



1 Then^{H116} Darius^{H1868} the king^{H4430} made^{H7761} a decree^{H2942}, and search^{H1240} was made in the house^{H1005} of the rolls^{H5609}, where^{H8536} the treasures^{H1596} were laid up^{H5182} in Babylon^{H895}. 2 And there was found^{H7912} at Achmetha^{H307}, in the palace^{H1001} that is in the province^{H4083} of the Medes^{H4076}, a^{H2298} roll^{H4040}, and therein^{H1459} was a record^{H1799} thus^{H3652} written^{H3790,3}. 3 In the first^{H2298} year^{H8140} of Cyrus^{H3567} the king^{H4430} the same Cyrus^{H3567} the king^{H4430} made^{H7761} a decree^{H2942} concerning the house^{H1005} of God^{H426} at Jerusalem^{H3390}, Let the house^{H1005} be builded^{H1124}, the place^{H870} where they offered^{H1684} sacrifices^{H1685}, and let the foundations^{H787} thereof be strongly laid^{H5446}; the height^{H7314} thereof threescore^{H8361} cubits^{H521}, and the breadth^{H6613} thereof threescore^{H8361} cubits^{H521}; 4 With three^{H8532} rows^{H5073} of great^{H1560} stones^{H69}, and a row^{H5073} of new^{H2323} timber^{H636}: and let the expenses^{H5313} be given^{H3052} out of^{H4481} the king's^{H4430} house^{H1005}. 5 And also^{H638} let the golden^{H1722} and silver^{H3702} vessels^{H3984} of the house^{H1005} of God^{H426}, which Nebuchadnezzar^{H5020} took forth^{H5312} out of^{H4481} the temple^{H1965} which is at Jerusalem^{H3390}, and brought^{H2987} unto Babylon^{H895}, be restored^{H8421}, and brought again^{H1946} unto the temple^{H1965} which is at Jerusalem^{H3390}, every one to his place^{H870}, and place^{H5182} them in the house^{H1005} of God^{H426}. 6 Now^{H3705} therefore, Tatnai^{H8674}, governor^{H6347} beyond^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, Shetharboznai^{H8370}, and your companions^{H3675} the Apharsachites^{H671}, which are beyond^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, be ye^{H1934} far^{H7352} from^{H4481} thence^{H8536,5}. 7 Let the work^{H5673} of this^{H1791} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} alone^{H7662}, let the governor^{H6347} of the Jews^{H3062} and the elders^{H7868} of the Jews^{H3062} build^{H1124} this^{H1791} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} in^{H5922} his place^{H870}. 8 Moreover^{H4481} make^{H7761} a decree^{H2942} what^{H3964} ye shall do^{H5648} to^{H5974} the elders^{H7868} of these^{H479} Jews^{H3062} for the building^{H1124} of this^{H1791} house^{H1005} of God^{H426}: that of the king's^{H4430} goods^{H5232}, even of^{H1768} the tribute^{H4061} beyond^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, forthwith^{H629} expenses^{H5313} be^{H1934} given^{H3052} unto these^{H479} men^{H1400}, that they be not^{H3809} hindered^{H989,67}. 9 And that which^{H4101} they have need of^{H2818}, both young^{H1123} bullocks^{H8450}, and rams^{H1798}, and lambs^{H563}, for the burnt offerings^{H5928} of the God^{H426} of heaven^{H8065}, wheat^{H2591}, salt^{H4416}, wine^{H2562}, and oil^{H4887}, according to the appointment^{H3983} of the priests^{H3549} which are at Jerusalem^{H3390}, let it be^{H1934} given^{H3052} them day^{H3118} by day^{H3118} without^{H3809} fail^{H7960}. 10 That they may offer^{H1934,7127} sacrifices of sweet savours^{H5208} unto the God^{H426} of heaven^{H8065}, and pray^{H6739} for the life^{H2417} of the king^{H4430}, and of his sons^{H1123,8}. 11 Also^{H4481} I have made^{H7761} a decree^{H2942}, that whosoever^{H3606,606} shall alter^{H8133} this^{H1836} word^{H6600}, let timber^{H636} be pulled down^{H5256} from^{H4481} his house^{H1005}, and being set up^{H2211}, let him be hanged^{H4223} thereon^{H5922}, and let his house^{H1005} be made^{H5648} a dunghill^{H5122} for^{H5922} this^{H1836,9}. 12 And the God^{H426} that hath caused his name^{H8036} to dwell^{H7932} there^{H8536} destroy^{H4049} all^{H3606} kings^{H4430} and people^{H5972}, that shall put^{H7972} to their hand^{H3028} to alter^{H8133} and to destroy^{H2255} this^{H1791} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} which is at Jerusalem^{H3390}. I^{H576} Darius^{H1868} have made^{H7761} a decree^{H2942}, let it be done^{H5648} with speed^{H629}.

13 Then^{H116} Tatnai^{H8674}, governor^{H6347} on this side^{H5675} the river^{H5103}, Shetharboznai^{H8370}, and their companions^{H3675}, according^{H6903} to that which Darius^{H1868} the king^{H4430} had sent^{H7972}, so^{H3660} they did^{H5648} speedily^{H629}. 14 And the elders^{H7868} of the Jews^{H3062} builded^{H1124}, and they prospered^{H6744} through the prophesying^{H5017} of Haggai^{H2292} the prophet^{H5029} and Zechariah^{H2148} the son^{H1247} of Iddo^{H5714}. And they builded^{H1124}, and finished^{H3635} it, according^{H4481} to the commandment^{H2941} of the God^{H426} of Israel^{H3479}, and according to the commandment^{H2942} of Cyrus^{H3567}, and Darius^{H1868}, and Artaxerxes^{H783} king^{H4430} of Persia^{H6540,10}. 15 And this^{H1836} house^{H1005} was finished^{H3319} on^{H5705} the third^{H8532} day^{H3118} of the month^{H3393} Adar^{H144}, which was^{H1932} in the sixth^{H8353} year^{H8140} of the reign^{H4437} of Darius^{H1868} the king^{H4430}. 16 And the children^{H1123} of Israel^{H3479}, the priests^{H3549}, and the Levites^{H3879}, and the rest^{H7606} of the children^{H1123} of the captivity^{H1547}, kept^{H5648} the dedication^{H2597} of this^{H1836} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} with joy^{H2305,11}. 17 And offered^{H7127} at the dedication^{H2597} of this^{H1836} house^{H1005} of God^{H426} an hundred^{H3969} bullocks^{H8450}, two hundred^{H3969} rams^{H1798}, four^{H703} hundred^{H3969} lambs^{H563}; and for a sin offering^{H2402,2409} for^{H5922} all^{H3606} Israel^{H3479}, twelve^{H8648,6236} he^{H6841} goats^{H5796}, according to the number^{H4510} of the tribes^{H7625} of Israel^{H3479}. 18 And they set^{H6966} the priests^{H3549} in

their divisions^{H6392}, and the Levites^{H3879} in their courses^{H4255}, for^{H5922} the service^{H5673} of God^{H426}, which is at Jerusalem^{H3390}; as it is written^{H3792} in the book^{H5609} of Moses^{H4873}. ¹² **19** And the children^{H1121} of the captivity^{H1473} kept^{H6213} the passover^{H6453} upon the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} day of the first^{H7223} month^{H2320}. **20** For the priests^{H3548} and the Levites^{H3881} were purified^{H2891} together^{H259}, all of them were pure^{H2889}, and killed^{H7819} the passover^{H6453} for all the children^{H1121} of the captivity^{H1473}, and for their brethren^{H251} the priests^{H3548}, and for themselves. **21** And the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478}, which were come again^{H7725} out of captivity^{H1473}, and all such as had separated^{H914} themselves unto them from the filthiness^{H2932} of the heathen^{H1471} of the land^{H776}, to seek^{H1875} the LORD^{H3068} God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}, did eat^{H398}, **22** And kept^{H6213} the feast^{H2282} of unleavened bread^{H4682} seven^{H7651} days^{H3117} with joy^{H8057}: for the LORD^{H3068} had made them joyful^{H8055}, and turned^{H5437} the heart^{H3820} of the king^{H4428} of Assyria^{H804} unto them, to strengthen^{H2388} their hands^{H3027} in the work^{H4399} of the house^{H1004} of God^{H430}, the God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}.

Fußnoten

1. rolls: Chaldee, books
2. laid up: Chaldee, made to descend
3. Achmetha: or, Ecbatana, or, in a coffer
4. brought again: Chaldee, go
5. your....: Chaldee, their societies
6. I make....: Chaldee, by me a decree is made
7. hindered: Chaldee, made to cease
8. of sweet....: Chaldee, of rest
9. let him....: Chaldee, let him be destroyed
10. commandment: Chaldee, decree
11. the children of the captivity: Chaldee, the sons of the transportation
12. as it is....: Chaldee, according to the writing