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Ezra the priest returned to Jerusalem in 500 bc; his work as a scribe is well known, while many forget he is from the priestly family of Zadok; and it is their later generations, obviously those elitists luxuriating in the history of these two great men of faith; at the time Jesus the Messiah stepped on the stage of history, they were the faithless Sadducees, a bunch of atheists who paraded around in their fake superiority seeking to ensnare and destroy the Messiah who came exactly as the beloved Daniel had prophesied. The prophetic books of Esdras – especially Esdras 2, are clearly filled with much truth from the LORD.



Cyrus King of Persian, ends Babylonian Captivity

¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord God of heaven has given me. And He has instructed me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah.

³ Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel -- He is God, which is in Jerusalem.

⁴ And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.

⁵ Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

⁶ And all who were with them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that was offered freely.

⁷ King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods;

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⁸and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of **Judah**.

⁹This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives,

¹⁰thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles.

¹¹All the articles of gold and silver were 5,400. All these Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

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