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Restoring Foundations

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Restoring Promise, Part 1

EZRA 5:1 - 6:12

EZRA 1:1-2

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.’”

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So the building of His house was the priority
because He was the priority!

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EZRA 2:68

“... people gave willingly for the house of God to restore it on its foundation.”

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- That this work stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius means that it has been 16-years (now 520 B.C.) since anything has been done to the Temple.

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“When the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them, then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them supporting them.”

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HAGGAI 1:1

“In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, govern of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest...”

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The whole purpose of their return was to “build Him
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(Ezra 1:2)

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- “The time has not yet come, even the time for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt.”

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- And this lack of interest bubbles up in our hearts and spirits because we slowly begin to replace our commitment to Christ with other “priorities” that often start with self.

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Slowly our lives become oriented around what we want and need and we slowly begin to realize that those needs and wants have little to do with the One who rescued us.

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HAGGAI 1:4

“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?”

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For 16-years the work on God's Temple was incomplete because it wasn't convenient and important.

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HAGGAI 1:12

“And the people showed reverence for the LORD.”



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God once again shows Himself to be a God of mercy and grace.

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- **1 Timothy 2:5** - “For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.”

God loves us with an eternal, steadfast love, because
He loves His Son Jesus!

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