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Ezr 1:1-3,7,11

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them* of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

Ezr 5:13-14,17

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

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17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Ezr 6:1,5

1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

Dan 1:2

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

- The vessels and treasures of the first temple remained in Babylon in a pagan temple and treasure house until after the 70-year captivity and the fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians

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- Cyrus (a type of Jesus Christ) conquered the Babylonians and possessed the kingdoms of the earth; he then decreed the vessels and treasures of the first temple be returned to Jerusalem from Babylon and the temple be rebuilt (Darius repeated the decree later)
- The first return of the temple treasures and vessels to Jerusalem may picture their second return after the 7-year Tribulation when Babylon the Great (Rome) is destroyed (Rev 16:19-18:24) at the Second Coming of Christ and the Lord Jesus decrees the building of the Millennial temple

Rev 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Zec 6:12-13

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

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Mal 3:1

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord**, whom ye seek, **shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

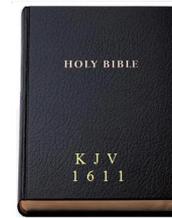
- This equates ROME (the Vatican) with BABYLON the Great since Rome currently possesses the vessels and treasures of the second temple
- It is also possible that the Antichrist will counterfeit Jesus Christ and his Second Coming by decreeing the temple treasures at the Vatican be restored to Jerusalem and the Tribulation temple be rebuilt

Dan 9:26-27

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of **the prince that shall come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause **the sacrifice and the oblation** to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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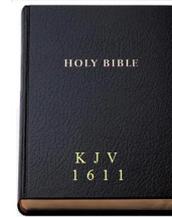


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Rev 11:1

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

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Ezr 2:1; 8:1

2:1 Now these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

8:1 These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

- There was not only a restoration of the vessels and treasures taken to Babylon but also a restoration of the PEOPLE taken captive
- The Jews will be scattered into the wilderness (Matt 24:15-16; Rev 12:6,14) and across all nations under the tyranny of the Antichrist, but will be restored to their land in regeneration and supremacy following the Second Coming of Christ

Matt 24:30-31

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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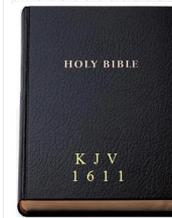
Deu 30:1-3

1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And **shalt return unto the LORD** thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

3 That then **the LORD thy God** will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and **will return and gather thee from all the nations**, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

The FIRST Restoration Of The Temple Vessels	The LAST Restoration Of The Temple Vessels
Nebuchadnezzar	Antichrist
Babylon	Rome (Babylon the Great)
Treasure house of the temple of his god	The Vatican
Fall of Babylon to Medes and Persians	Fall of Babylon the Great to armies of heaven
At the end of the 70-year captivity	At the end of the 7-year Tribulation
Cyrus possessed the kingdoms of the earth	Jesus Christ will possess the kingdoms of this world
Decree to restore the vessels and people, and rebuild the temple	Decree to restore the vessels and people, and build the Millennial temple



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