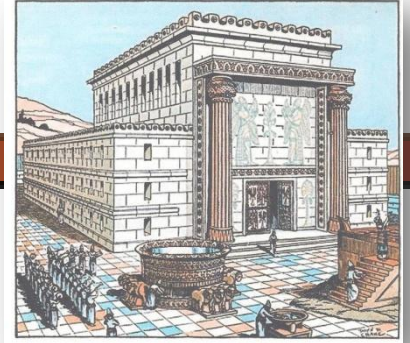


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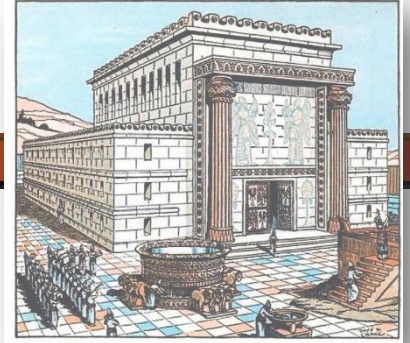


- God's people in captivity 70yrs
- Decree of Cyrus **Ezra 1:1-5**
- Building begins / delayed / finished

Ezra 1:6 – 6:22

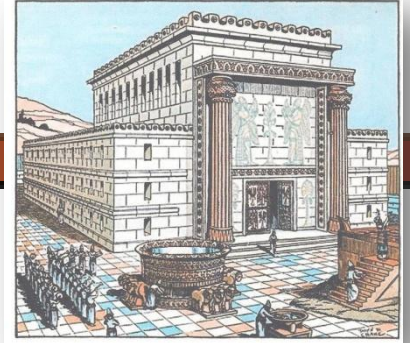
Why build the Temple before building the walls of Jerusalem?

Return From Captivity



- **Restoration can only begin when God has been placed on the throne FIRST!**
 - *Protection came from God's presence*
 - *Piety would be found in worship of God*
 - *Perseverance is the result of sacrifice*
 - *Purity is a daily service*

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- **Protection comes from God's presence in your life**

- **2 Kings 6:15-17**

The army of God

- **Psalm 34:7**

The angel of the Lord

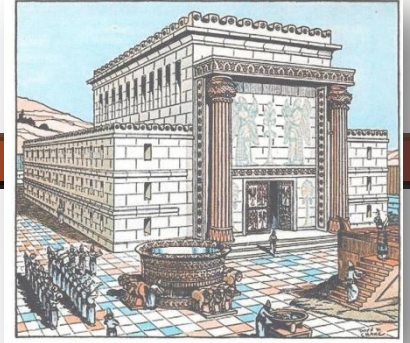
- **Matthew 6:25-34**

Seek His RULE in life

- **Colossians 3:12-17**

Peace of God RULES

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- **Piety is found in daily worship to the Father**

As the temple was a place of worship, so the heart must be a place of worship

- **Matthew 6:19-21**

Treasure of the heart

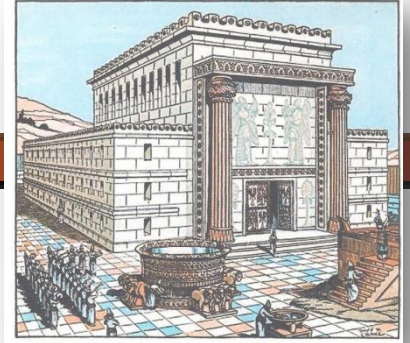
- **1 Peter 1:13-19**

Lives of holiness

- **Proverbs 23:7**

As the heart thinks

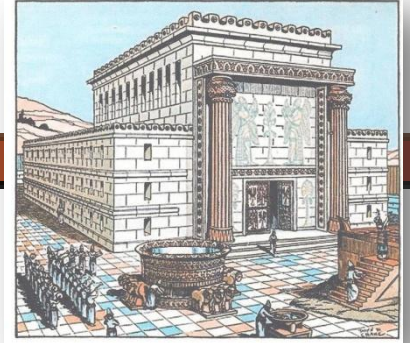
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- **Perseverance is the result of sacrifice – the temple was a place of sacrifice**

- **Ezra 6:19-22** *Sacrifice demands choice*
- **Galatians 2:20** *Crucifixion is sacrifice*
- **Ephesians 5:1-2** *Offering and sacrifice*


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- **Purity is a daily walk with God**

The Temple required daily service

- **1 Corinthians 9:27** *Daily discipline*
- **Philippians 2:12** *Cultivate (LITV)*
- **1 Corinthians 15:31** *“I die daily”*
- **1 Timothy 4:12-16** *Be an example*



O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.