

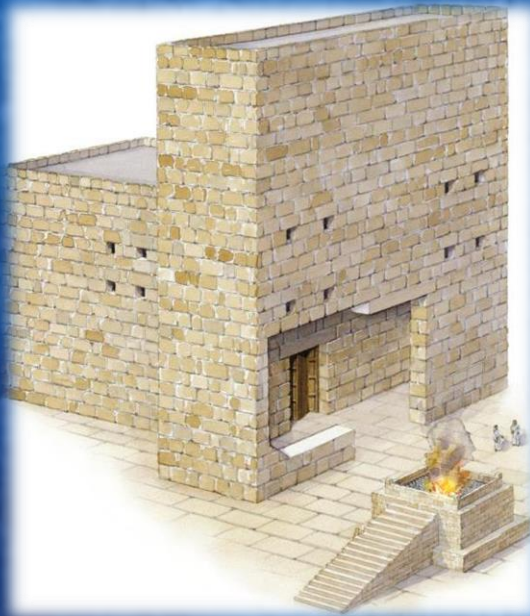
**these are difficult times**

- 539 BC Persia conquers Babylon
- 538 BC Temple construction decreed by Cyrus (*Ezra 1*)  
*Return under Zerubbabel (Ezra 2)*
- 536 BC Temple construction begins (*Ezra 3*)
- 534 BC Temple construction halted (*Ezra 4*)
- 520 BC *Haggai's ministry to returned remnant (Ezra 5)*  
Temple construction resumes (*Ezra 6*)
- 516 BC Temple construction completed (*Ezra 6*)

# Ezra 6 v 13-22



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• Perseverance

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

This is what the Lord almighty says; These People say 'The time has not yet come for The Lord's house to be built'

Haggai 1 v 2

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

'Is it a time for you yourselves to be living  
In your panelled houses while this house  
Remains a ruin?'

Haggai 1 v 4

# Ezra 6 v 13-22



• Perseverance

# Ezra 6 v 13-22



- Perseverance
- Prophetic



# Ezra 6 v 13-22

Of course the prophets speak to their own  
Time and penetratingly expose the spiritual  
And social conditions. Yet the reason why  
They have such relevance and not only to  
Their own times but to every time is they  
Speak from an eternal perspective.

Robert Fyall

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

## OT Prophets

1. They urge people to return to the Lord
2. They speak to their own time
3. They look forward to what is to come

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout  
Daughter Jerusalem! See, your King comes  
To you, righteous and victorious, lowly and  
Riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a  
Donkey.

Zechariah 9 v 9

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

I would like every one of you to speak in  
Tongues, but I would rather have you  
Prophecy. The one who prophesies is  
Greater than the one who speaks in tongues

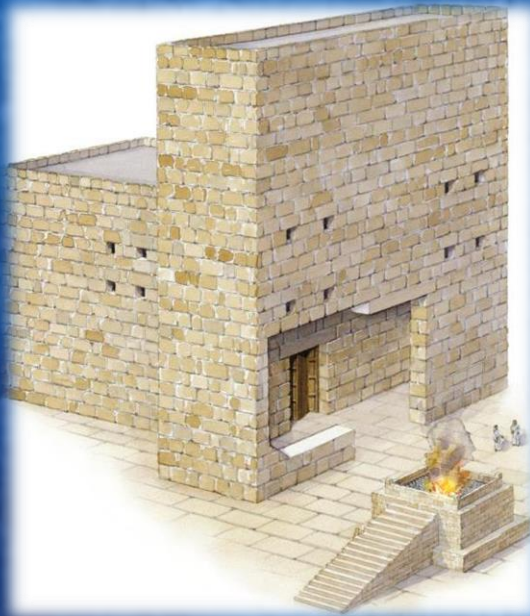
1 Corinthians 14 v 5

# Ezra 6 v 13-22

Do not despise prophecies, but test  
Everything; hold fast to what is good.

1 Thessalonians 5 v 20-21

# Ezra 6 v 13-22



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- Perseverance
- Prophetic
- Passover

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‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel  
“Not by might nor by power, but by my  
Spirit” says the Lord Almighty’

Zechariah 4 v 6

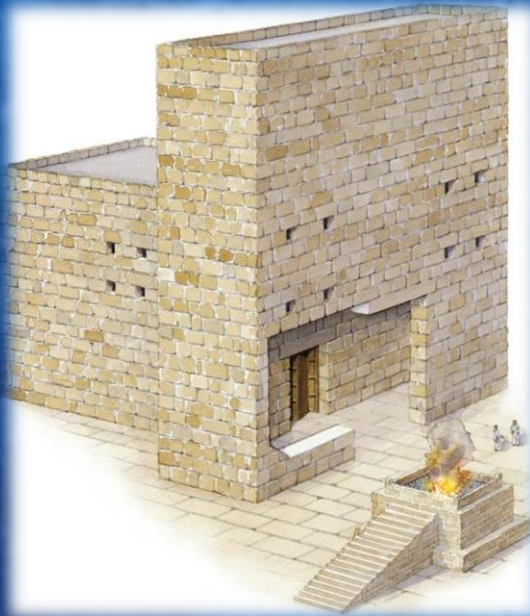


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Clean out the old leaven, so that you may be  
A new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened.  
For Christ our Passover also has been  
Sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5 v 7

# Ezra 6 v 13-22



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- Prophetic
- Passover