

MISSION VISION, Part 2

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BUT THE WORLD NEEDS THE JESUS YOU HAVE!

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BUT WHO IS GOING TO BE READY TO LEAD PEOPLE TO JESUS and get them **ESTABLISHED IN HIS** WORD?



YOU ARE!

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their foundation is built STRONG and SOLID on the ROCK OF JESUS CHRIST.



I. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

As told in Ezra

About 50,000 return to Judah in the first year of Cyrus.

The Temple is rebuilt by this group.

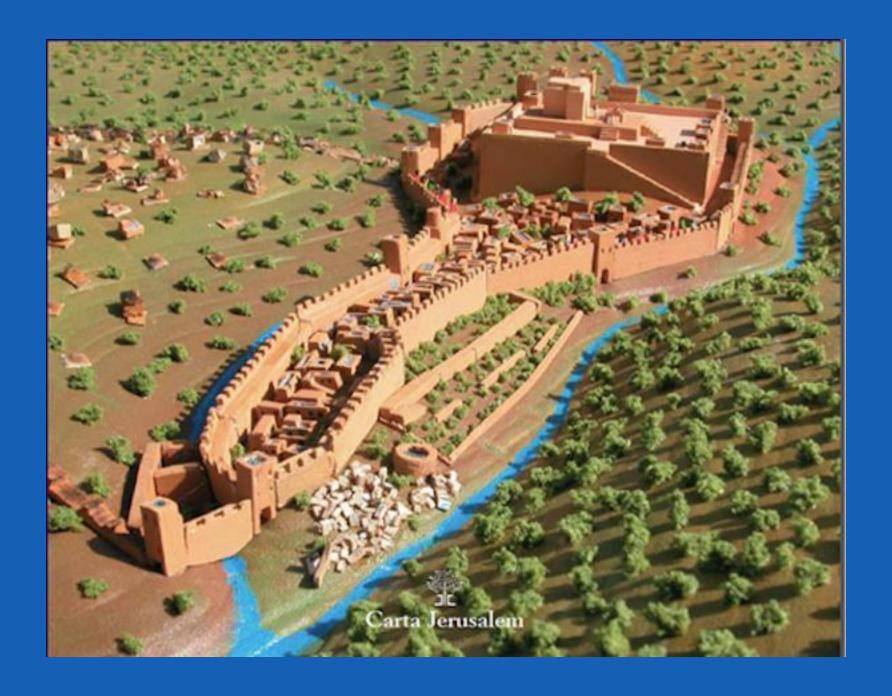
Ezra leads about 1500 more back some 80 years later (458 B.C.)

Nehemiah took place 12 years later

He was the governor appointed to lead the people and rebuild the walls.

He served in Jerusalem 12 years, returns to Persia, then comes back a second time





The people of Judah were discouraged about themselves and their future. Not Nehemiah!

God's grace swept through a nation that had "gone too far"

GOD BROUGHT RESTORATION

The JOY of the Lord is your STRENGTH

When did it happen?

AFTER:

- the FOUNDATION had been laid
- the TEMPLE had been restored
- the WALLS had been rebuilt.

The people of God were strengthened, identified, encouraged, and built up.

That's why we SAIL INTO LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH



LYF releases the joy of knowing that your foundation in the Lord is laid strong and well.



II. TO KNOW HIM AND GROW IN HIM

2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in **Christ Jesus.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

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The RIGHT TOOLS

Hide the Word of God in your heart and be equipped If you want to KNOW Him and Grow in Him



III. GET GOD's BUILDING PERMIT

Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:3 (NKJV)

³ And this we will do if God permits.

Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)

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is not optional, but expected

Hebrews 6:1: Let us go on!

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Let's LAUNCH!

Launching Your Faith is just about to begin!
BE SURE TO GET
ABOARD!