

The Temple is Rebuilt Ezra 6

I. Decree of Cyrus Confirmed – 6:1-5

1. King Darius made a search – 1-2
Searched the archives in Babylon
Scroll was found in the province of Media
2. Darius reported details of decree – 3-5
Let the House of God be rebuilt – 3-4
Its dimensions are detailed
With 3 layers of stone & 1 layer of timber
Let the cost be paid from royal treasury – 4
Restore all gold & silver vessels to Temple – 5
All taken by Nebuchadnezzar is to be restored

II. Decree Issued by Darius – 6-12

1. All in opposition are restrained – 6-7
Tattenai & associates are to “keep away”
“Let the work on this House of God alone”
2. Also supply what workers need – 8-10
Wages of workers to be paid from your tribute
Whatever is needed for the sacrifices
Provide these every day “without fail”
That they may sacrifice to God & pray for the king
3. Penalty attached for disobedience – 11
Destruction of his house & his death
4. King calls for God’s curse upon them – 12
May God of the Temple take vengeance

III. Temple is Built & Dedicated – 13-18

1. Decree of King Darius is obeyed – 13
Fear of the King brings diligence in obedience
2. Work on the Temple is finished – 14-15
The elders responded to the prophets of God
Temple was completed in 6th year of Darius
3. Temple was dedicated to God – 16-18
People, priests, Levites celebrated with joy - 16
Dedication sacrifices were listed -17
Priests & Levites set apart for their ministry -18
Everything was done as written in Book of Moses

IV. Celebration of Passover – 19-22

1. Passover observed as given by God – 19-21
On the 14th day of the first month -19
Purified Temple servants led worship – 20
People ate the Passover lamb in worship - 21
2. Feast of Unleavened bread kept with Joy – 22
For seven days they worshipped God with joy
The people celebrated God’s great victory
How He turned the heart of the King to them
Opposition was put down and God was glorified
3. Take away lesson for us – Proverbs 21:1
The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of
the Lord; He turns it wherever He will.