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Observations from Ezra 6:

What is happening in these verses?

v1-5: King Darius Verified the records.

v6-12: The **Decree** of Darius

- Leave the people of God alone
- Give the people of God what they need / require
- May God stop any / all opposition

v13-18: The Completion and Dedication of the Temple

- The fulfillment of the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah
 - References: (Haggai 2:9 and Zecheriah 6:15)

v19-22: The Passover Celebration

- Passover (the sacrificial lamb) represents Christ being our atoning sacrifice
 - References: (1 Corinthians 5:7 and John 1:29)
- Celebration of how God worked in their life
 - **Reference:** (Psalm 145:13)
- The heart of the King turned to God
 - King Darius assisted the people of God.
 - References: (Proverbs 21:1 and Daniel 2:21)



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Lessons from Ezra 6

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- 1. Darius searched the records to verify the claims.
- 2. The Holy Spirit worked through the heart of the King.
- 3. The people of God celebrated Passover celebrating God's faithfulness.

Application from Ezra 6

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- 1. Search the Word to find Christ and how God is faithful to us today.
- Reference verses: 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2. Ask the Holy Spirit to begin a work in you and see it through to completion
- Reference verses: Philippians 1:6, Zechariah 4:6 and Ephesians 2:10
- 3. Celebrate
 milestones: Decisions for
 Christ, Baptism,
 Communion, Rededication,
 Marriage, Healing,
 Reconciliation, Renewal
 and Restoration.
- Reference verses: Luke 15:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:7

The <u>same God</u> who worked in the Heart of Kings and in everyday people <u>calls you</u> to a relationship with him.

Come to Christ. Believe and be saved.

The Simple Gospel of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.



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