



Today's Topic:

Moving with God

Ezra 1:1-4

November 2, 2025

1. Renewed _____

“In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing....”

Ezra 1:1 (NIV, 2011)

2. Renewed _____

“Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem.” Ezra 1:5 (NIV, 2011)

3. Renewed _____

“All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings. Moreover, King Cyrus brought out the articles belonging to the temple of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his god.” Ezra 1:6-7 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions:

1. List some reasons why people choose to “remodel” their home or business?
2. Read Ezra 1:1-4, Jeremiah 29:10-14. How is God using Cyrus to fulfill a promise?
3. Read Isaiah 45:1-7. Traditional interpreters believe this passage was written almost 200 years before the events described by Ezra. Why would God reveal Cyrus’s name so far in advance?
4. Read Ezra 1:5-7. How does God “move” hearts? What does this figure of speech mean?
5. How might the people in Judah benefit from this new sanctuary?
6. How might people in our area benefit from our renewed sanctuary?