

# THE BOOK OF EZRA

## EZRA CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and he issued a proclamation through all his kingdom, and that in writing, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians: The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has given me a command to build Him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judea. <sup>3</sup> Who *is* there among you of all His people? For his God shall be with him, and he shall go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and let him build the house of the God of Israel: He *is* the God that is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And *let* every *Jew* that is left *go* from every place where he sojourns, and the men of his place shall help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, together with the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

<sup>5</sup> Then the chiefs of the families of Judah and Benjamin arose, and the priests, and the Levites, all whose spirit the Lord stirred up to go up to build the house of the Lord that *is* in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And all that were round about strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with livestock, and with presents, besides the freewill offerings.

<sup>7</sup> And King Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem, and put in the house of his god. <sup>8</sup> And Cyrus king of the Persians brought them out by the hand of Mithradath the treasurer, and he numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the chief man of Judah. <sup>9</sup> And this *is* their number: thirty gold platters, and a thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, thirty golden goblets, <sup>10</sup> four hundred and ten double silver *vessels*, and a thousand other vessels. <sup>11</sup> All the gold and silver vessels were five thousand four hundred, *even* all that went up with Sheshbazzar from the *place of* transportation, from Babylon to Jerusalem.