"Then Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and their companions diligently did according to what Darius had sent." Ezra 6:13

"So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia." Ezra 6:14

"Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius." Ezra 6:15 **God Caused His Temple** To Be Re-built!

"God & Kings" Ezra 6:13-15 1. Divine Disparity 1) Shalmaneser Crushed Israel Assyrian King 2 Kings 17:1-23 Nebuchadnezzar Crushed Judah Babylonian King 2 Kings 24:1-20
God Promised They Would Return 70 Years Later! It is visible that God is, Often invisible what God does! Hebrews 11:6, 27

"God & Kings" Ezra 6:13-15 2. Royal Respect 1) "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes." Proverbs 21:1 2) Ezra 1:1; 6:22; 7:27 **3)** Noticeable: Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 2; 3; 4 Belshazzar Daniel 5:1-30, 31 Cyrus Isaiah 44:28; cf Ezra 6:14

"God & Kings" Ezra 6:13-15 3. Palace Pals 1) Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 1:6-7 Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego 2) ArtaxerxesNehemiah 1:11; 2:1 3) Ahasuerus/Xerxes -Mordecai & Esther Esther 2 4. God Is NOT: 1) A "Force" Romans 1:25; Feeble John 19:11; Faint Acts 17:28 2) Failure Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Esther 4:14