




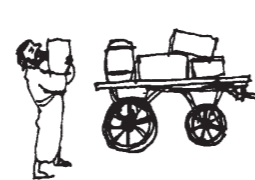



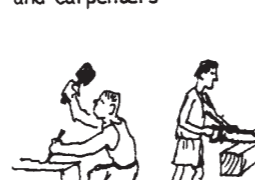
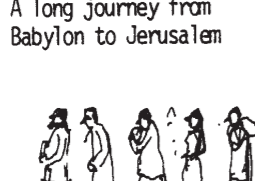
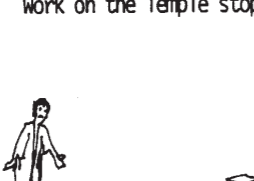
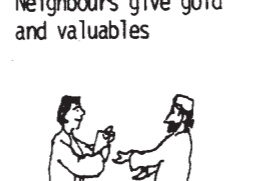
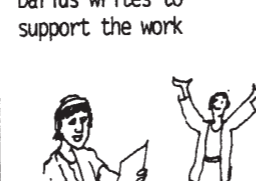
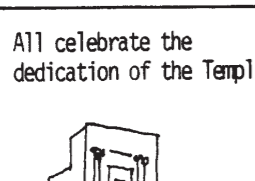
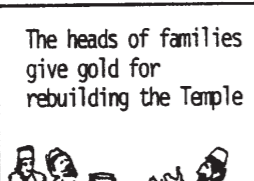
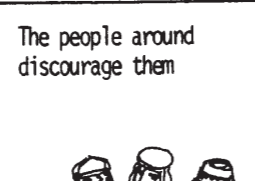


Ezra 1; 2:1-2, 68-70; 4:1-5; 5; 6

*Let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching.
Hebrews 10:25*

Use the passages at the side to decide which order these pictures go in and number them.

- 1 Ezra 1:1
- 2 Ezra 1:5
- 3 Ezra 1:6
- 4 Ezra 1:7-8
- 5 Ezra 2:1
- 6 Ezra 2:1
- 7 Ezra 2:68
- 8 Ezra 2:68
- 9 Ezra 3:2
- 10 Ezra 3:4
- 11 Ezra 3:7
- 12 Ezra 3:7
- 13 Ezra 3:10
- 14 Ezra 4:4-5
- 15 Ezra 4:24
- 16 Ezra 5:1-2
- 17 Ezra 5:33-7
- 18 Ezra 6:1-13
- 19 Ezra 6:14-15
- 20 Ezra 6:16

<p>Joshua and Zerubbabel build the altar</p> 	<p>They arrive in Jerusalem</p> 	<p>The foundation of the Temple is laid</p> 	<p>Haggai and Zechariah prophesy and encourage them</p> 
<p>Cyrus gives them the Temple articles</p> 	<p>Nearby Officials write to Darius to have the building stopped</p> 	<p>The people get ready to go</p> 	<p>They celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles</p> 
<p>The Temple is finished</p> 	<p>Cyrus makes a proclamation</p> 	<p>They commission masons and carpenters</p> 	<p>The people set off for Jerusalem</p> 
<p>A long journey from Babylon to Jerusalem</p> 	<p>Work on the Temple stops</p> 	<p>Neighbours give gold and valuables</p> 	<p>Darius writes to support the work</p> 
<p>All celebrate the dedication of the Temple</p> 	<p>The heads of families give gold for rebuilding the Temple</p> 	<p>The people around discourage them</p> 	<p>They order cedar logs from Lebanon</p> 

Which of the events would have discouraged the builders?

Why?

What encouraged them to continue their work?

What discourages you from working for God?

What encourages you?

Digging Deeper

The last three books of the Old Testament were written to the people when they had returned from exile. In the lesson you learned how Haggai encouraged the people to continue building. What did Haggai actually tell the people? Haggai 1:2-11. What did he promise them when they continued working? 12-15. What did he tell them next month? 2:1:5. Then what did he promise? 6-9. When do you think this will happen? Two months later God says the same thing but has a message for Zerubbabel 2:20-23. Who do you think God is really talking about? Matthew 1:1 and 12-13.

The prophecy of Zechariah is a series of visions but there is also a message for Zerubbabel and one about him. What were they? Zechariah 4:6-10. Zechariah also looks forward to the future. Chapter 14. What especially does he say in verse 16?

Malachi wrote after the temple was built but what had happened? Malachi 1:10-14. But once again there is a promise. What is it? 3:1,4,10-12.

Readings this week:

- S 2 Chronicles 36: 15-23
- M Ezra 1
- T Ezra 3
- W Ezra 4
- Th Ezra 5
- F Ezra 6
- S Haggai 1

Do you think difficulties and problems are always a bad thing?

Can you think of a practical way in which you could work with others for God?

Learn the names of these three books in order:
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

If you have 'dug deeper' in lesson 54 and last year in lesson 47 you should be able to say all the minor prophets.

Pray that you will be a good influence on others