

# 2 Chronicles 36:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

## Analysis

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Chronicles' final verse records Cyrus's proclamation: 'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.' This remarkable ending - a Persian king acknowledging YHWH as 'God of heaven' with universal sovereignty - demonstrates God's glory reaching the nations. The invitation 'let him go up' reverses the exile's 'going down' to Babylon. Ending with this hopeful, incomplete sentence points readers forward - the story continues beyond Chronicles, ultimately fulfilled in Christ who brings ultimate restoration and builds the eternal temple (the church).

## Historical Context

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This decree (538 BCE) initiated the return under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah. The Chronicler ends here (though chronologically Ezra-Nehemiah continue the narrative) to emphasize hope - God's promises endure beyond judgment. The incomplete sentence stylistically drives readers to participate in the ongoing story.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the invitation 'let him go up' speak to your own journey of spiritual return to God and His purposes?
2. What does it mean that God's story continues beyond Scripture's final page, with you participating in His ongoing kingdom work?

## Interlinear Text

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כֹּה אָמַר כּוֹשֵׁן מֶלֶךְ פַּרְסָא כָּל מַמְלָכּוֹת הָאָרֶץ  
H3541 Thus saith H559 Cyrus H3566 king H4428 of Persia H3605 All the kingdoms H4467 of the earth H776

פָּקַד יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה הַשָּׁמַיִם יְהוָה נָתַן  
H5414 given H0 The LORD H3068 God H430 of heaven H8064 H1931 me and he hath charged H6485

בֵּיהוּדָה אֲשֶׁר בִּירוּשָׁלַם לְבָנוֹת עָלַי  
H5921 me to build H0 L O H1129 him an house H1004 in Jerusalem H3389 H834 which is in Judah H3063

אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה עִמּוֹ מִכָּל בָּכֶם מִי  
H4310 H0 H3605 Who is there among you of all his people H5971 The LORD H3068 God H430

עִמּוֹ יָעֵל:  
H5973 be with him and let him go up H5927

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 8:31** (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**Daniel 5:23** (References God): But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

**Daniel 2:37** (Kingdom): Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

**Daniel 4:35** (Parallel theme): And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

**Daniel 2:21** (Kingdom): And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

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