

Stirred up to Build the House of the Lord
Ezra 1:1-5

Ezra Outline

The Restoration of the Temple by Zerubbabel, Chapter 1-6

The Reformation of the People by Ezra, Chapters 7-10

I. The word of God is fulfilled, v1a

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled

The decrees of God in the prophetic record: Deut 4:30-31; Isa 39:1-8; Isa 44-45;
2 Chron 36:16-23; Jer 25:1-13; Jer 29:10-14; Daniel 9:1-2

II. The Lord stirred up the spirit of a king, v1b

the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia

III. The Lord caused the decree of Cyrus, v1c

so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. ³ Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. ⁴ And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.

IV. The Lord moved the spirits of the heads of fathers houses to rise up, v5

⁵ Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.