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SCAN TO VIEW THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

Text: Ezra 1:1-5

“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 Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is there among you of all his people? 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 the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.” (Ezra 1:1-5)

INTRODUCTION

1. AN UNUSUAL _____ Verses 1-2

A. From a _____

“That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.” (Isaiah 44:28)

“So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.” (Daniel 6:28)



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B. For a _____

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

“...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5)

2. AN UNWAVERING _____ Verses 3–4

A. To a Committed _____

SOME JEWS WENT BY FAITH TO JERUSALEM

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13)

“(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

SOME JEWS STAYED IN BABYLON

Quote: “A wordly church cannot and will not reach the world.”
—**R. Kent Hughes**

B. For a Sacrificial _____

THEY WERE TO GIVE MATERIALS

Quote: “Those who did not go were commanded to assist their brethren who went.”—**Adam Clarke**

THEY WERE TO GIVE FREE WILL

“...beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.” (Ezra 1:4c)

“And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the Lord; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the Lord God of your fathers.” (Ezra 8:28)

Quote: “When we come to the end of life, the question will be, ‘How much have you given?’ not ‘How much have you gotten?’”
—**George Sweeting**

“And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:43–44)

Quote: “Giving isn’t hard if we love the object of our gift. If we don’t love the recipient of the gift, giving is extremely difficult.”
—**Kent Crockett**

3. A UNIFIED _____ Verse 4

A. The Participation in _____

“They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests’ garments. 70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.” (Ezra 2:69–70)

Quote: “God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.”—**Randy Alcorn**

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

“Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;” (2 Corinthians 9:11–12)

Quote: “There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, ‘I have to’; duty giving says, ‘I ought to’; thanksgiving says, ‘I want to.’”—**Robert Rodenmeyer**

B. The Placement of the _____

C. The Preaching of the _____

“Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.” (Ezra 5:1–2)

CONCLUSION

“And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.” (Ezra 6:14)