



The war in Israel this week reminds us of strong historical lessons when Babylon conquered the nation. Jeremiah records (Lam 1:1-7; 2:7-11).

There are two factors that make the current war in Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem from Babylon different:

1. What happened by Babylon was decreed by _____
2. There was no one to _____ Judah

A. Having "Considered their ways," as Haggai had preached, the people of Judah set about to rebuild the temple.

1. Immediately they construct the _____ (3:3)
Based upon the law of God (3:2, 4)

Why is it significant that the altar was built and sacrifices began before the temple was restored?

Why does the text state, "they set up the altar on its foundation, **for** they were terrified of the peoples of the lands" (3:3)?

A Series of Sacrifices begin Immediately

- Feasts of booths (3:4)
- Burnt offerings (3:4)
- New moons (3:5)
- Freewill offerings (3:5)

B. The work of the temple begins (3:8)

- The people _____ this work (3:7)
They set appropriate people to _____ in this work (3:8)
The work faced incredible _____
- enemy offered to _____ (4:1-2)
 - enemy _____ the workers (4:4-5)
 - enemy writes _____ to the king (4:6, 12-16, 24)
— the work stops for about 15 yrs

The Second Temple is commonly called Zerubbabel's Temple—named after the governor of the land

Two unique things about this temple

- (1) it was _____ than Solomon's (Hag 2:3)
- (2) It was lacking the _____

How are we to deal with our enemies today?

The Cyrus Memorandum (6:3-5)

- House of God was to be rebuilt
- 60 x 60 cubit in size with three layers of stone and one layer of timber
- Paid by the Royal Treasury
- Utensils taken by Babylon were to be returned

Not only did Darius honor this decree, he added his own (6:6-12)

- those not of Israel were to _____ from this project (6,7)
- It was to be _____ for out of taxes 'beyond the river' (8)
- Those beyond the river were to provide daily _____ (9)
- do this without delay or failure (8, 9)
- violation will mean death (11)

C. The temple is completed (6:14-18)

Lessons

1. It takes the Great _____ of everyone to accomplish God's work (6:14)
2. There is a time for _____ (6:6b, 7)
3. There is _____ when things are done right (6:22)
4. God turned the _____ of the king (5:17; Prov 21:1)
5. We must get about setting things in _____ (Titus 1:5)