

THE LORD STIRRED

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia...”

--Ezra 1:1



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INTRODUCTION

- **Isaiah 55:1 1** - “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”



- God will fulfill His truth (verbal or written).

TO FULFILL PROPHECY

- **Jeremiah 29:10-** Jew's return from captivity.
FUFILLED in **Ezra 1:1; 2 Chronicles 36:22**
- **Haggai 1:14-** Zerubbabel rebuilds the Temple.

- God calls; man must respond. **Philippians 2:13**

TO FULFILL PREACHING

- **Acts 17:13**- “But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea; they came thither also and stirred up the people.”
- **Acts 21:27** “Jews stirred up all the people”; **13:50** “stirred up the devout and honorable women...against Paul”

TO FULFILL PREACHING

- **Acts 6:12** “...stirred up the people against Stephen.”
 - **Luke 23:5** “...chief priests “moved” or stirred up the people against Christ.”
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- **1 Corinthians 1:17**

TO FULFILL PROMISES

ETERNAL PROMISE: **John 3:16**

- **Hebrews 4:12** Gods' word accomplished His will, wants, and wishes.
- **Acts 17:16** Paul was "stirred" or provoked within to preach.

TO FULFILL PROMISES

- **2 Peter 1:13** “stir up” putting in remembrance;
2 Peter 3:1
 - **2 Corinthians 9:2** influence of one congregation upon another
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- **Hebrews 10:24–25** God values availability over ability.



CONCLUSION

- “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.”

1 Timothy 4:6

ARE YOU STIRRED UP THIS AFTERNOON?



INVITATION

Need Jesus?

Hear the Word

Believe the Word

Repent of Sin

Confess Christ

Submit to Baptism

Live Faithfully

Need to Return?

Repent of Sin

Confess Sin

Pray Forgiveness

Live Faithfully *