

EZRA 5-6



THE COMPLETION

- There are three focus points given regarding the temple completion (6:14).
- Haggai and Zechariah played a key role in it's completion.
- They built it by God's command.
- They had the blessing of the governing authorities (provided by God).



- This has been a very lengthy construction project.
- Here is yet another comparison to former glory (2 Chron. 7:5).
- Israel is still fully represented here though the numbers are so small (6:17).
- Notice that they are able to resume the worship even though they have been gone for many years (6:18).



- Consider the highlighting of the purity of the priests (6:20).
- Added to the exiles were "all those who had separated themselves" (6:21).
- Their joy in worship came from the Lord (6:22).
- They recognized God's hand in the work they did (6:22).