

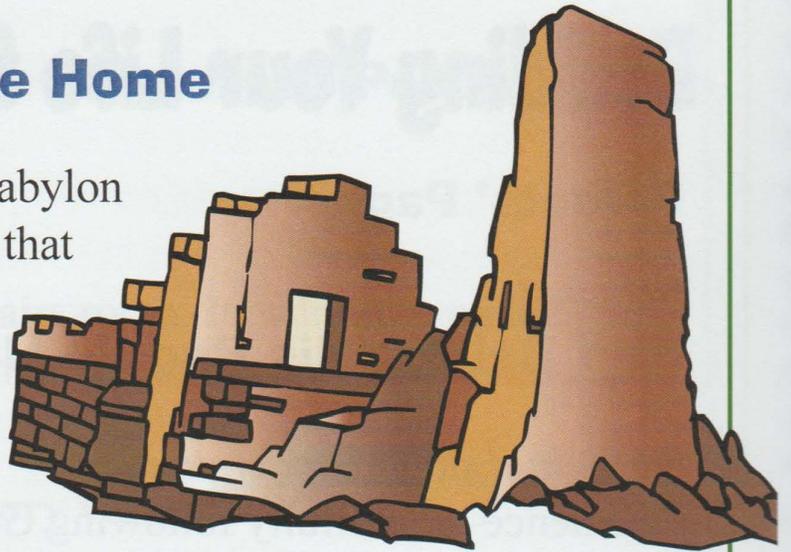
*Lesson 8*

## **God Brings His People Home**

God's people were taken into Babylon to be slaves. But God promised that one day He would bring them back to the land of Israel.

After the Jews had been in Babylon for many years, God told King Cyrus to let some of them go back to the city

of Jerusalem. God wanted them to rebuild the temple of worship in Jerusalem. What a wonderful day for the Jews! After all those years of being punished in Babylon, they could go home!



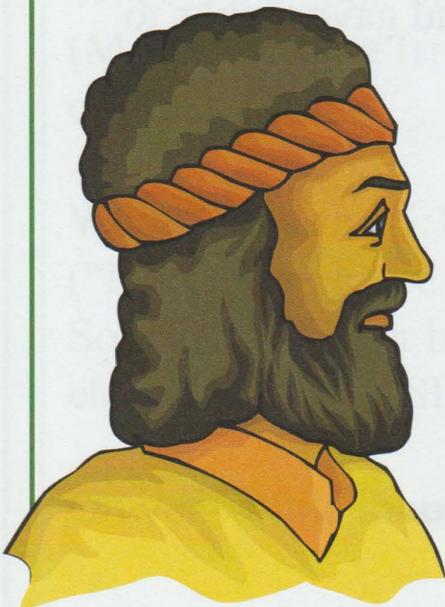
**Draw a ring around the right word:**

**The temple of God was in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jericho**

**Jerusalem**

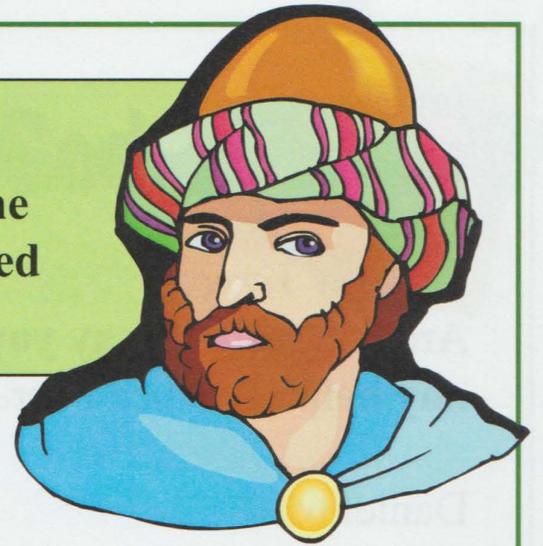
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A Jew named Zerubbabel led them back to Jerusalem to work on the temple. There were some people in Jerusalem who didn't want the Jews to rebuild the temple. They frightened Zerubbabel and his friends to keep them from working. But there were two prophets of God in Jerusalem. Their names were Haggai and Zechariah. These two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, spoke for God to the Jews in Jerusalem. Then the work on the temple went on as God wanted.

### True or False?

Two prophets of God at the time the temple was being rebuilt were named Haggai and Zechariah.



When the temple was finally finished, the people gathered together for the Passover Feast. Do you remember why they celebrated the Passover? It was to remember when the angel of death passed over them the night they left Egypt with Moses. It had been many years since they had been able to celebrate the Passover Feast together. Now, at last, they could!

Draw a ring around the name of the feast the people celebrated when the temple was finished:

Passover Feast

Pilgrim Feast

Prophets' Feast



Sometimes people make fun of us when we obey God. But we want to remember the faithful Jews who obeyed God. We want to do what God says, even if we don't like for people to make fun of us.

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*Memory Verse:*

Are you ready to **say your memory verse in Bible class without any help**? Practice over and over again so you'll be ready.

Daniel 6:10

“Daniel...went home to his upstairs room. Its windows opened toward Jerusalem...He got down on his knees and gave thanks to his God.”

### **Nail Down the Bible Facts!**

How many books are in the **New Testament**? (27) **Say them!**



Who were **Jesus' twelve apostles**?

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

Look at your **Bible map**, and **pat the Mediterranean Sea with your hand**.