

## Worship by Singing Praises to God

The **HEBREW** people who had been held **CAPTIVE** in **BABYLON** finally returned to their homes in **JERUSALEM** and Judah. **ZERRUBAABEL** led the people back to Jerusalem and they went to look at the temple. When they saw the ruins where the **TEMPLE** had been **DESTROYED**, some of the **FAMILIES** gave **OFFERINGS** of **MONEY** to get ready to **REBUILD** it. They gave **GOLD COINS**, **SILVER**, and **SPECIAL ROBES** for the priests.

They began by rebuilding the **ALTAR**. They started worshiping God by offering **SACRIFICES** on the altar. They began to worship God even before the foundation for the temple had been laid. Soon, there was enough money for **BUYING SUPPLIES** needed to complete the rebuilding of the temple. When the foundation of the temple was finished, Zerubbabel and the people took time to worship God. The **PRIESTS** dressed in their robes and holding **TRUMPETS** and the Levites holding **CYMBALS**, came to praise the Lord by **PLAYING MUSIC**. The priests praised god by **SINGING**, "**GOD IS GOOD**; His faithful love for Israel last forever." Then all the people shouted praises to God and thanked Him because the **FOUNDATION** of the temple had been laid.

Some people wept. Some people **SHOUTED PRAISES** loudly because they were so happy. Some people sang of their **GREATFULNESS TO GOD**. They sang so loudly that the sound was heard far away. We can **SHOW OUR LOVE** and **THANKFULNESS** to God by singing praises and giving offerings like the people of Israel.

G R E A T F U L N E S S T O G O D  
A E S E V O L R U O W O H S M B S  
G O D I S G O O D M C S D A O H E  
S C D E S T R O Y E D S S C N E R  
E Y J R E V I T P A C E E R E B U  
S M E E S F S S H R I N I I Y R B  
I B R V E E G T G E S L L F I E B  
A A U L I L N E N B U U P I J W A  
R L S I L P I P I U M F P C R N B  
P S A S I M R M G I G K U E A P E  
D I L O M E E U N L N N S S T R L  
E P E Q A T F R I D I A G R L I S  
T V M T F K F T S W Y H N U A E A  
U K X L C F O U N D A T I O N S F  
O B A B Y L O N Z E L B Y G P T I  
H G O L D C O I N S P M U M H S N  
S P E C I A L R O B E S B Y D O J