

# The Joy of Revival

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- God's favour to His people from their exile.
- God's forgiveness to His people after the 70-year punishment.
- God's anger turned into favour and He had mercy unto His people.
- The Preparation for revival.
- The Joy of Revival

**Outline**

- His people were taken captives for 70 years (Jere. 25:12).
- The Lord kept them in captivity and was gracious to them (Dan.
- According to the word of the Lord, their siege and captivity was over and their burden was taken away (Isa. 10: 20-27)
- At the right time, he stirred up the heart of the King Cyrus of Persia (Ezra 1: 1-4).

**God's favour to His land**

- The Lord made His faithfulness and forgiveness available to His people.
- Their disobedience and waywardness was forgiven.
- The Lord showed his mercy and compassion to His people (Ps. 85: 2-5).

**God's Forgiveness**

- God replaced his anger with favour for His people.
- The Cyprus was used by Lord to provide for the people to build the Temple in Jerusalem (Ezra 1: 2-4).
- The Lord used the King to restore all that King Nebuchadnezzar took away at the time of captivity. (Ezra 1: 7,8).

**Anger turned into Favour**

- Upon their return, the priest went to dwell in their own cities. The Temple of the Lord laid in waste. (Haggai 1: 3-5; Ezra 2: 68-70).
- The people remembered what it used to be with the Temple of Solomon.
- The people laid again the foundation of the Temple.
- Some people stood up for the revival work (Ezra. 3: 2.
- There was the prayer for revival.

## The Preparation for Revival

- When the Lord restored His people, the people wept with joy (Ezra 3: 10-13, Ps. 85:6-7).
- The people never to return to their folly (Ps. 85:8).

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