



IT'S TIME BECAUSE IT'S NINE

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BIBLICAL MEANING #9: Used 49 times in Scripture, the number 9 symbolizes divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality. Christ died at the 9th hour of the day to make the way of salvation open to everyone. The number 9 also represents the fruits of God's Holy Spirit, which are Faithfulness, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Long Suffering, Love, Peace and Self-Control

Haggai 2:1-9 (NIV)

THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

¹ on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ² "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, ^[a] the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, ³ 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?' ⁴ But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁵ 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' ⁶ "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. ⁸ 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

Ezra 3:10-12 (NIV)

DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO THE TEMPLE BEING REBUILT

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. ¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

WHAT USED TO BE

1 John 2:19 (NIV)

CAN YOU MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT WHO LEFT YOU?

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

John 15:2 (NIV)

CAN YOU MOVE FORWARD FROM WHAT GOD PRUNED?

² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

ARE YOU STILL WORKING THE WORK GOD BEGAN?

⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

THE SPIRIT ISN'T WHERE YOU WERE OR WANT TO BE

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Revelation 3:2 (NIV)

ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK WITH WHAT’S LEFT?

²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

John 20:29 (NIV)

ARE YOU WAITING TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT?

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

COULD YOU BE THE TEMPLE THAT NEEDS TO BE REBUILT?

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

2 Kings 2:9 (NIV)

JEAN HILL LEFT US A DOUBLE PORTION OF HER SPIRIT

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

IN CLOSING

Joshua 6:20 (ESV)

WE HAVE TO GIVE GOD PRAISE BEFORE THE PROVISION

²⁰So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
