- 19 And the enemies set fire to the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burnt all the towers, and what soever was precious they destroyed.
- 20 Whosoever escaped the sword, was led into Babylon, and there served the king and his sons, till the reign of the king of Persia,
- 21 That the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias might be fulfilled, and the land might keep her sabbaths: for all the days of the desolation she kept a sabbath, till the seventy years were expired.
- 22 But in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, to fulfil the word of the Lord, which he had spoken by the mouth of Jeremias, the Lord stirred up the heart of Cyrus, king of the Persians: who commanded it to be proclaimed through all his kingdom, and by writing also, saying:
- 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians: All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord the God of heaven given to me, and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judea: who is there among you of all his people? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.

## First Book of Esdras

## Chapter 1

In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremias might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians: and he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and in writing also, saying:

- 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians: The Lord the God of heaven hath given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judea.
- **3** Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him. Let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judea, and build the house of the Lord the God of Israel: he is the God that is in Jerusalem.
- 4 And let all the rest in all places wheresoever they dwell, help him every man from his place, with silver and gold, and goods, and cattle, besides that which they offer freely to the temple of God, which is in Jerusalem.
- 5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Juda and Benjamin, and the priests, and Levites, and every one whose spirit God had raised up, to go up to build the temple of the Lord, which was in Jerusalem.
- **6** And all they that were round about, helped their hands with vessels of silver, and gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with furniture, besides what they had offered on their own accord.

- **7** And king Cyrus brought forth vessels of the temple of the Lord, which Nabuchodonosor had taken from Jerusalem, and had put them in the temple of his god.
- 8 Now Cyrus king of Persia brought them forth by the hand of Mithridates the son of Gazabar, and numbered them to Sassabasar the prince of Juda.
- **9** And this is the number of them: thirty bowls of gold, a thousand bowls of silver, nine and twenty knives, thirty cups of gold,
- 10 Silver cups of a second sort, four hundred and ten: other vessels a thousand.
- 11 All the vessels of gold and silver, five thousand four hundred: all these Sassabasar brought with them that came up from the captivity of Babylon to Jerusalem.

## Chapter 2

Now these are the children of the province, that went out of the captivity, which Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Juda, every man to his city.

- 2 Who came with Zorobabel, Josue, Nehemia, Saraia, Rahelaia, Mardochai, Belsan, Mesphar, Beguai, Rehum, Baana. The number of the men of the people of Israel:
- **3** The children of Pharos two thousand one hundred seventy-two.

- 4 The children of Sephatia, three hundred seventy-two.
- **5** The children of Area, seven hundred seventy-five.
- **6** The children of Phahath Moab, of the children of Josue: Joab, Two thousand eight hundred twelve.
- 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty-four.
- **8** The children of Zethua, nine hundred forty-five.
  - **9** The children of Zachai, seven hundred sixty.
- 10 The children of Bani, six hundred fortytwo.
- 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twentythree.
- 12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty-two.
- 13 The children of Adonicam, six hundred sixty-six.
- 14 The children of Beguai, two thousand fiftysix.
- 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty-four.
- 16 The children of Ather, who were of Ezechias, ninety-eight.
- 17 The children of Besai, three hundred and twenty-three.
  - 18 The children of Jora, a hundred and twelve.
- 19 The children of Hasum, two hundred twenty-three.
  - **20** The children of Gebbar, ninety-five.
- **21** The children of Bethlehem, a hundred twenty-three.
  - 22 The men of Netupha, fifty-six.
- 23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty-eight.
  - **24** The children of Azmaveth, forty-two.
- 25 The children of Cariathiarim, Cephira, and Beroth, seven hundred forty-three.

- **26** The children of Rama and Gabaa, six hundred twenty-one.
- 27 The men of Machmas, a hundred twenty-two.
- 28 The men of Bethel and Hai, two hundred twenty-three.
  - 29 The children of Nebo, fifty-two.
  - **30** The children of Megbis, a hundred fifty-six.
- **31** The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty-five.
- **32** The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
- **33** The children of Lod, Hadid and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five.
- **34** The children of Jericho, three hundred forty-five.
- **35** The children of Senaa, three thousand six hundred thirty.
- **36** The priests: the children of Jadaia of the house of Josue, nine hundred seventy-three.
- **37** The children of Emmer, a thousand fifty-two.
- **38** The children of Pheshur, a thousand two hundred forty-seven.
- **39** The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
- **40** The Levites: the children of Josue and of Cedmihel, the children of Odovia, seventy-four.
- 41 The singing men: the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty-eight.
- 42 The children of the porters: the children of Sellum, the children of Ater, the children of Telmon, the children of Accub, the children of Hatita, the children of Sobai: in all a hundred thirty-nine.
- 43 The Nathinites: the children of Siha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- **44** The children of Ceros, the children of Sia, the children of Phadon,