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- Ezra 3:1-9.
- *When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled together as one in Jerusalem.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.*



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- <sup>3</sup> *Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices.*

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- ***7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.***

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- <sup>8</sup> *In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the people (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work. They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the Lord.*



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- ***<sup>9</sup> Joshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers—all Levites—joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.***

# • Why did they stop building the temple?

## • Ezra 4:1-5.

*1 When the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were building a temple for the Lord, the God of Israel, 2 they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families and said, “Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to him since the time of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.”*

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- <sup>3</sup> *But Zerubbabel, Joshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, “You have no part with us in building a temple to our God. We alone will build it for the Lord, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia, commanded us.”*



- Why did they stop building the temple?
- Ezra 4:1-5.
- ***4 Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building. 5 They bribed officials to work against them and frustrate their plans during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.***

# •Opposition.

Ezra 4:24

- *Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

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# •What was God's Warning? V.5.

- <sup>5</sup> *"Give careful thought to your ways."*
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- **Freedom** – to Worship and Serve GOD –
- **Opposition** – **Discouragement** –
- **Distractions** – Forget God – **Consequences**
- **Consequences** – **Repentance** - Changes –  
**Worship and serve GOD.**

- **V.8**    ***“Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.***

- **V. 9-11** *9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. 10 Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. 11 I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”*



## • V.12

**12** *Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.*

- V. 13

• *13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. 14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God*

- **When did it happen?**

- V.15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

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