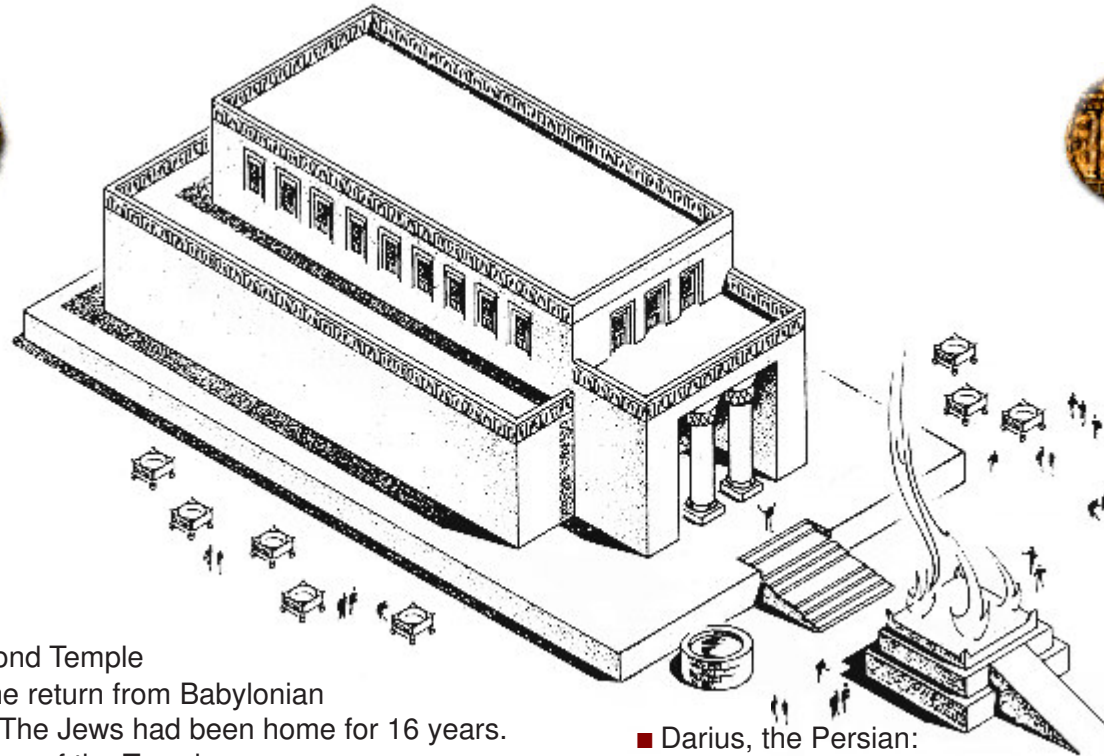


Interesting Facts About Zerubbabel's Temple



- Israel's second Temple
- Built after the return from Babylonian captivity. The Jews had been home for 16 years.
- The rebuilding of the Temple:
 - Foundation was laid in 536 B.C.
 - Was discontinued in 534 B.C.
 - Resumed in 520 B.C.
 - Completed in 516 B.C.
 - Dedicated on March 12, 515 B.C.
- Zerubbabel's temple stood for 500 years.
- Zerubbabel's temple exceeded the dimensions of Solomon's Temple
- In magnificence and splendor, Zerubbabel's Temple did not compare with Solomon's Temple.
Ezra 3:12 & Haggai 2:3
- Zerubbabel's temple did not have the Ark of the

- Darius, the Persian:
 - Authorized the temple to be completed.
 - Authorized the use of the royal treasury for the building of the Temple.
- The work of restoring Jerusalem went on for some 70 years after the temple was built.
- The prophets Haggai and Zechariah encouraged the work on the Temple.
- Ezra focused attention on the decree of Cyrus.
Ezra 6:3-5
- Haggai stressed the need to rebuild the Temple.
Haggai 1:1-6
- Zechariah predicted the rebuilding of the temple.
Zechariah 1:16