

## Chapter 6

*Darius finding in the regifter, that Cyrus gaue licence to build the Temple, commandeth that none hinder it: 8. geueth alfo money towardes the charges, and hoftes for facrifice.*

**T**hen Darius the king commanded, and they searched in the librarie of the bookes, that were layd vp in Babylon, <sup>2</sup>and there was found in Ecbatanis, which is a caftle in the prouince Medena, one volume, and there was fuch a cōmentarie written therein: <sup>3</sup>In the firft yeare of Cyrus the king: Cyrus the king decreed, that the houfe of God fhould be built, which is in Ierufalem, in the place where they immolate hoftes, and that they lay the foundations fupporting the height of threefcore cubites, & the bredth of threefcore cubites, <sup>4</sup>three rewes of ftones vnpolifhed, & fo rewes of new timber: and the coftes fhall be geuen out of the kings houfe. <sup>5</sup>Yea & the veffels of the temple of God, of gold & of filuer which Nabuchodonofor had taken out of the Temple of Ierufalem, and had brought them into Babylon, let them be reftored, & brought backe into the temple of Ierufalem vnto their place, which alfo were put in the temple of God. <sup>6</sup>Now therfore Thathanai prince of the countrie, that is beyond the Riuer, Stharubazanai, and your counfelers the Apharfacheites, which are beyond the Riuer, depart farre from them, <sup>7</sup>and fuffer that temple of God to be made of the duke of the Iewes, and of their ancientes, that they may build that houfe of God in his place. <sup>8</sup>Alfo there is cōmandment geuen from me what muft be done of thofe ancientes of the Iewes, that the houfe of God may be built, to witte, that of the kings coffe, that is, of the tributes, that are geuen out of the countrie beyond the Riuer, the charges be diligently geuen to thofe men, left the worke be hindred. <sup>9</sup>And if it fhall be neceffarie, calues alfo, and lambes, and kiddes, for holocauft to the God of heauen, wheate, falt, wyne, and oyle, according to the rite of the Prieftes that are in Ierufalem, let there be geuen them day by day, that

there be no complaynte in any thing. <sup>10</sup> And let them offer oblations to the God of heauen, and pray for the life of the king, and of his children. <sup>11</sup> By me therefore there is a decree made. That euerie man, which fhall alter this commandement, there be a beame taken of his houfe, and fet vp, and he be faft hanged vpon it, and his houfe be conficcate. <sup>12</sup> And the God, that hath made his name to dwel there, deftroy al kingdomes, and the people that fhall extend theyr hand to refift, & to deftroy the houfe of God, that is in Ierufalē. I Darius haue made the decree, which I wil to be diligently accōplifhed. <sup>13</sup> Therefore Thathanai the prince of the countrie beyond the Riuier, and Stharbuzani, and his counfelters, according to that which Darius the king had commanded, fo did execute it diligently. <sup>14</sup> And the ancientes of the Iewes built, and prospered according to the prophecie of Aggeus the prophet, and of Zacharias the fonne of Addo: and they built and fet vp, the God of Ifrael commanding, and <sup>a</sup>)Cyrus commanding, and Darius, and Artaxerxes the kings of the Perfians. <sup>15</sup> And they were finifhing this houfe of God, vntil the third day of the moneth of Adar, which is the fixth yeare of Darius the king. <sup>16</sup> And the children of Ifrael, the Prieftes and the Leuites, and the reft of the tranfmigration, made the dedication of the houfe of God in ioy. <sup>17</sup> And they offered in the dedication of the houfe of God, calues an hundred, rammes two hundred, lambes foure hundred, buckgoates for the finne of al Ifrael twelue, according to the number of the tribes of Ifrael. <sup>18</sup> And they fet the Prieftes in theyr orders, and the Leuites in theyr courfes ouer the workes of God in Ierufalem, as it is writen in the booke of Moyfes. <sup>19</sup> And the children of Ifrael of the tranfmigration made the Phafe, the fourtenth day of the firft moneth. <sup>20</sup> For al the Prieftes and the Leuites were purified as it were one man: al cleane to immolate the Phafe for al the children of the tranfmigration, and for theyr brethren the Prieftes, and them felues. <sup>21</sup> And the children of Ifrael that were returned from the tranfmigration, did

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<sup>a</sup> The hart of the king is in the hand of our Lord. *Prouerb. 21.*

eate, and al that had feperated them felues from the  
coinquination of the Gentiles of the earth vnto them,  
to feeke our Lord the God of Ifrael. <sup>22</sup> And they made  
the folemnitie of Azymes feuen dayes in ioy, becaufe our  
Lord had made them ioyful, and had turned the hart of  
the king of Affur to them, that he fhould helpe theyr  
handes in the worke of the houfe of our Lord the God of  
Ifrael.