

The king sent this reply:

In each group, cross out the letters that appear three or more times. Write the remaining letters in order on the blanks below.



1	B	B	S	B	2	O	O	G	G
	A	A	C	C		Z	G	Z	J
	G	G	G	C		T	O	J	G
	B	C	A	A		J	J	Z	Z
3	H	E	S	Z	4	P	D	V	D
	E	H	E	S		B	K	B	K
	H	S	O	H		B	K	V	W
	H	E	Z	Z		D	V	W	W
5	T	J	E	E	6	C	P	C	F
	G	T	G	J		F	O	P	L
	G	E	J	T		P	C	F	P
	W	J	T	G		L	F	L	P
7	N	B	Y	D	8	Q	W	L	S
	D	A	B	N		L	B	S	W
	Y	R	A	A		B	Q	S	Q
	B	D	N	Y		W	L	K	B

“Issue an order to these men to

so that this city will not be rebuilt until I so order.”

The king’s representatives went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and and stopped the work until the reign of the next king of Persia.

Ages 7+

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Rebuilding the Temple Begins

The people assembled together in Jerusalem, and Joshua and his fellow priests began to build the altar of the God of Israel and supervise the building of the house of the LORD.

Write the first letter of each picture. Then write the word on the blank below.

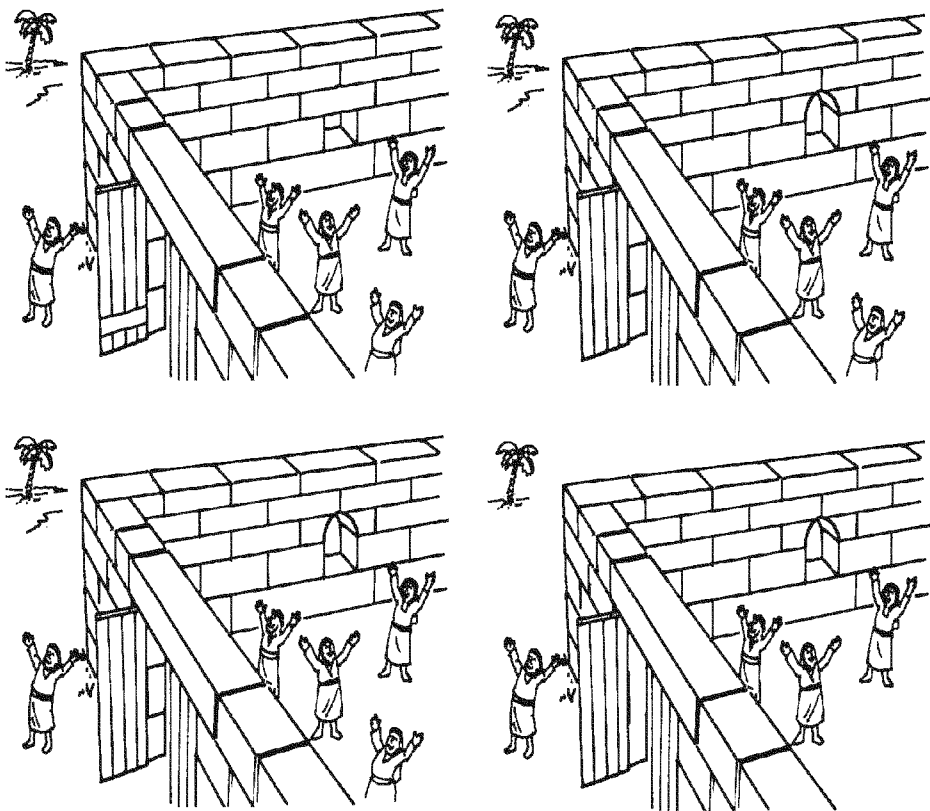


And all the people gave a great shout of _____ to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ...

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But many of the older priests ... 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. 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.

Circle the two pictures that match.



When some enemies of Judah ... heard that the people were building a temple for the God of Israel, they came to ... the heads of the families and said, "Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to Him."

But Joshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, "You have no part with us in building a temple to our God. We alone will build it for the LORD."

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.



= built



= kings



= restored



= city



= nothing



= walls

The enemies wanted to make the people afraid to go on building. They wrote a letter to the king of Persia telling him that Jerusalem was being rebuilt, saying:

"You will find that this _____ is a



rebellious _____, troublesome to



_____ ... If this _____ is _____



and its _____ are _____, you



will be left with _____



in the region."

