

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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Ezra 1:1-3

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“Now in the first year of Cyrus, King of Persia, so that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah the prophet might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus... that he made a proclamation... and put it in writing... to build *Yahweh* a house at Jerusalem... then the father’s of Judah... and priests... with all those whose spirits God had stirred up to go build the house of the LORD...” Ezra 1:1-3

No worries, the LORD is always alert and active watching over His word. (Jeremiah 1:12). As He will fulfill His word to the nations, He will fulfill His word to you! When the Lord initiates something He will always see to its fulfillment. Be wise and learn to wait for the Lord’s initiative – for what He starts He will finish.

As we wait for this initiation, “The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus” – so we must be prepared to then stir ourselves to action once we recognize the Lord’s moving... “then the head of the father’s of Judah arose...” How many Christians, failing to recognize the Spirit’s action then fail themselves to respond? “Wherefore, I put you in remembrance that you stir up the gift of God, which is in you...” (2Timothy 1:6)

We understand that a living faith is a faith that acts. “Even so, faith, if it has not works is dead, being alone.” (James 2:17). Endeavor to stay in a constant state of being stirred in the Holy Spirit. This watchfulness will enable you to better discern the initiative of the Lord when it does come.

“But you beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” (Jude 20).