

CARE This Week...

October 4, 2026

Rebuilding the Temple

ZOOM class covered Ezra 4-6...

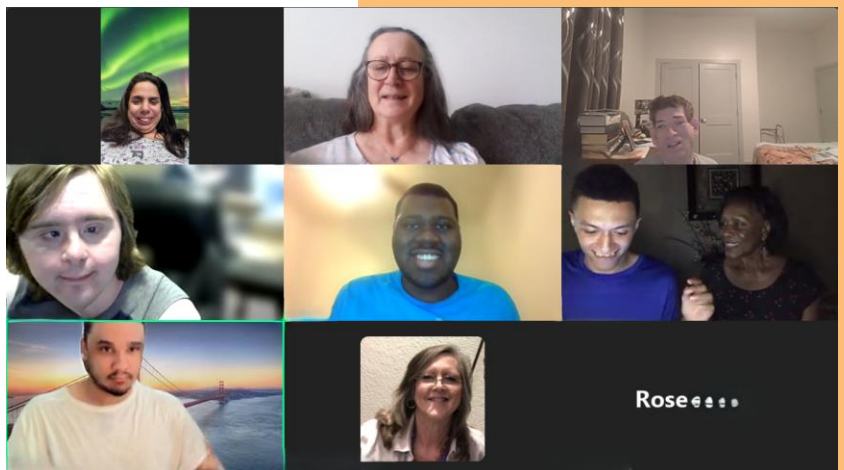
The Jewish people were captives in Babylon for 70 years. Then Cyrus, king of Persia, conquered Babylon. God moved Cyrus to allow the Jews to return to their homeland. When the announcement was read the heads of many families, the Priests and Levites, prepared to return to Jerusalem and the surrounding region of Judea to rebuild the Temple and live back in the land God had given them. 42,000 people set off with their servants and animals on the long trip back to Judea. When they arrived back in Jerusalem they found the city in ruins. Jeshua and Zerubbabel, helped by others, rebuilt the altar of the Temple. The rebuilding of the temple was underway, supervised by Zerubbabel and Jeshua. However, the people who had occupied Judea before the Jews returned and who worshipped many false gods, did not want the temple rebuilt. At first, they offered to help but Zerubbabel and Jeshua, knowing they did not worship God, declared, 'You have no part with us in building a temple for our God, the God of Israel,' The enemies of the Jews then tried to stop the building work by paying people to bully the builders and threaten them. As a result, the work on the temple stopped for about 16 years. Instead, the Jews put their energies into building expensive houses for themselves. King Cyrus of Persia died and King Darius succeeded him. During the second year of King Darius' reign two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, spoke messages from God urging the Jews to continue with the rebuilding work on the temple. Zerubbabel and Jeshua got the builders back to work once more. Immediately Tattenai, the chief official of the region and other opponents of the Jews, demanded to know who had given them permission to rebuild the temple. They wrote a letter to Darius reporting what was going on. King Darius ordered that a search be made of the records to see what King Cyrus had decreed. They found King Cyrus' decree to allow the Jews to rebuild the temple and to supply gold and silver as well. King Darius immediately gave orders to Tattenai, the chief official of the region, not to stop the temple being built and to keep the enemies of the Jews away from the building site. In the sixth year of the reign of King Darius the temple was finished. The people gathered for a special opening ceremony.

Bible Verse: But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever...Psalm 33:11

Life Application: I will trust that God's plans are best.

SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our 'Zoomers' met at 9:30 AM last Saturday. We continued our study of Ezra and the 'Rebuilding of the Temple.'



We didn't have Sunday class due to Founders Day celebration but we'll be back to our usual schedule next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday October 25, 2026

Trunk R Treat

4:00 – 6:00 PM



Sat. November 7, 2026

CARE Game Night

6:00 – 8:30 PM



Fri. December 11, 2026

CARE Christmas Party

6:00 – 8:00 PM