIALS – BUILDING WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE.

1 Chr 29:2

"Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.(NKJ)

IKing 12:31

He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.(NKJ)

IKing 13:33-34

33 After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and destroy it from the face of the earth.(NKJ)

Ezek 44:6-7

6 "Now say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "O house of Israel, let us have no more of all your abominations.

7 "When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it-- My house-- and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations.(NKJ)

THIS TYPIFIES THE INCORRECT POSITIONING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH.

Only those specifically called by God should be placed in office.

**RELIGION(LEGALISM, TRADITIONS AND SUPERSTITIONS)**

This is building according to superstition and the traditions of man.

Mark 7:7-9

7 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

9 And He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.(NKJ)

This pattern is reflected in the ungodly kings of Israel who did not follow the Davidic pattern. These kings did not build according to what was right in the sight of the Lord. They followed leaders that walked in error.

**ABIJAM**

IKing 15:3

And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.(NKJ)

**NADAB**

IKing 15:25-26

25 Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.(NKJ)

## BAASHA

IKing 15:34

He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.(NKJ)

## OMRI

IKing 16:25-26

25 Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who were before him.

26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.(NKJ)

## AHAB

IKing 16:30-31

30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.(NKJ)

## AHAZIAH

IKing 22:51-53

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin;

53 for he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.(NKJ)

These kings built according to what was right in the sight of the Lord.

## JEHOASH

II Ki 12:2

Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. (NKJ)

## AZARIAH

II Ki 15:3

And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done,(NKJ)

## HEZEKIAH

II Ki 18:3

And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. (NKJ)

## JOSIAH

II Ki 22:2

And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.(NKJ)

They were not subjects of human traditions and superstitions.

## MOSES WAS COMMANDED TO BUILD ACCORDING TO DIVINE PATTERN.

Exod 25:9

"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.(NKJ)

Exod 25:40

"And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.  
(NKJ)

#### DUPLICATION (FRANCHISE SYSTEM OF BUILDING/COPYING)

Exod 5:14

Also the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as before?"(NKJ)

The Egyptians built with bricks made from moulds. Every brick was the same.  
It is symbolic of cloning. It lacks creativity and individuality.

1 Chr 22:2

So David commanded to gather the aliens who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God.(NKJ)

Solomon's temple was built with hewn stone. The stones were not alike.

1King 5:17

And the king commanded them to quarry large stones, costly stones, and hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the temple.(NKJ)

1King 6:7

And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.(NKJ)

#### INDEPENDENT(ISOLATION)

This is building without relationships with other churches.

Prov 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment.  
(NKJ)

The divine pattern is team ministry.

Phil 3:16-17

16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.(NKJ)

Eph 2:19-22

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,

21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.(NKJ)

#### NATURAL BUILDING

This entails building with one's own strength or building according to a natural pattern.  
e.g. building democratically, secular humanism.

Col 2:8

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.(NKJ)

Ps 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.(NKJ)

Zech 6:12-13

12 "Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD;

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.' (NKJ)

Matt 16:18

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.(NKJ)

Jesus is building the church.

The divine pattern in building entails the wisdom of God, Holy Spirit, the word of God etc. – not human philosophy.

Matt 7:26-28

26 "Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,(NKJ)

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Jer 48:10

Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.(NKJ)

Ezek 13:1-11

1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of the LORD!'"

3 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!"

4 "O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts.

5 "You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD.

6 "They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed.

7 "Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken."

8 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken.", therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord GOD.

9 "My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

10 "Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace-- and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar--

11 "say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.

Ezek 22:28

"Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken.(NKJ)

The word untempered means foolish things. The prophets were building with foolish things. The wisdom of God is absent.

#### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FOOLISH THINGS:

those who prophesy out of their own heart

Their prophesies are the result of human design rather than obedience to the divine pattern.

who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

They are not led by the Spirit but by their own minds. They have no revelation from God.

are like foxes in the deserts

They live in a place of hunger and thirst. They are driven by their own needs. They prophesy to fulfil their own needs. Their prophesies spoil the vineyard – they turn the vineyard to a desert.

You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel

Their ministry does not protect the church.

have envisioned futility and false divination

They operate in lies.

LORD has not sent them

There is no apostolic dimension to their ministry.

they hope that the word may be confirmed

They depend on chance.

You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken."

They do not speak for the Lord.

a stormy wind shall tear it down.

The structures they build cannot withstand hard times.

Matt 7:26-27

26 "Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."(NKJ)

Prov 24:3

Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;(NKJ)

Jer 22:14-17

14 Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, and cut out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion.'

15 "Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?" says the LORD.

17 "Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, for shedding innocent blood, and practicing oppression and violence."(NKJ)

## SELF-GLORY

Gen 11:4

And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."(NKJ)

THEY BUILT TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR BUILT FOR HIS OWN GLORY.

Dan 4:30-31

30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!(NKJ)

SOLOMON BUILT THE HOUSE FOR GOD'S GLORY.

1King 5:5

And behold, I propose to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to my father David, saying, "Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for My name."(NKJ)

1King 8:19

'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.'(NKJ)

## PART 2

### ERRORS IN THE BUILDING OF ZERUBABEL'S TEMPLE

Hag 2:21-23

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth.

22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you as a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

(NKJ)

70 years after the captivity the nation of Israel came back to the promised land to build the temple under the leadership of Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel came from Babylon. He had no experiential knowledge in building. His information was probably gleaned from books. He had not been up the mountain like Moses. He was not anointed like David. He responds to divine stirrings to build. He comes out of captivity with no signs and wonders. He is inexperienced. He represents those to whom little is given.

God says of Zerubbabel "I have chosen you". He represents a breed coming out of Babylon to build. God validates his intention, not the building.

## INACCURACIES IN ZERUBABEL'S TEMPLE.

### SACRIFICE ABOVE OBEDIENCE

Ezra 3:1-6

1 And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

3 Though fear had come upon them because of the people of those countries, they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and evening burnt offerings.

4 They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day.

5 Afterwards they offered the regular burnt offering, and those for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and those of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.(NKJ)

On returning to the promised land the nation related to God through sacrifice. They offered burnt offerings morning and evening and they did it "as it is written in the law of Moses".

The character of God places obedience above sacrifice.

1 Sam 15:22

Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. (NKJ)

The law demanded sanctification before sacrifice. This aspect of the Mosaic Law was ignored. They went straight into sacrifices. They selected a portion of the Mosaic Law. Unsanctified people were sacrificing to God. No wonder that the fire did not fall to consume the sacrifices.

1 Sam 16:5

And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.(NKJ)  
Also see 2 Chron.29:17-24

Many churches are built on the sacrifices of fasting, thanksgiving ceremonies and prayer. They

sacrifice to a God they cannot obey. The very same folk are engaged in fraud, corruption, adultery etc – They cannot sanctify themselves.

Note that sacrifice did not lay the foundation of the temple.

Ezra 3:6

From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.(NKJ)

## RESPONSIVE PRAISE

Ezra 3:10-11

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.(NKJ)

They praised God when the foundation of the temple was laid. It was called "according to the ordinance of David". This praise was responsive praise – a response to the sighting of the foundation. David praised God before any foundation was laid. He was proactive, not reactive in praising God. The walls of Jericho fell in response to proactive praise.

Jehoshaphat went into battle with proactive praise.

## PROACTIVE PRAISE IS MORE ACCURATE THAN REACTIVE PRAISE.

## FOUNDATION ERRORS

The praise was based on a foundation focus. The entire building would rest on the foundation.

## THE FOUNDATION WAS 60 CUBITS HIGH.

Ezra 6:3

In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits,(NKJ)

The height was 60 cubits high. 6 is the number of humanism, carnality.

This is typical of a building whose foundation is carnality and humanism.

Cyrus issued the decree to build and specified measurements from a Babylonian perspective.

Dan 3:1

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.(NKJ)

Zerubbabel means seed of Babylon. Thus we see Babylon rooted in a building meant for God.

Any church built on humanism and carnality is a Zerubbabel's temple.

## FOUNDATION WAS TWICE THE HEIGHT OF SOLOMON'S

1King 6:2

Now the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits.(NKJ)

2 Chr 3:3

This is the foundation which Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length was sixty cubits (by cubits according to the former measure) and the width twenty cubits.(NKJ)

Zerubbabel's temple had a strong foundation – 60 cubits high.

To hold anything inaccurate you need a stronger foundation.

Thus to dismantle anything inaccurate it takes longer because it is built on a stronger foundation.

## FOUNDATION FIXATION

One can get so foundation focussed that the details of the rest of the building are ignored.

The foundation is prophetic of the current APOSTOLIC-PROPHETIC MOVEMENT.

Eph 2:20

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone(NKJ)

An overemphasis of the apostolic and prophetic will not complete the building – it just lays the foundation.

## DICHOTOMOUS CROWD

Ezra 3:12-13

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet 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 sound was heard afar off.(NKJ)

On closer inspection it was noted that the shout was a dichotomous one.

Old men were shouting and crying.

The young were shouting and rejoicing.

The old men had seen the first temple, and were responding with a past mentality.

The young inexperienced group rejoiced because they were responding with a future mentality.

They had never seen any temple before – to them this was a new beginning.

Thus in one crowd you had a clash between the past and the present.

THIS WAS A DISUNITED SHOUT.

## IGNORANCE OF THE PRESENT REALITY

One part of the crowd was focussed on the past, the other on the future – the present reality was ignored. THEY WERE SHOUTING IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT. The Ark of the Covenant is a type of Christ.

This was a church shouting at the advent of the apostolic-prophetic – with no Christ.

Eph 2:20

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone(NKJ)

THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE WAS MISSING. YOU COULD GET SO FOUNDATION FOCUSSED (APOSTOLIC-PROPHETIC) THAT YOU COULD MISS JESUS.

Isa 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily.(NKJ)

WHEN CHRIST IS MISSING AND THE CONGREGATION IS DICHOTOMOUS, THEN THE BUILDING PROJECT IS GOING TO COME TO AN END.

Ezra 4:24

Thus the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.(NKJ)

PROPHETIC ACTIVATION VS. PROPHETIC AGREEMENT.

Ezra 5:1-2

1 Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them.

2 So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them, helping them.(NKJ)

When the building is inaccurate, prophetic activation is needed.

David was an accurate builder. He did not need activation. He received prophetic agreement from Nathan.

2 Sam 7:2-3

2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."

3 Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."(NKJ)

FINISHING WITHOUT THE GLORY

Ezra 6:14-15

14 So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.(NKJ)

They called it finished, even though the glory did not visit.

Exod 40:33-34

33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.(NKJ)

The absence of the glory implied that the building did not receive God's full sanction.

## Hag 2:1-9

1 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying:

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying:

3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?

4 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.(NKJ)

A building without the glory must be recognised as nothing.

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Neither the present nor the past is going to compare with the glory of the end time church that God is building.

## PARTIAL SERVICE

### Ezra 6:19-22

19 And the descendants of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them were ritually clean. And they slaughtered the Passover lambs for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.

22 And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

(NKJ)

They celebrated the Passover. The Passover was made up of 3 feasts – Passover, Unleavened bread and Sheaf of Firstfruits. They missed the Sheaf of Firstfruits.

They got 2/3 right i.e. 66,6%. This again is a measure of carnality in their building project.

## MISSING GOD THE FIRST TIME

### Ezra 7:6

this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD

his God upon him.(NKJ)

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.(NKJ)

Ezra 9:1-7

1 When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 "For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass."

3 So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished.

4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the transgression of those who had been carried away captive, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

5 At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God.

6 And I said, "O my God: I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

7 "Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day.(NKJ)

Ezra identifies himself as one of the sinners.

Ezra came with the second batch. He missed God the first time.

Ezra 1:3

Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem.(NKJ)

He did not respond to Cyrus' first call.

## PAGAN WIVES

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Ezra 10:10-12

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have transgressed and have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Israel.

11 "Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate

yourselfs from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives."

12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "Yes! As you have said, so we must do.(NKJ)

Ezra does not address the building. He realises that inaccuracies are the result of inaccurate people. Thus he deals with the heart of the issue- the contamination of the people.

WIFE – LEGITIMATE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR THE PROPAGATION OF SEED.

PAGAN WIFE – ILLEGITIMATE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR THE PROPAGATION OF SEED.

THE CHURCH TODAY HAS MANY PAGAN WIVES:

JEZEBEL – END RESULT IS THE PRODUCTION OF EUNUCHS.

ABSALOM – PRODUCES REBELLION.

KORAH – SWALLOWED BY THE EARTH(WORLDLINESS)

BABYLON – PRODUCES FILTHINESS

RELIGIOUS SPIRITS – SPIRITUAL DEATH(DEAD MEN'S BONES)

FALSE BROTHERS – APOSTASY, MORAL CORRUPTION

ADONIJAH – REBELLION

The demand placed on the church is separation from these operating systems.

"Yes! As you have said, so we must do

This is a true reformation process.

THE ONLY LEGITIMATE SYSTEM FOR THE PROPAGATION OF SEED IS THE SPIRIT – FILLED WORD OF GOD.