

**“So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, a descendant of Iddo. They finished building the temple according to the command of the God of Israel and the decrees of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia.”**  
(Ezra 6:14)



The people of God, who worshipped idols and desecrated his temple, the Lord punished them for that sin. He brought them into exile by the Babylonian who destroyed the temple of God and brought the people of Jerusalem to Babylon.

After seventy years in exile, the Lord restored His people and brought them back to the promise land.

He commanded them to rebuild the temple of God that was in ruin. God spoke to them clearly and instructed them to do that through His prophets Haggai and Zechariah.

So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah: As they were hearing the message of the prophets of God and honoured the message and put all their instructions in practice the following had happened:

**1- The building of the temple continued until they finished:** The word of God as they heard gave them inspiration to dedicate themselves to serve God. They continued to build instructed by God's word. As well as

the word of God encouraged them to stand firm against all opposition and not to be discouraged till they finished the task.

**2- They prospered:** As they served the Lord in obeying His command and showed their concerns toward His temple, He prospered them.

The message is applicable in our lives.

**1- Hearing the message of the word of God will inspire us and lead us in the way that God wants us to move on.** The Word of God encourage us to stand firm and says no to sin and to worldliness, and gives us steadfastness against trials and oppositions doing God's will and plan till Jesus comes to take us to heaven.

**2- God would prosper us as we show obedience and faithfulness toward Him and care for His church.**



### My Prayer

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that always instruct me to do your will and gives me the resistance and the immunity against trials. Thank you Lord for your love and faithfulness that you showed me, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.**



**“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”**

(Acts 20:32)

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**“<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

(2Timothy 3:16-17)