

(v1) \_\_\_\_\_ year of Cyrus

(v1) Prophecies of \_\_\_\_\_ fulfilled

(v1) The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of Cyrus

(v1) Cyrus' proclamation

(v2) Cyrus commanded to \_\_\_\_\_

(v3) God's people commanded to \_\_\_\_\_

(v4) Remaining people commanded to \_\_\_\_\_

(v5) People arose to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the House of the LORD

» Heads of the fathers' houses of \_\_\_\_\_

» \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

» "With all whose \_\_\_\_\_"

(v6) People remaining \_\_\_\_\_ and gave \_\_\_\_\_

(v7-8) Cyrus \_\_\_\_\_ the articles belonging to God

» Mithredath, Cyrus' treasurer

» Sheshbazzar, prince of Judah

(v9-11) An \_\_\_\_\_ of the articles

## Chapter 1 focus:

### Examine the timeline:

- Is chapter 1 chronological?

### Examine the people/tasks:

- Who is Cyrus and what is his task? Read Isa. 44:28-45:3, 11-13.
  
- What prophecies of Jeremiah are fulfilled? [See handout of Jeremiah's prophecies.]
  - » Jer. 25:11-12: \_\_\_\_\_
  - » Jer. 31:38: \_\_\_\_\_
  - » Jer. 33:7-8: \_\_\_\_\_
  - » Jer. 33:11: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Who are included in the people who go up? Who are missing?
  
- What part do those who remain behind play?
  
- What part does the Spirit play in reviving God's people?
  
- What is significant about this exchange between Mithredath and Sheshbazzar?

## **Examine the document:**

- What name does Cyrus use for God (v2)? What kind of distinction is Cyrus making here?

## **Exodus Theme**

### **Similarities:**

### **Differences:**

## **Theme of Separation:**

## Prophecies of Jeremiah

### **2 Chronicles 36:15-21 NKJV**

And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy. Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand. And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all these he took to Babylon. Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

### **Jeremiah 25:11-12 NKJV**

'And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 'Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the LORD; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation.

### **Jeremiah 29:1, 12-14 NKJV**

Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive--to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. ...

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

### **Jeremiah 31:38 NKJV**

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate."

**Jeremiah 33:7-18 NKJV**

**(v7-8)** 'And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. '

**(v10-11)** "Thus says the LORD: 'Again there shall be heard in this place—of which you say, "It is desolate, without man and without beast"—in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say: "Praise the LORD of hosts, For the LORD is good, For His mercy endures forever"—and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD."

**(v13)** "In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South, in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again pass under the hands of him who counts them,' says the LORD. 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:"

**(v18)** "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."