



1 Then the prophets^{H5029}, Haggai^{H2292} the prophet^{H5029}, and Zechariah^{H2148} the son^{H1247} of Iddo^{H5714}, prophesied^{H5013} unto^{H5922} the Jews^{H3062} that were in Judah^{H3061} and Jerusalem^{H3390} in the name^{H8036} of the God^{H426} of Israel^{H3479}, even unto^{H5922} them. 2 Then^{H116} rose up^{H6966} Zerubbabel^{H2217} the son^{H1247} of Shealtiel^{H7598}, and Jeshua^{H3443} the son^{H1247} of Jozadak^{H3136}, and began^{H8271} to build^{H1124} the house^{H1005} of God^{H426} which is at Jerusalem^{H3390}. and with them^{H5974} were the prophets^{H5029} of God^{H426} helping^{H5583} them.

3 At the same time^{H2166} came^{H858} to them Tatnai^{H8674}, governor^{H6347} on this side^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, and Shetharboznai^{H8370}, and their companions^{H3675}, and said^{H560} thus^{H3652} unto them^{H5922}, Who^{H4479} hath commanded^{H7761} you to build^{H1124} this^{H1836} house^{H1005}, and to make up^{H3635} this^{H1836} wall^{H846}? 4 Then^{H116} said^{H560} we unto them after this manner^{H3660}, What^{H4479} are^{H581} the names^{H8036} of the men^{H1400} that make^{H1124} this^{H1836} building^{H1147}? 5 But the eye^{H5870} of their God^{H426} was^{H1934} upon^{H5922} the elders^{H7868} of the Jews^{H3062}, that they could not^{H3809} cause^{H989} them^{H1994} to cease^{H989}, till^{H5705} the matter^{H2941} came^{H1946} to Darius^{H1868}: and then^{H116} they returned answer^{H8421} by letter^{H5407} concerning^{H5922} this^{H1836} matter. 6 The copy^{H6573} of the letter^{H104} that Tatnai^{H8674}, governor^{H6347} on this side^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, and Shetharboznai^{H8370}, and his companions^{H3675} the Apharsachites^{H671}, which were on this side^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, sent^{H7972} unto^{H5922} Darius^{H1868} the king^{H4430}. 7 They sent^{H7972} a letter^{H6600} unto^{H5922} him, wherein^{H1459} was written^{H3790} thus^{H1836}; Unto Darius^{H1868} the king^{H4430}, all^{H3606} peace^{H8001}. 8 Be it known^{H1934} unto the king^{H4430}, that we went^{H236} into the province^{H4083} of Judea^{H3061}, to the house^{H1005} of the great^{H7229} God^{H426}, which is builded^{H1124} with great^{H1560} stones^{H69}, and timber^{H636} is laid^{H7761} in the walls^{H3797}, and this^{H1791} work^{H5673} goeth^{H5648} fast^{H629} on, and prospereth^{H6744} in their hands^{H3028}. 9 Then^{H116} asked^{H7593} we those^{H479} elders^{H7868}, and said^{H560} unto them thus^{H3660}, Who^{H4479} commanded^{H7761} you to build^{H1124} this^{H1836} house^{H1005}, and to make up^{H3635} these^{H1836} walls^{H846}? 10 We asked^{H7593} their names^{H8036} also^{H638}, to certify^{H3046} thee, that we might write^{H3790} the names^{H8036} of the men^{H1400} that were the chief^{H7217} of them. 11 And thus^{H3660} they returned^{H8421} us answer^{H6600}, saying^{H560}, We^{H586} are^{H1994} the servants^{H5649} of the God^{H426} of heaven^{H8065} and earth^{H772}, and build^{H1124} the house^{H1005} that was^{H1934} builded^{H1124} these^{H1836} many^{H7690} years^{H8140} ago^{H6928}, which a great^{H7229} king^{H4430} of Israel^{H3479} builded^{H1124} and set up^{H3635}. 12 But^{H3861} after^{H4481} that our fathers^{H2} had provoked^{H7265} the God^{H426} of heaven^{H8065} unto wrath^{H7265}, he gave^{H3052} them^{H1994} into the hand^{H3028} of Nebuchadnezzar^{H5020} the king^{H4430} of Babylon^{H895}, the Chaldean^{H3679}, who destroyed^{H5642} this^{H1836} house^{H1005}, and carried^{H1541} the people^{H5972} away^{H1541} into Babylon^{H895}. 13 But^{H1297} in the first^{H2298} year^{H8140} of Cyrus^{H3567} the king^{H4430} of Babylon^{H895} the same king^{H4430} Cyrus^{H3567} made^{H7761} a decree^{H2942} to build^{H1124} this^{H1836} house^{H1005} of God^{H426}. 14 And the vessels^{H3984} also^{H638} of gold^{H1722} and silver^{H3702} of the house^{H1005} of God^{H426}, which Nebuchadnezzar^{H5020} took^{H5312} out of^{H4481} the temple^{H1965} that was in Jerusalem^{H3390}, and brought^{H2987} them into the temple^{H1965} of Babylon^{H895}, those^{H1994} did Cyrus^{H3567} the king^{H4430} take^{H5312} out of^{H4481} the temple^{H1965} of Babylon^{H895}, and they were delivered^{H3052} unto one, whose name^{H8036} was Sheshbazzar^{H8340}, whom he had made^{H7761} governor^{H6347}; 15 And said^{H560} unto him, Take^{H5376} these^{H412} vessels^{H3984}, go^{H236}, carry^{H5182} them^{H1994} into the temple^{H1965} that is in Jerusalem^{H3390}, and let the house^{H1005} of God^{H426} be builded^{H1124} in^{H5922} his place^{H870}. 16 Then^{H116} came^{H858} the same^{H1791} Sheshbazzar^{H8340}, and laid^{H3052} the foundation^{H787} of the house^{H1005} of God^{H426} which is in Jerusalem^{H3390}: and since^{H4481} that time^{H116} even until^{H5705} now^{H3705} hath it been in building^{H1124}, and yet it is not^{H3809} finished^{H8000}. 17 Now^{H3705} therefore, if^{H2006} it seem good^{H2869} to^{H5922} the king^{H4430}, let there be search^{H1240} made in the king's^{H4430} treasure^{H1596} house^{H1005}, which is there^{H8536} at Babylon^{H895}, whether^{H2006} it be^{H383} so, that a decree^{H2942} was made^{H7761} of^{H4481} Cyrus^{H3567} the king^{H4430} to build^{H1124} this^{H1791} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} at Jerusalem^{H3390}, and let the king^{H4430} send^{H7972} his pleasure^{H7470} to us concerning^{H5922} this matter^{H1836}.

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1. make: Chaldee, build
2. wherein: Chaldee, in the midst whereof
3. great...: Chaldee, stones of rolling
4. governor: or, deputy