Ezra 3:10-11; I Peter 2:4-10

- 1. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David King of Israel.
- 2. And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures 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.
- 3. Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious.
- 4. And like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 5. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in Him will not be put to shame."
- 6. To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner."
- 7. And, "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall;" for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
- 8. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- 9. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

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