



BIBLE STUDY

Ezra 1:1-11

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DISCOVERY UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION

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Cyrus Helps the Exiles to Return

1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

2 “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

““The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.



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3 Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. 4 And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.””



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5 Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. 6 All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings.



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7 Moreover, King Cyrus brought out the articles belonging to the temple of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his god.[a] 8 Cyrus king of Persia had them brought by Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

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9 This was the inventory:

gold dishes	30
silver dishes	1,000
silver pans[b]	29
10 gold bowls	30
matching silver bowls	410
other articles	1,000



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11 In all, there were 5,400 articles of gold and of silver. Sheshbazzar brought all these along with the exiles when they came up from Babylon to Jerusalem.



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Who did Cyrus mention as being responsible for his decision to let the Israelites return to Jerusalem?
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Cyrus was a pagan king, but he issued a decree for the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their Temple. How does this passage challenge our perspectives on who God can use to accomplish His purposes?



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How does this passage demonstrate God's sovereignty over earthly rulers and events?



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What might be the broader implications of King Cyrus' decree beyond just the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem?



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How can we trust in God's sovereignty over political leaders and global events in our present circumstances?

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To recap, the passage challenges us to recognize that God can use even unlikely or seemingly ungodly individuals to accomplish His will, reminding us not to limit God's work based on our human understanding. Can you recall an instance when God answered your prayers in this unlikely or unexpected way? How did you respond? Share your insights/realizations.

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CLOSING PRAYER



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