

Homecoming – November 13, 2022 – Out Of Babylon

Jeremiah 29:4–7 *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ‘Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.’” (NLT)*

- **We Have To Be Humble** – Jesus taught us this with a towel
- **We Have To Be Hospitable** – Jesus taught us this at a Samaritan well
- **We Have To Be Generous** – Jesus taught us this with his very life

Haggai... *“Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. . . . ‘Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”* **Haggai 2:3–4**

Zechariah... *“Do not despise “the day of small things” because God had great plans for this new temple.”*
Zechariah 4:10

Haggai... *“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,” said the Lord.”*
Haggai 2:9

Ezra... *“They celebrated the Festival of Shelters as prescribed in the Law, sacrificing the number of burnt offerings specified for each day of the festival. They also offered the regular burnt offerings and the offerings required for the new moon celebrations and the annual festivals as prescribed by the Lord. The people also gave voluntary offerings to the Lord. Fifteen days before the Festival of Shelters began, the priests had begun to sacrifice burnt offerings to the Lord. This was even before they had started to lay the foundation of the Lord’s Temple.”* **Ezra 3:4-6 NLT**

“He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist” **Acts 17:24-28**