

Review Questions

1. What nation conquered Judah and took the people captive: Moab, Syria, or Babylon? *Babylon.*
2. The prophet Jeremiah said the captivity in Babylon would last how long? *70 years.*
3. What nation conquered Babylon and took over: Assyria, Egypt, or Persia? *Persia.*
4. Who was the king of Persia? *Cyrus.*
5. What proclamation, or announcement, did King Cyrus make about the Jews? *That they could return to their land.*
6. What had God commanded King Cyrus to build? *A house for God; the temple.*
7. What country were the people going to? What was their homeland called? *Judah.*
8. In what city were the people going to rebuild the temple? *Jerusalem.*
9. What special things did King Cyrus give to the Jews to take back with them? *The treasures that had been stolen from the temple by the Babylonians.*
10. What was the name of King David's descendant who led the Jewish exiles back to Jerusalem: Jehoiakim, Benjamin, or Zerubbabel? *Zerubbabel.*
11. Who else went with Zerubbabel back to Judah? What two groups of people? *Servants and singers.*
12. About how many people total made the journey back to Judah: 1,000; 50,000; or 100,000? *50,000.*
13. Who organized the people to start work on rebuilding the temple? *Zerubbabel.*
14. After the builders laid the foundation for the temple, how did the priests and Levites lead the people in worship: by playing instruments, by playing a game, or by serving a meal? *Playing instruments.*
15. How did some of the other people living in the land feel about the Jews rebuilding the temple? *They were not happy about it. They tried to keep them from rebuilding the temple.*
16. How many years did the people have to wait before finishing the temple? *21 years.*
17. What did the people do when the temple was completed? *They celebrated with joy—made sacrifices, sang songs, offered prayers.*
18. What attribute of God means that he is in control over all things: love, holy, or sovereign? *Sovereign.*