

Work Accomplished...

Ezra 6 is a joyous chapter. After 20 years, the work of rebuilding the temple is completed. A massive celebration leads into the Passover, with many sacrifices being offered. The temple was completed on March 10, 516 B.C. (6:15).



- A. The chapter begins as a response to a inquiry from the governor in 5:6,13-15, 17
1. A search was made and documents King Cyrus had written were found in Media (6:2)

The Cyrus Memorandum (6:3-5)

- House of God was to be rebuilt
- 60 x 60 cubit in size with three layers of stone and one layer of timber
- Paid by the Royal Treasury
- Utensils taken by Babylon were to be returned

Not only did Darius honor this decree, he added his own (6:6-12)

- those not of Israel were to _____ from this project (6,7)
- It was to be paid for out of _____ 'beyond the river' (8)
- Those beyond the river were to _____ daily supplies (9)
 - do this without delay or failure (8, 9)
 - violation will mean death (11)

- B. The chapter ends with the temple being used as it was intended
- priests were _____
 - sacrifices were _____
 - God was _____

Lessons

1. Great _____ in Accomplishing God's work (14)
2. There is a time for _____ (7)
3. Joy in doing things _____
4. God turned the _____ of the king (Prov 21:1)
5. God is _____
6. We must get about setting things in _____ (Titus 1:5)
7. Ezra deals with the principles of "returning," "rebuilding" and "_____."

