

# Ezra 5:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

## Analysis

Cyrus's command contained two directives: transport the vessels to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. The Aramaic *hekal* (temple) specifically denotes a palace or sanctuary, emphasizing the structure's sacred purpose. The phrase "in his place" (*al athreih*) required rebuilding on the original site—the threshing floor David purchased (2 Samuel 24:18-25), where Solomon constructed the first temple.

The authorization "let the house of God be builded" transformed temple reconstruction from Jewish initiative to Persian imperial decree. This legitimized the project within the empire's legal framework. The Jews were not acting independently but executing orders that traced back to Cyrus himself—documentation that would prove decisive when Darius searched the archives.

## Historical Context

The requirement to rebuild "in his place" preserved the temple's location on Mount Moriah, traditionally identified with the site where Abraham offered Isaac (Genesis 22) and where the angel halted the plague in David's time. This continuity of sacred geography was essential for proper worship. The Samaritans would later offer to help build but were rejected partly because they proposed alternative worship locations.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What is the significance of rebuilding the temple "in his place"—on the exact original location—rather than choosing a new site?
2. How does Cyrus's decree illustrate that God can accomplish His purposes through secular governments and legal systems?

## Interlinear Text

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And said	H560	these	H412	vessels	H3984	unto him	H5376	Take	H236	go	H236	carry	H5182	them	H1994
into the temple	H1965	that is in Jerusalem	H1768	and let the house	H3390	of God	H1005	be bulded	H426						H1124
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