

## RESTORING THE FOUNDATION

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*Just as the Jews came out of Babylon and rebuilt Jerusalem, so true believers are coming out of compromise with the world and false religion to rebuild the Church.*

If you read the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, you find that the Jews returned from exile, and rebuilt Jerusalem. This scenario is entirely relevant to the present.

Just as the Jews were in Babylon, so the Church is been in Babylon, which is to say, compromised with worldliness and false religion. That is why the Bible says, “And 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.” (Revelation 18:4).

The Jews were able to return, and began to rebuild. This is exactly what true believers must be involved in today.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3). “Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man’s foundation” (Romans 15:20). The foundation is Christ and God’s Word.

Jesus said, “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock” (Matthew 7:24).

The Jews were spoken against when they built: “BUT it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.” (Nehemiah 4:1–3).

Sanballats and Tobiahs are around today. That spirit is present with all those who come against the Word, and true doctrine. (The King James Bible translators recognised that it was these sort who were coming against their work and themselves as workmen.)

There are many who claim to be Spirit-filled or Bible fundamentalists who are actually against God’s building. This is also witnessed by so-called “Christian” radio and other media, which is used by them to promote another building, but always to come against God’s building by rejecting, ignoring or fighting it. Jesus said, “He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.” (Luke 11:23).

In fact things have been against God’s building so much that there seemed to be nothing left standing, and a need for full restoration: “Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it*, and it displeased him

that *there was* no judgment.” (Isaiah 59:15). So God has provided the pure Word for the great rebuilding and confounding of the enemies.