

HIS STORY

A glowing Earth with a bright starburst and orbital lines. The Earth is shown in a perspective view, with blue oceans, green landmasses, and a bright yellow and orange sunburst at the center. Several white, glowing orbital lines or paths are drawn around the Earth, suggesting a celestial or scientific theme. The background is a dark blue space filled with small white stars.


Rebuilding God's Temple

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 to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Ezra 3:11-13 (NIV)

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. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise.

Ezra 3:11-13 (NIV)



**Our God is a God of
New Beginnings**

**Who of you is left who saw
this house in its former
glory? How does it look to
you now? Does it not seem
to you like nothing?**

Haggai 2:3 (NIV)

'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty.'

Haggai 2:9 (NIV)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NIV)



**As Temple:
Worship the Living
God**



**As Temple:
Serve your Neighbor**

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27:4-5 (NIV)