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God's way to stir the hearts of his people

The first chapter of the book of Ezra focuses on the reign of Cyrus of Persia, when God had mercy on the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem so that they could return to their homeland, and named Ezra as their leader. The chapter begins with the background of Cyrus, the emperor of the Persian Empire who wielded a vast territory and a powerful army. Next, the book mentions the revelation of the LORD God to Cyrus that God had him issue an edict that the Jews could return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

In the following verses, a list of those who followed Ezra back to his homeland is listed, including priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, and the Nethinims. These men were the foundation for the rebuilding of the Temple and the rebuilding of the Jewish nation.

The southern kingdom of Judah had been in exile for nearly seventy years, and God promised the people who were safe to live and work in prison (Jeremiah 29:4–7). It now takes a great deal of faith and courage for them to abandon their relatively comfortable lives and to uproot them and make the 1,600-kilometre journey back to Jerusalem, where the city is desolate and hostile outside. As a result, of the hundreds of thousands of captives, only about 40,000 returned in the first batch. "With men this is impossible, with God all things are possible", from the kings of the nations to the people who answered the call, it was all because God "stirred" their hearts. Restoration and reconstruction were initiated and driven by God, whose faithfulness and providence dispelled the spiritual darkness, and the conversion of man swept away the gloom of seventy years: "God works in you to will, and to do your will, that it may accomplish His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

The northern kingdom of Israel died in Assyria in 722 B.C., and the southern kingdom of Judah died in Babylon in 606 B.C. They perished, and the people were taken captive and scattered everywhere. It was not until the reign of Cyrus of Persia (536 B.C.) that he first declared that the Jews should return to their own country to build the temple and return the temple utensils.

The Jews returned from Babylon to their homeland, and their journey was divided into three parts:

The first time — 536 B.C. Returning to Jerusalem with the leader Zerubbabel were 49,897 men, 8,136 donkeys, mules, horses, and camels, and 5,400 gold and silver vessels taken from the temple.

The second time—457 B.C. Ezra the priest returned to Jerusalem with 1,754 men, not counting women and girls. When Ezra returned to his homeland, he studied the law, instructed his people, declared a fast, and prayed that God would smooth the way for them to return to the holy city.

The third time—444 B.C. The governor Nehemiah was accompanied by an army commander and horsemen escorted back to Jerusalem and persuaded the people to rebuild the holy city, eventually making Jerusalem a fortified city within fifty-two days.

God can do anything, and He can be exciting and burdensome to people. When God wants to do something among us today, He will stir up our hearts. Throughout the building of our temple, God actually planned to restore His glory in us. God is also motivating our hearts in our church, there is nothing impossible with God, as long as God is present, everything is no longer a problem. We should not be afraid of God's excitement or the emotion that God has placed in our hearts, because God has a plan and is interlocked. He spoke to Jeremiah and Isaiah about His plan, then Daniel's prayer, and then King Cyrus issued an edict, and then he stirred up the people of Judah and then the people of the land to come to help. This is the call of a great time, and God moves all who are willing to respond.

We are together to witness God's great work throughout the ages! So, when we are excited, we are to be very happy because we have been chosen to participate in God's work. In God's eyes, there is no distinction between believers and unbelievers, Israelites and Gentiles, commoners or kings, and when He wants to work, He mobilizes all of them according to His whims. When God wants to work, He will prepare all the manpower and resources, because this is what God is going to do. He will stir people throughout the earth, and we should respond boldly and joyfully and with joy to witness a great age. So, pray that the Lord will help us, and we must respond to God's agitation, because we were created for this purpose.

Today, God wants to build the church, and when our hearts are stirred by God, we need to respond by taking action and dedicating our talents, time, and money to build God's church. Willfulness is very important. In His great love, God remembers His covenant and wants to restore His people. When He wants to restore a nation, there is nothing that fails. The altar of the temple is a type of the cross of Jesus Christ. Today, the cross is our altar, and the Son of God, priest before God, sacrifices himself for us, speaks to us, shows grace, and gives us all that He is.

Our Prayers:

Dear Lord, thank the Lord that today we enter the book of Ezra. It has been said that if you want to know the principles of church revival, you must read the book of Ezra. May God help us through this book to return to God's presence, restore a good relationship with Him, know Him, serve Him, be sanctified, and live a holy life. Dear Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the earth, you are the God of the plan, and you are the God of the heart. May you also place the revelation and vision of revival in our hearts, and our hearts will be stirred and used by you to act and bear real fruit.

Pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Ezra 1:1:1 In the year of Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah was to test through the mouth of Jeremiah  
And these words stirred the heart of Cyrus king of Persia, and he sent an edict to all the nation  
say

1:2 Thus did Cyrus king of Persia, say, Yahweh, the God of heaven, is ready

All the nations of heaven have given me . And he charged me to build for him in Jerusalem,  
which is in Judah

build a temple.

1:3 And all who are among you his people may go up to Jerusalem the great  
and rebuild the house of the gods of Jerusalem in Jerusalem. (Yes.)

He is God ) May God be with this man .

1:4 And all that remains, no matter where they live or where they live, will give money  
money and livestock to help him . and for the house of God in Jerusalem  
Offering gifts from the heart.

1:5 So were the priests and Levites, the patriarchs of Judah and Benjamin

All who were stirred up by God to go up to Jerusalem to build

The temple of Yahweh.

1:6 And they that were round about them took silver, and gold, and goods, and livestock,  
Treasures help them . [ The original text is to strengthen their hands ] There is also willingness  
Gift of dedication.

1:7 And the kings of ancient brought out the vessels of the house of Yahweh. The instrument is  
Nebuchadnezzar plundered from Jerusalem and laid it in the temple of his god.

1:8 And Cyrex king of Boss sent Mitilida, the treasurer, to take out the vessel and give to the prince of Judah, Bazar, according to the number.

1:9 The number of the vessels is listed below. thirty gold plates, and one thousand silver plates, twenty-nine knives,

1:10 Thirty bowls of gold, and forty bowls of silver, and other bowls 1,000 utensils.

1:11 Vessels of silver and gold, five thousand four hundred; Captives from Babel. When they went to Jerusalem, Barcelona brought all of this with him.

The first chapter of the book of Ezra focuses on God's mercy on Judah and Jerusalem during the reign of Cyrus, king of Persia.

The captives enabled them to return to their homeland, and named Ezra as their leader.

The chapter begins with the background of Cyrus, the emperor of the Persian Empire, who wielded a vast territory and was powerful

Army. Next, it mentions the revelation of the LORD God to Cyrus, who had him issue an edict commanding the Jews

You can go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

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Levites, singers, gatekeepers, and the Nethinims, among others. These men were the foundation for the rebuilding of the temple and the rebuilding of the Jewish nation

Foundation strength.

Finally, the chapter concludes with a mention of the appointment and mandate of Ezra, an official of the king of Persia who was appointed to Judah

Governor of a large province responsible for rebuilding the temple and leading the Jews returning to their homeland. This marked the beginning of Ezra's mission

It also heralded the return of the Jews to their homeland and the re-establishment of their kingdom.

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ezra contains some important verses, the most famous of which is the following passage:

"The Lord stirred up the souls of the people of Judah and Jerusalem, and they came to the house of their God. while

When Cyrus king of Persia had ruled over Persia, the word of the LORD to Jeremiah began to be fulfilled, that is, he had made it

The temple in Jerusalem could be rebuilt. (Ezra 1:1-2)

This passage describes the people of Judah and Jerusalem who were moved by God to come to the temple of their own God. this

It is where they pray and ask God for help. Next, the scriptures mention that Cyriath, king of Persia, ruled over Persia, which was

A very important historical context. Thanks to the enlightened rule of Cyrus, king of Persia, he allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem

Could, rebuild the temple.

This passage also mentions the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to Jeremiah, which refers to God's book of Jeremiah

The prophesied rebuilding of the temple. This passage shows that God has always maintained himself as He has been in charge of the course of history

of the promise and His plan.

Thus, this passage in chapter 1 of Ezra emphasizes God's care and help for the Jews

and the fulfillment of God's plans and promises. This paved the way for the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple

Plinth.

Ezra 1 records the letter issued by the Persian king Cyrus allowing the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem and rebuild

Historical events of the Temple. The theological centropathy of this chapter includes the sovereignty and grace of God and the importance of the nation of Israel

return, and God's promise and leadership.

Theological Central Ideas:

God's Sovereignty and Grace: In Ezra 1, God opened the Israelites through the edict of Cyrus, king of Persia

The people returned to the gates of Jerusalem. This shows the sovereignty of God, who is in control of all things, and who has the hearts of kings

Accomplish His plan. God's grace showed the people of Israel that God was willing to sin and turn away from Him

Will calls them back to His embrace.

The Return of the Nation of Israel: Ezra 1 announces the return of the people of Israel to Jerusalem, this is marked

The fulfillment of God's promises. The long period of exile finally ended, and God freed the people of Israel to return to their homes

Township, rebuilding the temple of God and Jerusalem. This shows God's faithfulness to His nation and makes His promises fulfilled

Examine.

God's Promise and Leadership: In Ezra 1, God leads the people of Israel back through the edict of Cyrus, King of Persia

to Jerusalem. God's promises have been fulfilled throughout history, and God has led them to rebuild with His sovereignty and leadership

Temples and dwellings. This emphasizes God's faithfulness and His guidance to His people.

Theological gains:

Trust in God's sovereignty and grace: Ezra chapter 1 teaches us to trust in God's sovereignty and grace. Whatever we do

Whatever the circumstances and circumstances, we can be confident and firm in God's complete control, as is His grace

Sufficient, willing to call us back to His presence.

Be faithful and obedient to God's guidance: Ezra chapter 1 reminds us to be faithful and obedient to God's guidance. When we listen to God

When we call and do His will, God will guide us toward the good plan He has promised.

God's promises must be fulfilled: Ezra chapter 1 reiterates that God's promises must be fulfilled. No matter how far away God's promises may seem

Far away, when God speaks, He will do it, and His plan never changes. Let us be steadfast in our faith in God's answer

The promise will be fulfilled.

Overall, Ezra 1 teaches us to trust in God's sovereignty and grace, to be faithful and obedient to God's guidance, and

Be sure that God's promises will be fulfilled. These theological ideas will help us to be firm in our faith.