

REBUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD

Ezra 1:1-2:70

Key verse: 5

I. God Began the Rebuilding of the Temple (Chapter 1)

1. Describe the historical background. (1a; 2Kings 25) What was the work that fulfills the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah? (1b-3) What is the historical meaning of the rebuilding of the temple?
2. What did Cyrus command the people to help the Israelites? (4) Who responded to King's call? (5) What was the condition of the temple in Jerusalem? (2Ki 25:9) What did all the neighbors do to assist the work? (6) What can we learn through the initiation process of rebuilding the temple?
3. What did Cyrus himself do to help the work? (7-11)

II. People Who Participated in the Rebuilding Work (Chapter 2)

4. Who were the leaders of the people that returned to Judah to rebuild the temple (1-2)?
5. Review the list of the men: How many were they and what can we find about them? (3-64)
 - a. Those who knew their genealogy (3-20)
 - b. Those who knew their hometown (21-35)
 - c. Priests and Levites (35-42)
 - d. Temple servants and the descendants of the servants of Solomon (43-58)
 - e. Those whose genealogy was unclear (59-63)What common factors can we find in the list? Why did the author record them in detail?
6. What was the size of the caravan? (64-67) What did the heads of the families do when they arrived at Jerusalem? (68-69) Where did they settle? (70)