



# The Return Part 2

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# 2 Chronicles 29:5-6

<sup>5</sup> and said to them: “Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy *place*.

<sup>6</sup> For our fathers **have trespassed and done evil** in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have **forsaken Him**, have **turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD**, and **turned their backs on Him**.



# 2 Chronicles 29:5-6

1. **Sinned**  
*Repent*

2. **Forsook and Turned their backs from God**  
*Return to the LORD*

3. **Turned their faces away from the Dwelling Place of the LORD**  
*Return to Jerusalem*



# THE RETURN

1. Return to the LORD
- 2. Return to Jerusalem**



# Ezra 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to **build Him a house** at **Jerusalem** which *is* in Judah.

<sup>3</sup> Who *is* among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and **let him go up to Jerusalem** which *is* in Judah, and **build the house of the LORD God of Israel** (*He is God*), which *is* in Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem.



# 2. RETURN TO JERUSALEM

- Return
- Repent
- Rebuild
- Repair
- Restore
- Reformation
- Revive



# 1. Aliyah

- When the **Jews returned** to **Jerusalem** in **1948**.
- In scripture, it always say to go up to **Jerusalem**, go up out of **Egypt**, go up to **Bethel**, etc...
- But it's always, go down to **Egypt**,...
- This is the **Aliyah** of the **Church**



# 1. Aliyah

## Comeback

- **Coming back** or **return** to the **original state**
- **We are making a coming back**
- This is **the return** of the **Church**
- Return **stronger** than **before**





# Revelation 4:1

<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “**Come up here**, and **I will show you** things which must take place after this.”



## 2. Attitude towards the House

- My house over God's House?
- See the Book of Malachi
- Do we despise the current state of the church?
- God is stirring hearts



# Haggai 1:2-8

<sup>2</sup> “Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the LORD’s house should be built.” ’ ”

<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

<sup>4</sup> ***“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?”***

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: **“Consider your ways!**



6 “You have sown much, and bring in little;  
You eat, but do not have enough;  
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;  
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;  
And he who earns wages,  
Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes.”

7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “**Consider your ways!**

8 Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take **pleasure** in it and be **glorified**,” says the LORD.



# Ezra 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup> When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

<sup>11</sup> And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD:

“For *He is good,*  
For His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel.”



Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

**<sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes.** Yet many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup> so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.



# Haggai 2:3-9

**3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, *is this* not in your eyes as nothing?**

**4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I *am* with you,' says the LORD of hosts.**

**5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'**



6 “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.

8 ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.

9 **‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’** says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.”





# Ezra 1:1

<sup>1</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD **stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia**, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying,



# Ezra 1:5

<sup>5</sup> Then the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all **whose spirits God had moved**, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.



# Exodus 35:29

<sup>29</sup> The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose **hearts were willing to bring *material* for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses,** had commanded to be done.



# 2 Chronicles 16:9

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”



# Psalm 110:3

<sup>3</sup> Your people *shall be* volunteers  
In the day of Your power;  
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the  
morning,  
You have the dew of Your youth.



# 3. Arise and Rebuild

- Don't rebuild that which God has thrown down
- Don't go back to the old
- Move on from the past
- Deal with stumbling blocks
- Restore Relationships



# Malachi 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

<sup>2</sup> “I have loved you,” says the LORD.

“Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’  
Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?”

Says the LORD.

“Yet Jacob I have loved;

<sup>3</sup> **But Esau I have hated,**

And **laid waste his mountains** and his heritage  
For the jackals of the wilderness.”



<sup>4</sup> Even though Edom has said,  
“We have been impoverished,  
**But we will return and build the desolate places,”**

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

**“They may build, but I will throw down;**  
They shall be called the Territory of Wickedness,  
And the people against whom the LORD will have  
indignation forever.





# Obadiah 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord GOD concerning **Edom**

(We have heard a report from the LORD,

And a messenger has been sent among the nations, *saying,*

“Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle”):

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, I will make you small among the nations;  
You shall be greatly despised.



**<sup>3</sup> The pride of your heart has deceived you,  
You who dwell in the clefts of the rock,  
Whose habitation is high;  
You who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down  
to the ground?’**

**<sup>4</sup> Though you ascend as high as the eagle,  
And though you set your nest among the stars,  
From there I will bring you down,”** says the LORD.



# Jeremiah 19-10

9 ... “Behold, I have put *My* words in your mouth.

10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,  
To **root out** and to **pull down**,  
To **destroy** and to **throw down**,  
To **build** and to **plant.**”



# Hebrews 12:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

<sup>15</sup> looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

<sup>16</sup> lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

<sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.



# Hebrews 13:1

<sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue.

