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# Zerubbabel Returns to Israel

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## Lesson Focus

The prophecies of Jeremiah and Isaiah finally came true! The Jews, who had been taken captive 70 years earlier, were given permission by King Cyrus to go back to their homeland. They went to work once they arrived. First, they restored worship. Then they rebuilt the temple. And when the temple was completed, they rejoiced.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** Ezra 1:1–3, 1:5–6, 2:64–65, 6:16–17

**Grades 4–5:** Ezra 1:1–6, 2:64–65, 3:10–11, 4:4–5, 6:15–17

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ God stirred King Cyrus of Persia to make a proclamation saying the Jews could return to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.
- ▶ Zerubbabel led the people back to Judah, and they began to rebuild the temple. After 21 years, the temple was completed, and the people celebrated God's faithfulness with great joy and praise to God.

