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Title: From Babylon to Jerusalem

Ezra 1:1-11

Cyrus was a Persian king who God compelled to help the Israelites rebuild their temple. Interestingly enough, there's no evidence he was a believer.

When Cyrus came to power, the Jewish temple was in ruins. Babylon put the people of Israel under severe persecution for a period of 70 years.

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Jeremiah 27:1-12

**God made it clear he would use
Babylon's king to judge Israel**

Ezekiel 40:1-4

***this is during the Babylonian
persecution**

Consider God's sovereignty — the prophet Isaiah predicted this well before Cyrus was alive.

Isaiah 44:24-28

Isaiah 45:1-7, 11-13

**Nebuchadnezzar removed certain
objects from the house of the Lord and
put them in a pagan temple. Cyrus
brought those back.**

**Isaiah predicted a foreign king taking
those objects: 2 Kings 20:12-21**

**2 Chronicles 36:11-21 (Babylonian
captivity for 70 years)**

**2 Chronicles 36:22-23 notes the reign of
Cyrus, prophecies of Jeremiah + same
details**

**Since he was king in Persia, Cyrus
represented the man from the east:
Isaiah 41:1-10 (emphasis on v. 2)**

God had long promised via the prophets and psalms that He would re-gather His people in this way.

Psalm 107:1-9

Psalm 136:16-24

Jeremiah 33:1-13

Jeremiah 30:18-20

Remember that God can use anyone for His own purposes. Think of Pharaoh, Pilate, Cyrus, etc.

**Remember as we read more about this
trek back to Israel the rebuilt temple
paled in comparison to the first: Ezra
3:8-13**

In the same way that God knew (and knows) his eventual plan for the exiles from Israel, he knows yours.

**God can use resources from anywhere
on the Earth to accomplish His will, and
we should trust in that same as the
Israelites of old.**