

PERFECTING GOD'S BUILDING

My House Shall Be Built

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Introduction

End Time Perfection

Despite the awful condition of the final Laodicean Church Age, this Age will see God bring His true Church to her End Time perfection.

In addition to individual believers coming to perfect holiness, to perfect unity, to perfect faith and to perfect unity, the designations of the Church corporate will also come to perfection.

- The harvest in **God's Field** will come to perfection (1 Cor 3.9);
- **The Bride** will come to perfect beauty (Ps 50.2);
- **The Body** will come to full stature, to a perfect man (Eph 4.13);
- **God's Building**, His house, will be perfected (1 Cor 3.9; cp 2 Chr 8.16).

In this article, I wish to describe the perfection of God's building at the End Time, in spite of seemingly insuperable obstacles, by illustrating from the account of Zerubbabel overseeing the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.

The story is found in Ezra 1-6, Haggai and Zechariah 1-4.

The Perfecting of God's Spiritual Building Typed in the Restored Temple of Zerubbabel

Judah had been carried away into captivity into Babylon, away from their God-given inheritance. Just like the Church, she had lost her original inheritance.

But there was a faithful remnant who were as true to the original Word as they could be whilst away from the Land of Promise and the Temple, the dwelling place of God. They had a divine vision. They held fast to the promises given through God's faithful prophets, both past and present.

Like the men of Issachar in the days of David and Saul, despite the religious confusion around them, they, "had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (1 Chr 12.32).

Among them was Zerubbabel, a direct descendant of the royal line of David. He was the political leader of those who later returned to Jerusalem.

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The release of the exiled Jews from their Babylonian captivity, their battle to restore the temple, and how the Lord helped them to achieve this, foreshadows the coming out of the End Time Church from her own Babylonian captivity and her own battle to restore the original God-ordained worship and to perfect the spiritual house of God.

But the end result of that perfecting is glorious. As Bro Branham puts it, "the entire Holy Spirit visits the Church, making God in human flesh; as He did before Sodom." ***63-0901E, Desperations, par 21***

The Believing Remnant's Prophetic Guideline

How did the Jews in Babylon have understanding of their time? Not only by their commitment to the Law of Moses, but also by believing their prophets.

And the word of those prophets was very specific.

Isaiah

The words of Isaiah about the Jews' return to their land were spoken many years before the temple and the land were even laid waste and its inhabitants carried away captive to Babylon.

He foretold a coming return to the land and a restoration of the temple

- Isa 44.26 The waste cities of **Judah would be rebuilt and inhabited again.**
- Isa 44.27-28 Babylon's Euphrates River defences would be dried up, and afterwards **a ruler named Cyrus would command the (yet to be destroyed) city of Jerusalem and temple to be rebuilt.**
- Isa 45.13 That ruler **would permit the Jewish captives to leave Babylon.**

Jeremiah

Jeremiah prophesied to the Jews one generation before the current one in Babylon, before and during the Babylonian invasion of Judah. Very shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, he said the coming exile would only be for a fixed time.

- Jer 27.22 They shall be carried to Babylon... until the day that I visit them... **then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.**
- Jer 29.10 **after 70 years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you**, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place (cp 25.12).

Daniel

Finally, unlike many who only garnish the tombs of prophets from the past, they also recognised, believed and heeded a prophet living among them in Babylon in their own day, Daniel.

His revelations and visitations gave them more light on the coming ruler Isaiah spoke of who would release the captives and cause the temple to be rebuilt.

- Dan 8.20-21 In the 3rd year of the last king of Babylon, the kingdom which would follow was identified as Medo-Persia. So, the coming ruler who would release the Jewish captives would be the head of that kingdom.

So, to sum up, the small, Word-believing remnant were looking for,

- The captivity in Babylon to end after 70 years.
- The Medo-Persians to capture Babylon after its defensive waters were dried up.
- A Medo-Persian ruler named Cyrus to permit the Jewish exiles to return to, rebuild and dwell in their own land, and to lay the foundation of and rebuild the temple.

In other words, the exiled believing Jewish remnant were looking for deliverance from their Babylonish captivity and for a restoration of their original God-given inheritance, just as the End Time believers of today look for a total deliverance from all the accumulated Babylonian error still not purged during the Church's progressive recovery of the original Truth and an outpouring of the entire Holy Spirit following the perfection of the holy, spiritual house of the Lord.

The Hour Finally Comes

Jeremiah's 70th year finally came. Things then began to move very quickly.

By diverting the River Euphrates and marching into the city along the dried up river bed, the Medo-Persian army, captured the city of Babylon in one night, the very night in which Daniel interpreted the handwriting on the wall to the last Babylonian king, Belshazzar (Daniel 5).

Initially the new ruler was Darius. He set Daniel over the kingdom in his first year. (In the same year that Daniel was given the revelation of the 70 weeks.)

The Royal Proclamation

Soon after, the long-awaited Cyrus came to the throne. He issued a remarkable decree.

- Ez 1.1-3 Now in the first year of Cyrus... the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom... saying... the LORD God of heaven... hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem... Who is there among you of all his people? ... let him go up... and build the house of the LORD God of Israel... in Jerusalem

He encouraged those Jews who chose not to return to support those returning with freewill offerings, and also contributed himself financially and by returning the holy vessels of the house of the Lord brought to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar (Ez 6.4-5).

The Response of the Believing Remnant

As in the days of John and Jesus, when among the masses of professing believers there was a small group sincerely waiting for the consolation of Israel (Lk 2.25; 38; Mk 15.43), so it was in this day. When the believing Jews heard the news that matched what they had been taught to look for by their prophets, that group immediately responded.

- Ez 1.5 Then rose up... all them who spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

But Not All Jews Responded

Though many Jewish exiles gave generously (Ez 1.6), they chose to stay in Babylon. Why?

- Did they not fully believe their prophets and the prophetic voice for their own day?
- Did they prefer the wealth and prosperity of Babylon to returning to the insecurity of a wasted, ruined homeland, surrounded by hostile neighbours?

Like righteous Lot, who chose to live in wicked Sodom for its great prosperity, even though grieved with what he saw around him (2 P 2.7-8), they chose not to return to the land of promise to restore the house of God.

They may have thought they made the right decision materially, but like Lot, soon after they paid a terrible price. They lost the material prosperity they stayed for. They should have listened to the prophetic word of their own day, echoing the words of earlier prophets (Isa 48.20; Jer 50.8; 51.6).

- Zech 2.6-7 Ho, ho, **come forth and flee** from the land of the north, saith the LORD... **deliver thyself**, O Zion, that dwelleth with the daughter of Babylon.

Why flee? Because destruction was soon to fall upon Babylon when they rebelled against their new Medo-Persian rulers shortly after the takeover.

Let this be a solemn warning to those in our own day who choose to remain in religious Babylon, choosing a seemingly easier way and forgetting the lessons of the past. The words of Zechariah echo and foreshadow the End Time cry to flee spiritual Babylon.

- Rev 18.4-8 I heard another voice from heaven saying, ***Come out of her, my people,*** that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues...

A Good Start: The Word First in Everything

A modest 42,360 chose to return, despite all the hardships and potential dangers of leaving the safety and financial security of Babylon.

They started on the right foot, from the very beginning. ***Everything must be by the Word.***

1) In the Mosaic law, only priests could eat of the most holy things. Some who claimed to be priests, but were unable to prove their lineage, were therefore forbidden to officiate (Ez 2.61-63).

2) After returning, in the 7th month all gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles.

- Ez 3.2 (they) builded the altar... to offer burnt offerings... ***as it is written in the law***
- Ez 3.4 They kept... the feast... ***as it is written... according to the custom***

3) The next year, in the 2nd month, work on the temple began. When the foundation was finished,

- Ez 3.10 they set the priests... and the Levites... to praise the LORD, ***after the (prophetically given) ordinance of David***

4) When the inhabitants of Samaria, transported there after the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians many years before, heard the Jews planned to rebuild the temple, they asked to join the work.

- Ez 4.2 Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him

But though worshipping the Lord, they also worshipped other gods (2 K 17.24,27-33,41). To keep their separation and purity, the Jews refused their request. They wanted no part in hybrid religion.

- Ez 4.3 Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel

A good start, indeed!

The Work Frustrated

The resentful Samaritans then continually sought to hinder, weaken and frustrate the temple building work by political scheming throughout Cyrus' reign (Ez 4.4-5).

In the next reign they falsely accused the Jews of rebuilding the walls of the city, not just of the temple, and intending to rebel, persuading the new ruler to write prohibiting further building work.

- Ez 4.23-24 when the... letter was read... they went up in haste... unto the Jews, ***and made them to cease by force and power.*** Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem.

So, because of the lies and political and military pressure, construction ceased for 15 years.

Bad though this was, there was a more dangerous foe than the enemy without.

The enemy within.

Prophetic Correction

Correction Imparted

During the 15 years of inactivity, the believing remnant not only lost their first faith and courage; they lost their commitment to their original heavenly vision, turning instead to material things.

To correct this, the Lord sent two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah (Ez 5.1-2).

Haggai delivered a strong and solemn message.

- Hag 1.1-9 ***This people say, The time is not come...*** that the LORD's house should be built... ***is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?*** Now therefore... Consider your ways... Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house... mine house... is waste, and ***ye run every man unto his own house.***

It echoed the loving correction and call to repentance of the messenger to lukewarm Laodicea.

- Rev 3.19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

They were to turn their hearts from beautifying their own homes and back to their original calling. How different was their attitude towards the house of the Lord to that of David!

- Ps 132.4-5 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Correction Received

Thankfully, the leaders and people responded to Haggai's prophetic correction.

- Hag 1.14 the LORD stirred up... the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and did work in the house of the LORD

Divine Encouragement

Their repentance and obedience were followed by divine encouragement.

When the foundation was laid 15 years before, many older people who had seen the original temple of Solomon had wept at the comparison (Ez 3.11-12). But when the work was recommenced, the prophetic promise was that the glory of the latter temple of Zerubbabel would be greater than that of the former.

- Hag 2.3-9 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong... and work: for I am with you... and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory... ***The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former,*** saith the LORD of hosts

(This would be fulfilled when Christ, Who **was** the Glory, would one day enter that house.)

The Work Completed; The House Perfected

Although the Jewish remnant had now overcome the fear and indifference that sought to turn them from their initial divine calling, the task still seemed overwhelming. There seemed to be such a great mountain blocking their path. How could so small a people fulfil so great a calling?

By the intercession of their heavenly Advocate, by the Word and the Spirit and by the grace of God.

By The Intercession of Their Heavenly Advocate

The prophet Zechariah was given a deeply encouraging vision of the intercession for the Lord to show mercy again to Israel by the same Angel who had gone before the children of Israel to lead them to the Promised Land (Ex 13.21; 23.20).

- Zech 1.12-16 Then the angel of the LORD... said, O LORD of hosts, ***how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah***, against which thou hast had indignation these three-score and ten years? And the LORD answered... with good words and comfortable words... Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy... ***I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: My house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts***

In other words, Judah's divine Advocate was praying for them to be strengthened to finish the work for which they had returned to the land.

Soon after, Zechariah saw another effect of the ministry of the heavenly Advocate, the silencing of the accuser.

- Zech 3.1-5 he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even ***the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee***: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him saying... ***Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee and I will clothe thee with change of raiment***. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments.

Joshua, the high priest, stood before the Lord in filthy garments as the representative of a people who had failed. Despite the remarkable fulfilment of prophecy in their day, they had lost their first love, their commitment to their original vision. As a result, they were being undermined by an evil conscience and the voice of the accuser (the literal meaning of "satan") that they were unworthy.

Inner condemnation is a great hindrance. It robs confidence, boldness and full assurance of faith.

- 1 Jn 3.21 ***if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence*** toward God.

They had overcome their indifference and their fear of their foes (Ez 3.3) and restarted the work, and now, through the intercession of their heavenly Advocate, their divine High Priest, they would overcome the accuser, the enemy within. Jerusalem was chosen; she was God's elect.

Just as the New Testament believer.

- Ro 8.31-34 if God be for us, Who can be against us?... ***Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?*** It is God that justifieth. ***Who is he that***

condemneth? It is Christ that died, yeah rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

By the Word & the Spirit

When the Jews rose up and began to build the house, “*with them were the prophets of God helping them*” (Ez 5.2). Helping how? By their manual labour? No, by their prophetic word.

- Ez 6.14 they prospered **through the prophesying** of Haggai...and Zechariah.

The work had recommenced with a prophetic assurance to their divine Advocate of its final completion.

- Zech 1.16 thus saith the Lord... **my house shall be built**... saith the Lord.

And that prophetic word contained within itself the power of its own fulfilment, the Spirit.

The revived Jews were assured they would overcome the great mountain of seemingly insuperable obstacles to their rebuilding of the house.

- Zech 4.6-7 This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel... **Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain...**

This echoed the ministry of John the Baptist. He, too, was told every mountain would be levelled.

- Lk 3.3-5 (John) came... preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; as it is written... **every mountain and hill shall be brought low**

How could such a thing be possible? How could these great mountains be brought low? By the Spirit-anointed word of a prophet.

- **By the Word.**
 - “is not my word like... **a hammer that breaketh the rock** in pieces (Jer 23.29)?”
- **By the Spirit** (for the Spirit and the Word are one (Jn 6.63)).
 - “This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel... **Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts... O great mountain... before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain” (Zech 4.6-7).

What was the source of the overcoming Spirit Zechariah spoke of? The two olive trees described in the previous verses, 2-4. Although these two trees have a wider and fuller interpretation (cp Rev 11. 3-4), in their immediate context they refer to the continual flow of fresh spiritual oil from the ministry of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah.

So, the great mountain would be made a plain by the Spirit-anointed prophetic ministry of Haggai and Zechariah.

The initial rebuilding work had been forced to stop by force and by power (Ez 4.23). It would now be completed not by human force/might, nor by human power, but by the Spirit, the Spirit of the prophetic Word.

As Bro Branham said,

- Satan, you lost. We’re coming over now. We’re marching on over into the promised Land. What’s that? “**What is this mountain, before Zerubbabel?** Who is this, stands before there? **You’ll become a plain.**” **Why? With a two-edged Sword** (i.e., the Word, Heb 4.12), **we’ll chop her to the ground.** **62-0311, The Greatest Battle Ever Fought, par 486**

By His Grace Not Their Works

The building would not be finished by the Jew's own efforts but by grace. When the last stone was put in place, they would joyfully and loudly acknowledge that from start to finish it had all been God's doing, not by their own merit or works. In spite of their failings and shortcomings, His grace had brought the work right through to its full and final completion.

- Zech 4.7 Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and ***he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.***

The work was wholly the Lord's.

Though outwardly Zerubbabel had laid the foundation stone,

- Zech 4.9 ***The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation*** of this house

Yet in reality it was the Lord Who did it.

- Zech 3.9 behold ***the stone that I have lain*** before Joshua.

At every stage of the work, the seven (i.e., all-seeing) eyes of the Lord had been upon them to ensure its successful completion.

- Ez 5.5 the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews that they could not cause them to cease
- Zech 3.9 behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes
- Zech 4.10 ... those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

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Zerubbabel's Ministry Foreshadowed That of the End Time Laodicean Church Age Messenger

The prophetic word proclaimed that, despite every obstacle, Zerubbabel's rebuilding work would be completed.

- Zech 4.9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation... his hands shall also finish it...

And so shall it be with the antitype. The End Time prophetic word shall be fulfilled, despite very opposition, every failure of the believer. "My house shall be built"!

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As God Watched Over the Completion of Zerubbabel's Temple, So Will He Watch Over the Completion of His Spiritual Temple

Just as with the prophetic promise In David's exhortation to Solomon when building the first temple,

- 1 Chr 28.20 Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not nor be dismayed; for **the Lord God**, even my God, will be with thee; he **will not fail thee nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work...**

And also, in Zechariah's exhortation in the building of the later temple of Zerubbabel,

- Zech 4.6-7,9 **Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.** Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and **he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace, unto it.**

So also shall it be with the completion of the **spiritual** temple at the end of the Laodicea Age.

It will be finished. It will be God's work not ours. Despite every obstacle, God Himself will ensure the completion of His spiritual house.

- **Just as** the literal house was completed through the intercession of the Angel of the Lord, Christ, **so shall it be with the spiritual house.** Our High Priest is interceding that we may be saved perfectly (= the literal meaning of Heb 7.25), which includes bringing the spiritual house to perfection.
- **Just as** the seven eyes of the Lord (= perfect vision, all-seeing) watched and rejoiced over the progress of the construction the literal house (Zech 3.9; 4.10), bringing down every mountain until the final headstone was brought forth, **so shall it be with the spiritual house** until the antitypical Headstone, Christ, comes.

The Spiritual House is Completed

The body of **each believer** is **individually** a temple of God (1 Cor 3.16; 6.19).

There is also a spiritual building/house/temple of **the Church as a whole** (1 Cor 3.9), which has been under construction throughout the Church Ages.

- Eph 2.20-22 (ye) are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple In the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit
- 1 P 2.5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house

That work will come to completion at the End Time, despite every obstacle and despite all the underminings of the evil one.

The nature of the final phase of the construction of the house of God through the Spirit is foreshadowed in the completion of the physical temple of Solomon.

- **Just as** the completion of the temple of Solomon was described as its **perfecting** (2 Chr 8.16);
- **So also** with the spiritual house. At the end of the Laodicea Age, the last stone will be put in place, **fitting perfectly** with the Headstone. The house will then be perfected.

What does this signify?

That the End Time believers/living stones **will have been shaped to fit perfectly with the coming Cap/Headstone, Christ. They will have the same life and ministry as Christ.**

Truly the Church shall then be the full revelation of Jesus Christ, as He was of the Father. As Christ declared the Father (Jn 1.18), so shall the Church declare Christ.

As Bro Branham said,

- ... (the pyramid, i.e., the temple) will be capped... then **those stones that fit around that Headstone will have to be stones that'll be so completely like that Stone, that'll fit it... everywhere... so perfectly set together... The Church has got to be so perfectly like Christ until Christ and the Church can unite together, same Spirit. And if the Spirit of Christ is in you, It makes you live the life of Christ, act the life of Christ, do the works of Christ ... we got a ministry coming that's just exactly like the life of Christ. (60-0522E - Adoption #4, par 32-34)**
- the Church... has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of ministry that this left ... **when the ... Cap does come... the Body of Christ will have to be honed ... It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. (62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man, par 368, 371)**

He also said that when that perfect fit comes, then will come the resurrection and the rapture.

- ... that Church will have to be so close and the Spirit of God so perfect working in that Church that when the Headstone comes, it'll cap it together **and the resurrection will come, and away will go the Church. (60-0802 - El-Shaddai, par 28)**
- He and that ministry will fit right smack together. **Then will come the rapture (62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man, par 368, 371)**
- When that Church gets honed into the perfect image of Jesus Christ, **He will come, resurrect all the saints... and take them with Him. (63-0608, Conferences, par 263)**

The Glorious Climax: The Glory Fills the Completed House

The glorious climax of the completion/perfection of God's spiritual house is foreshadowed in the final stage of the completion of the tabernacle of Moses and the temple of Solomon.

- **Just as** the cloud **abode on** the completed tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord **filled** the tabernacle (Ex 40:34-35);
- **Just as** when Solomon's temple was completed, and the 120 trumpeters and the singers were as one, to make one sound, the glory of the Lord was **upon the house** and **the Cloud of Glory filled the House** (2 Chr 5.12-14; 7.1-3);
- **And just as** on the day of Pentecost, **the Holy Spirit filled the 120** gathered there of one accord **with tongues of fire cleaving from the pillar of fire and sitting upon them** (Acts 2.1-2);
- **So also** shall it be at the end of the Laodicea Age when the spiritual house is completed, "an holy temple... an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph 2.21-22). Or, as Bro Branham so beautifully puts it, **"the entire Holy Spirit visits the Church, making God in human flesh..." (63-0901E, Desperations, par 21).**

What do these astonishing prophetic words of Bro Branham imply?

- **Just as** in OT times God walked in a physical, literal tabernacle (2 Sam 7.6); **so now**, He will walk in the tabernacle of His Church (2 Cor 6.16).
- **Just as** the physical body of Christ was God's tabernacle (Jn 1.14, "dwelt" = literally, "tabernacled"), and temple (Jn 2.21), filled with all the fulness of the Godhead; **so now**, the spiritual temple, the Church, the Body of Christ, will be filled with all the fulness of Christ (Eph 1.23).

Truly the house will be perfected.

Unspeakable!