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Local Church Budget

After the fall of Israel because of their apostasy, God gave the nation time to consider what they had done. Seventy years later, when their probation ended, the time arrived for Israel to return to rebuild the walls and the temple at Jerusalem.

However, they didn't have the resources to go back and rebuild.

Yet God had ways of opening the treasures of heaven to bless His church. Never underestimate our God!

The Bible says, "In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid." Ezra 6:3

God touched the heart of the pagan king to allow Israel to return to Jerusalem. Not only that, but the king offered to finance the entire project for the restoring of the temple.

Years later, God touched the heart of Darius, the king who followed Cyrus. He provided the lambs, bullocks, and rams needed for the sacrifices. He also provided wheat, salt, wine, and oil for the ceremonies connected to the worship services.

Some might argue, how could the nation of Israel accept such a gift from a pagan king? Let us remember it was God Himself who touched the heart of the king to support the cause of spreading the Gospel. Today, may our hearts also be open to support the gospel ministry that each church has for its community.