### Ezra

## Chapter 1

1In the 1st year of King Cyrus of Persia, the Word of Jehovah came through the mouth of [the Prophet] JeremiAh to awaken the spirit of King Cyrus.  
  
2So, [Cyrus] sent a written proclamation throughout his kingdom that said:  
  
 ‘This is what Cyrus the king of Persia has decreed:  
  
 ‘All the kingdoms of the earth have been given to me by Jehovah, the God of the heavens, and He told me to build a Temple to Him in JeruSalem of Judah. 3So, who of you are His people? His God Jehovah is now with him!  
  
 ‘Therefore, let him [return to JeruSalem] and build a Temple for the God of IsraEl who is The God in JeruSalem.  
  
 4‘Therefore, all the Judeans should leave the places where they’ve been staying and take up a collection of silver and gold, as well as of things from among their belongings and their cattle, [to rebuild] the Temple of God in JeruSalem.’  
  
  
5And thereafter, the family heads of Judah and BenJamin, as well as the Priests and Levites – everyone whose spirit God had awakened to go and build a Temple of Jehovah in JeruSalem – got up and left, 6[carrying along] silver, gold, cattle, and gifts, in addition to their own offerings and personal belongings.  
  
7King Cyrus also brought out the things [that had been taken] from the Temple of Jehovah, which NebuChadNezzar had removed from JeruSalem and put into the temple of his god, 8and [Cyrus] sent them by the hand of his Royal Treasurer MithraDates, who counted everything and gave it all to SasaBasar, the [man who’d been appointed as] the ruler of Judah.  
  
9This is what he sent:  
  
 • 30 wine-chillers of gold  
 • 30 wine-chillers of silver  
 • 29 sacrificial knives  
 • 30 gold washbasins  
 • 410 double-silver items  
 • 1,000 other items, plus 5,400 smaller things of silver and gold.  
  
SasaBasar had it all carried from Babylon to JeruSalem during the resettlement.