

Consider Your Ways

A Dark Time For Israel

- Despite God's Pleas
 - Jerusalem falls to Babylon in 606BC
- Deut. 28:33,36,41,47-50
- Jeremiah – The weeping prophet
 - 24:10

Promise of Return

- Jeremiah 24:5-7
 - after 70 years 29:10; 33:7
- Isaiah 44:28; 45:13
 - Persian King Cyrus to help

Cyrus Sends them back

- Ezra Ch. 1
- :1-4 Cyrus orders
- :5-7 people respond
- 536BC
- Jerusalem fell in 606BC

The Work Begins

- Ezra Ch. 3
- :8 The Work Begins
- :10-13 Reaction to the foundation being laid

Trouble From Others

- Ezra Ch. 4
- :1-2 Offer to help
- :3 Zerubbabel's response
- :4-5 Discouragement & Plan to Stop
- :6-16 Letter to the King of Persia

The Building Stops

- Ezra 4:19-21 King's Order
- Ezra 4:24 The Jews stop building

God's Word thru Haggai

- Ezra 5:1
- Haggai ch. 1
- “Consider Your Ways!”

Jews Resume Building

- Ezra 5:2
- They already had an order to build
- God was with them
- Persian King Darius helps 6:7-12

Are you building God's house?

- 1 Timothy 3:15
- What are the priorities in your life?

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