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Leader: Nehemiah

Task: The walls

Opposition: _____

Success: _____

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EZRA 3:11b-13

¹¹... 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. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

EZRA 6:8-13

⁸Moreover, I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God. The cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River. ⁹And whatever is needed—bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests at Jerusalem require—let that be given to them day by day without fail, ¹⁰that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

EZRA 6:8-11,13

¹¹Also I make a decree that if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.

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¹³Then, according to the word sent by Darius the king, Tattenai, the governor of the province Beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and their associates did with all diligence what Darius the king had ordered.

LEVITICUS 9:23-24

²³And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. ²⁴And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

1 KINGS 8:10-11

¹⁰And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

EZRA 4:1-2

¹Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the Lord, the God of Israel, ²they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here."

EZRA 9:3-6

³As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. ⁴Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice. ⁵And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the Lord my God, ⁶saying:

EZRA 9:3-6

"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

EZRA 10:1

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly.

JEREMIAH 31:31-33

³¹Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezra 1 - 6

King: Cyrus

Leader: Zerubbabel

Task: Rebuild the temple

Opposition: Israelites who never went into exile

Success: Temple rebuilt. (10 years later!)

Anti-climax: Elders weeping. God's presence?

Ezra 7 - 10

King: Antaxerxes

Leader: Ezra

Task: Torah & community

Opposition: From within - The inter-marriage & idol worship

Success: The divorce & separation from foreign wives.

Anti-climax: People have not followed God's laws.

Nehemiah 1 - 7

King: Antaxerxes

Leader: Nehemiah

Task: The walls

Opposition: Sanballat & Tobiah still up trouble & plan to attack.

Success: They complete the wall, fully armed.

Anti-climax: Nations?

Nehemiah 8 - 12

Main point: Spiritual renewal

How? 7-day Torah marathon

The vows: ① Confess their sins

② Renew covenant

③ Vow to follow the Torah

Nehemiah 13

Temple: Neglected

Torah: Disobeyed

Walls: Selling on the Sabbath

Nehemiah's response: Beats people up, pulling out their hair

Anti-climax: None of the hope materialises