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1 Now in the first¹ year² of Cyrus³ king⁴ of Persia⁵, that the word⁶ of the w LORD⁷ by the mouth⁸ of Jeremiah⁹ might be fulfilled¹⁰, the w LORD¹¹ stirred up¹² the spirit¹³ of Cyrus¹⁴ king¹⁵ of Persia¹⁶, that he made a proclamation¹⁷ throughout all his kingdom¹⁸, and put it also in writing¹⁹, saying²⁰,^{1 2} Thus saith³ Cyrus⁴ king⁵ of Persia⁶, The w LORD⁷ God⁸ of heaven⁹ hath given¹⁰ me all the kingdoms¹¹ of the earth¹²; and he hath charged¹³ me to build¹⁴ him an house¹⁵ at Jerusalem¹⁶, which is in Judah¹⁷.³ Who is there among you of all his people¹⁸? his God¹⁹ be with him, and let him go up²⁰ to Jerusalem²¹, which is in Judah²², and build²³ the house²⁴ of the w LORD²⁵ God²⁶ of Israel²⁷, (he is the God²⁸), which is in Jerusalem²⁹.⁴ And whosoever remaineth³⁰ in any place³¹ where he sojourneth³², let the men³³ of his place³⁴ help³⁵ him with silver³⁶, and with gold³⁷, and with goods³⁸, and with beasts³⁹, beside the freewill offering⁴⁰ for the house⁴¹ of God⁴² that is in Jerusalem⁴³.²

5 ¶ Then rose up¹ the chief² of the fathers³ of Judah⁴ and Benjamin⁵, and the priests⁶, and the Levites⁷, with all them whose spirit⁸ God⁹ had raised¹⁰, to go up¹¹ to build¹² the house¹³ of the w LORD¹⁴ which is in Jerusalem¹⁵.

6 And all they that were about¹ them strengthened² their hands³ with vessels⁴ of silver⁵, with

¹ + 1.1 made...: Heb. caused a voice to pass

² + 1.4 help...: Heb. lift him up