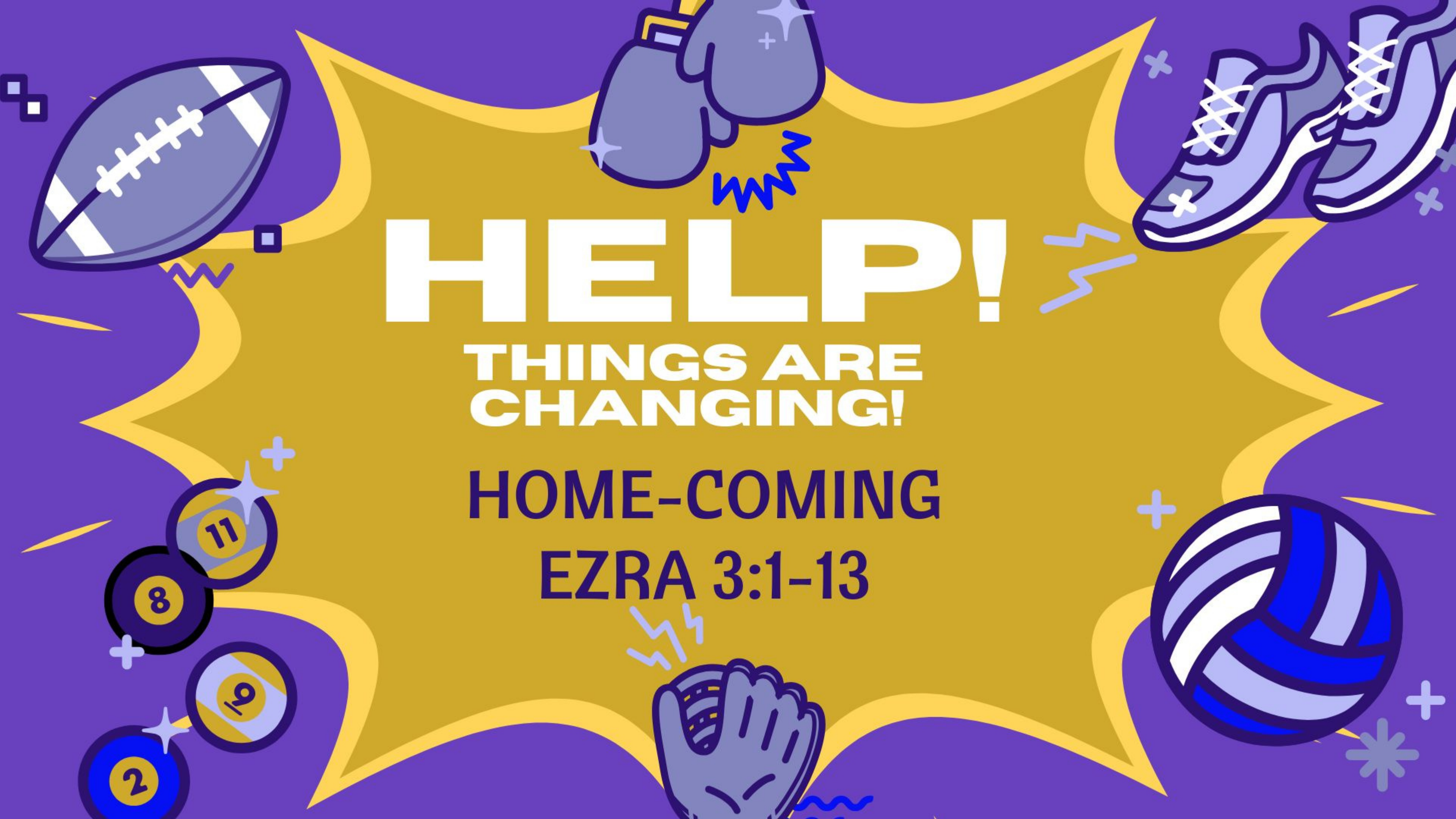




HELP!

THINGS ARE
CHANGING!

HOME-COMING
EZRA 3:1-13

1 WHEN THE SEVENTH MONTH CAME AND THE ISRAELITES WERE IN THE TOWNS, THE PEOPLE GATHERED TOGETHER AS ONE MAN TO JERUSALEM.

2 THEN STOOD UP JESHUA SON OF JOZADAK, AND HIS BRETHREN THE PRIESTS, AND ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL, AND HIS BRETHREN, AND THEY BUILT THE ALTAR OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL TO OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS UPON IT, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MOSES THE MAN OF GOD.

3 AND THEY SET THE ALTAR [IN ITS PLACE] UPON ITS BASE, FOR FEAR WAS UPON THEM BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES; AND THEY OFFERED BURNT OFFERINGS ON IT TO THE LORD MORNING AND EVENING.

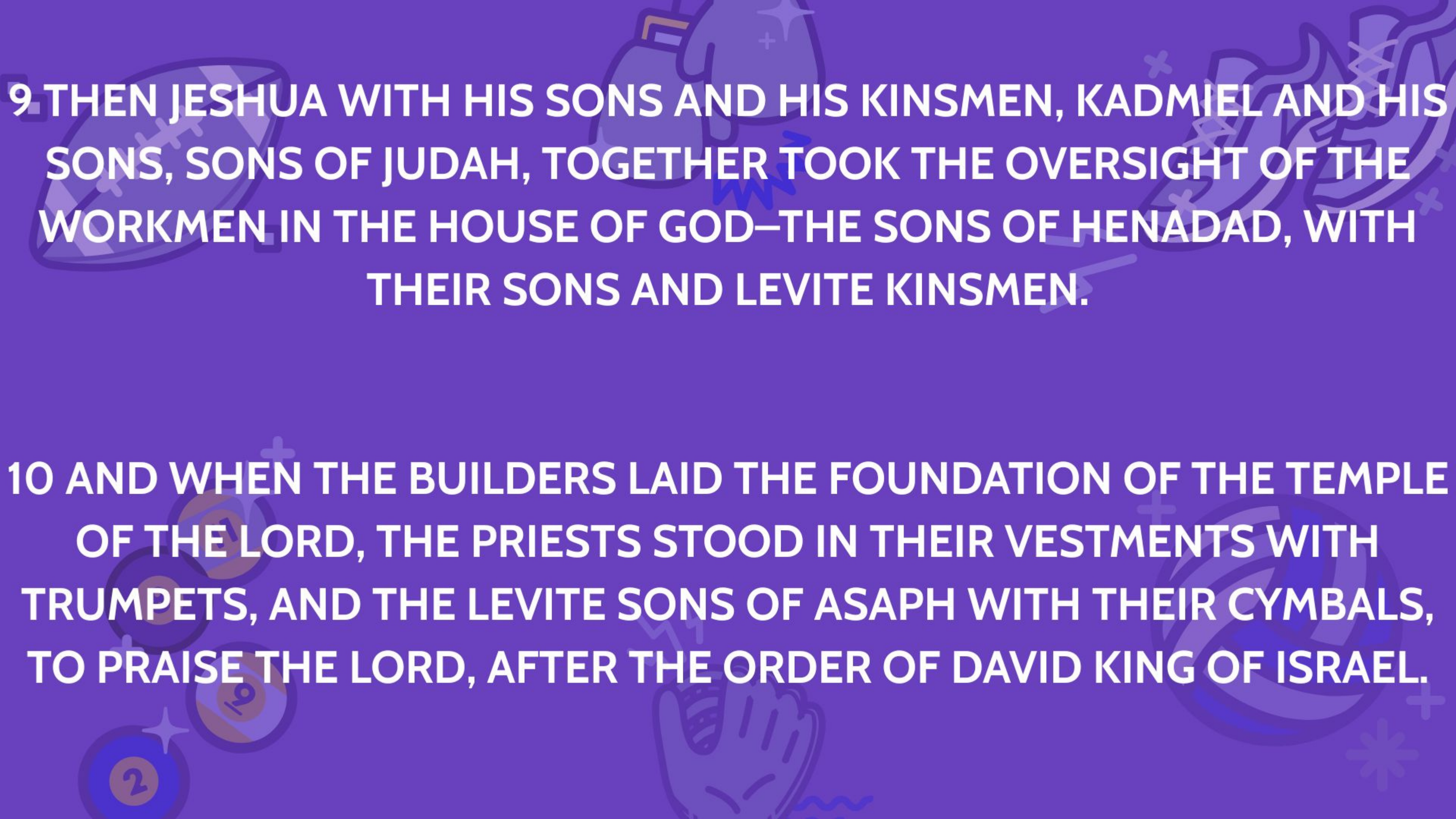
4 THEY KEPT ALSO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES, AS IT IS WRITTEN,
AND OFFERED THE DAILY BURNT OFFERINGS BY NUMBER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCES, AS EACH DAY'S DUTY REQUIRED,

5 AND AFTER THAT, THE CONTINUAL BURNT OFFERING, THE
OFFERING AT THE NEW MOON, AND AT ALL THE APPOINTED FEASTS
OF THE LORD, AND THE OFFERINGS OF EVERYONE WHO MADE A
FREEWILL OFFERING TO THE LORD.

6 FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH THEY BEGAN TO
OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS TO THE LORD, BUT THE FOUNDATION OF
THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD WAS NOT YET LAID.

7 THEY GAVE MONEY ALSO TO THE MASONS AND TO THE CARPENTERS, AND GAVE FOOD, DRINK, AND OIL TO THE SIDONIANS AND THE TYRIANS, TO BRING CEDAR TREES FROM LEBANON TO THE SEAPORT OF JOPPA, ACCORDING TO THE GRANT THEY HAD FROM CYRUS KING OF PERSIA.

8 IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THEIR COMING TO GOD'S HOUSE AT JERUSALEM, IN THE SECOND MONTH, ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL AND JESHUA SON OF JOZADAK MADE A BEGINNING, WITH THE REST OF THEIR BRETHREN—THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES AND ALL WHO HAD COME TO JERUSALEM OUT OF THE CAPTIVITY. THEY APPOINTED THE LEVITES FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND UPWARD TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE LORD'S HOUSE.



9 THEN JESHUA WITH HIS SONS AND HIS KINSMEN, KADMIEL AND HIS SONS, SONS OF JUDAH, TOGETHER TOOK THE OVERSIGHT OF THE WORKMEN IN THE HOUSE OF GOD—THE SONS OF HENADAD, WITH THEIR SONS AND LEVITE KINSMEN.

10 AND WHEN THE BUILDERS LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, THE PRIESTS STOOD IN THEIR VESTMENTS WITH TRUMPETS, AND THE LEVITE SONS OF ASAPH WITH THEIR CYMBALS, TO PRAISE THE LORD, AFTER THE ORDER OF DAVID KING OF ISRAEL.

11 THEY SANG RESPONSIVELY, PRAISING AND GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD, SAYING, FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS MERCY AND LOVING-KINDNESS ENDURE FOREVER TOWARD ISRAEL. 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!

12 BUT MANY OF THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES AND HEADS OF FATHERS' HOUSES, OLD MEN WHO HAD SEEN THE FIRST HOUSE [SOLOMON'S TEMPLE], WHEN THE FOUNDATION OF THIS HOUSE WAS LAID BEFORE THEIR EYES, WEPT WITH A LOUD VOICE, THOUGH MANY SHOUTED ALOUD FOR JOY.



13 SO THE PEOPLE COULD NOT DISTINGUISH THE SHOUT OF JOY
FROM THE SOUND OF THE WEEPING OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE
SHOUTED WITH A LOUD SHOUT, AND THE SOUND WAS HEARD FAR
OFF.



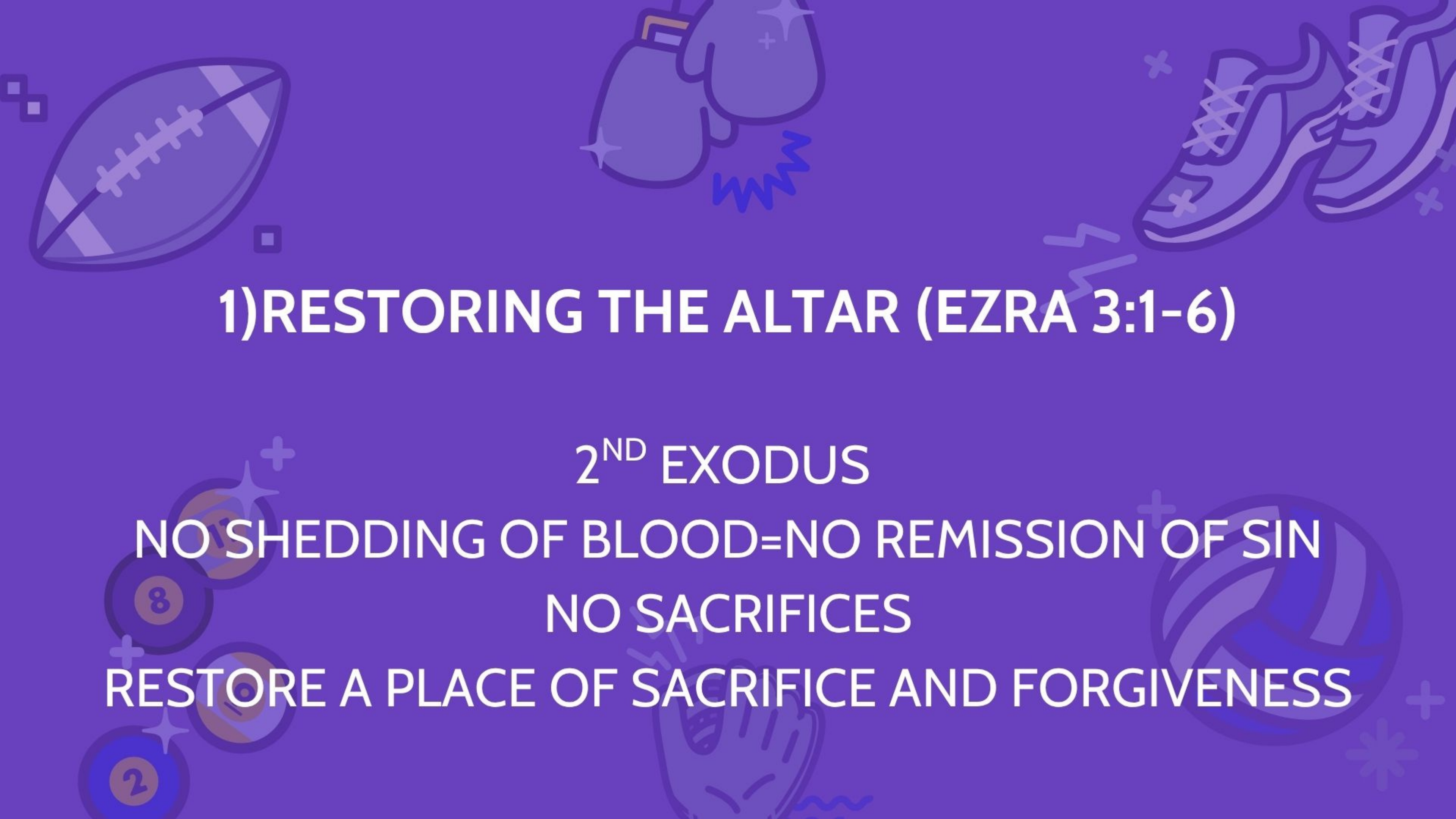


1) RESTORING THE ALTAR (EZRA 3:1-6)

2) RESOURCING THE TEMPLE (EZRA 3:7-9)



3) REJOICING AT THE FOUNDATION (EZRA 3:10-13)



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NO SHEDDING OF BLOOD=NO REMISSION OF SIN

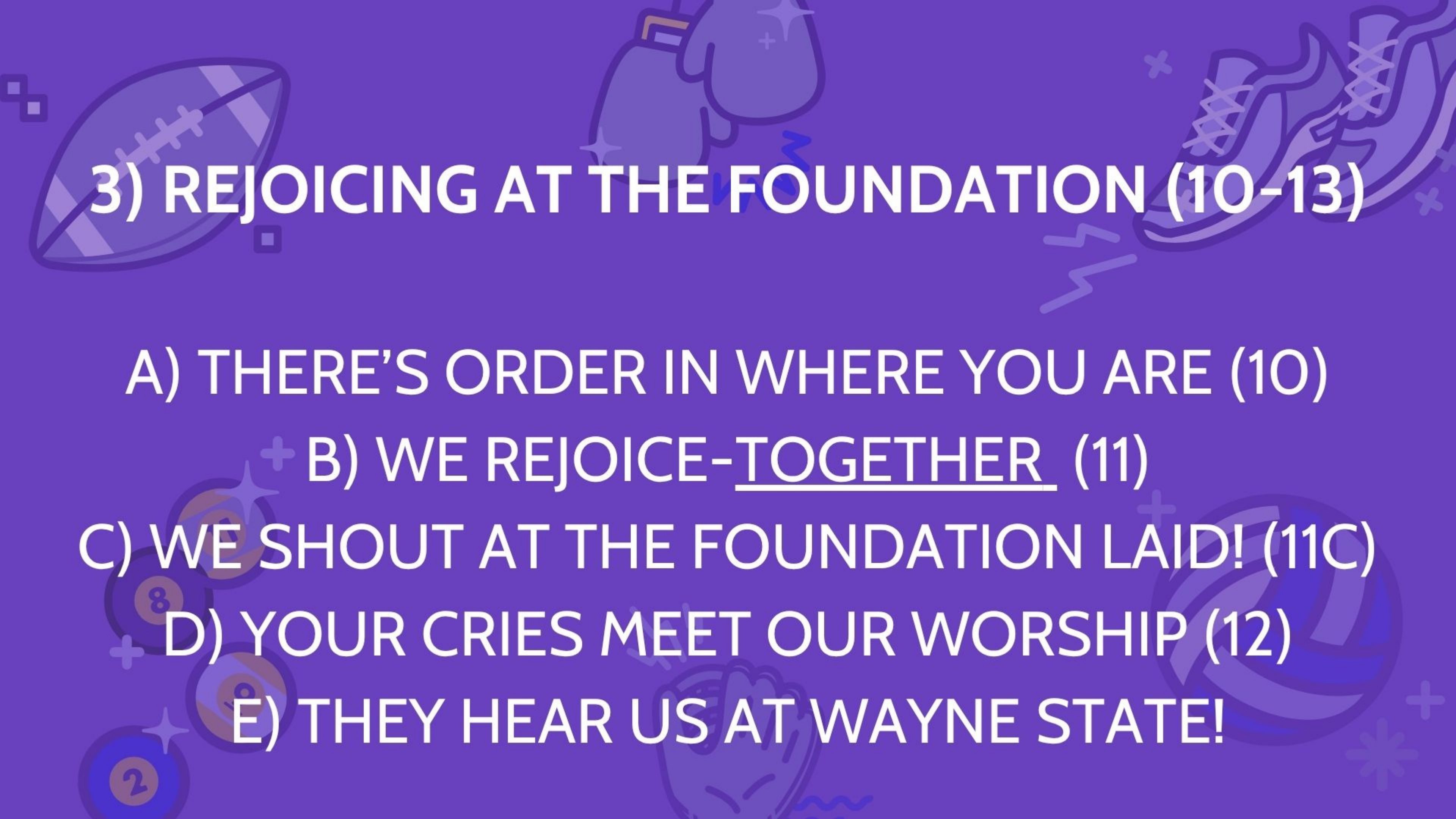
NO SACRIFICES

RESTORE A PLACE OF SACRIFICE AND FORGIVENESS



2) RESOURCING THE TEMPLE (7-9)

MONEY, FOOD, DRINK, PROJECT MANAGERS
HELP DOESN'T ALWAYS LOOK THE SAME
EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING TO BUILD GOD'S
HOUSE!!!!



3) REJOICING AT THE FOUNDATION (10-13)

A) THERE'S ORDER IN WHERE YOU ARE (10)

+ B) WE REJOICE-TOGETHER (11)

C) WE SHOUT AT THE FOUNDATION LAID! (11C)

+ D) YOUR CRIES MEET OUR WORSHIP (12)

+ E) THEY HEAR US AT WAYNE STATE!