



1 Then<sup>H116</sup> Darius<sup>H1868</sup> the king<sup>H4430</sup> made<sup>H7761</sup> a decree<sup>H2942</sup>, and search<sup>H1240</sup> was made in the house<sup>H1005</sup> of the rolls<sup>H5609</sup>, where<sup>H8536</sup> the treasures<sup>H1596</sup> were laid up<sup>H5182</sup> in Babylon<sup>H895</sup>. 2 And there was found<sup>H7912</sup> at Achmetha<sup>H307</sup>, in the palace<sup>H1001</sup> that is in the province<sup>H4083</sup> of the Medes<sup>H4076</sup>, a<sup>H2298</sup> roll<sup>H4040</sup>, and therein<sup>H1459</sup> was a record<sup>H1799</sup> thus<sup>H3652</sup> written<sup>H3790,3</sup>. 3 In the first<sup>H2298</sup> year<sup>H8140</sup> of Cyrus<sup>H3567</sup> the king<sup>H4430</sup> the same Cyrus<sup>H3567</sup> the king<sup>H4430</sup> made<sup>H7761</sup> a decree<sup>H2942</sup> concerning the house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>, Let the house<sup>H1005</sup> be builded<sup>H1124</sup>, the place<sup>H870</sup> where they offered<sup>H1684</sup> sacrifices<sup>H1685</sup>, and let the foundations<sup>H787</sup> thereof be strongly laid<sup>H5446</sup>; the height<sup>H7314</sup> thereof threescore<sup>H8361</sup> cubits<sup>H521</sup>, and the breadth<sup>H6613</sup> thereof threescore<sup>H8361</sup> cubits<sup>H521</sup>; 4 With three<sup>H8532</sup> rows<sup>H5073</sup> of great<sup>H1560</sup> stones<sup>H69</sup>, and a row<sup>H5073</sup> of new<sup>H2323</sup> timber<sup>H636</sup>: and let the expenses<sup>H5313</sup> be given<sup>H3052</sup> out of<sup>H4481</sup> the king's<sup>H4430</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup>. 5 And also<sup>H638</sup> let the golden<sup>H1722</sup> and silver<sup>H3702</sup> vessels<sup>H3984</sup> of the house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup>, which Nebuchadnezzar<sup>H5020</sup> took forth<sup>H5312</sup> out of<sup>H4481</sup> the temple<sup>H1965</sup> which is at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>, and brought<sup>H2987</sup> unto Babylon<sup>H895</sup>, be restored<sup>H8421</sup>, and brought again<sup>H1946</sup> unto the temple<sup>H1965</sup> which is at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>, every one to his place<sup>H870</sup>, and place<sup>H5182</sup> them in the house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup>. 6 Now<sup>H3705</sup> therefore, Tatnai<sup>H8674</sup>, governor<sup>H6347</sup> beyond<sup>H5675</sup> the river<sup>H5103</sup>, Shetharboznai<sup>H8370</sup>, and your companions<sup>H3675</sup> the Apharsachites<sup>H671</sup>, which are beyond<sup>H5675</sup> the river<sup>H5103</sup>, be ye<sup>H1934</sup> far<sup>H7352</sup> from<sup>H4481</sup> thence<sup>H8536,5</sup>. 7 Let the work<sup>H5673</sup> of this<sup>H1791</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> alone<sup>H7662</sup>, let the governor<sup>H6347</sup> of the Jews<sup>H3062</sup> and the elders<sup>H7868</sup> of the Jews<sup>H3062</sup> build<sup>H1124</sup> this<sup>H1791</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> in<sup>H5922</sup> his place<sup>H870</sup>. 8 Moreover<sup>H4481</sup> make<sup>H7761</sup> a decree<sup>H2942</sup> what<sup>H3964</sup> ye shall do<sup>H5648</sup> to<sup>H5974</sup> the elders<sup>H7868</sup> of these<sup>H479</sup> Jews<sup>H3062</sup> for the building<sup>H1124</sup> of this<sup>H1791</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup>: that of the king's<sup>H4430</sup> goods<sup>H5232</sup>, even of<sup>H1768</sup> the tribute<sup>H4061</sup> beyond<sup>H5675</sup> the river<sup>H5103</sup>, forthwith<sup>H629</sup> expenses<sup>H5313</sup> be<sup>H1934</sup> given<sup>H3052</sup> unto these<sup>H479</sup> men<sup>H1400</sup>, that they be not<sup>H3809</sup> hindered<sup>H989,67</sup>. 9 And that which<sup>H4101</sup> they have need of<sup>H2818</sup>, both young<sup>H1123</sup> bullocks<sup>H8450</sup>, and rams<sup>H1798</sup>, and lambs<sup>H563</sup>, for the burnt offerings<sup>H5928</sup> of the God<sup>H426</sup> of heaven<sup>H8065</sup>, wheat<sup>H2591</sup>, salt<sup>H4416</sup>, wine<sup>H2562</sup>, and oil<sup>H4887</sup>, according to the appointment<sup>H3983</sup> of the priests<sup>H3549</sup> which are at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>, let it be<sup>H1934</sup> given<sup>H3052</sup> them day<sup>H3118</sup> by day<sup>H3118</sup> without<sup>H3809</sup> fail<sup>H7960</sup>. 10 That they may offer<sup>H1934,7127</sup> sacrifices of sweet savours<sup>H5208</sup> unto the God<sup>H426</sup> of heaven<sup>H8065</sup>, and pray<sup>H6739</sup> for the life<sup>H2417</sup> of the king<sup>H4430</sup>, and of his sons<sup>H1123,8</sup>. 11 Also<sup>H4481</sup> I have made<sup>H7761</sup> a decree<sup>H2942</sup>, that whosoever<sup>H3606,606</sup> shall alter<sup>H8133</sup> this<sup>H1836</sup> word<sup>H6600</sup>, let timber<sup>H636</sup> be pulled down<sup>H5256</sup> from<sup>H4481</sup> his house<sup>H1005</sup>, and being set up<sup>H2211</sup>, let him be hanged<sup>H4223</sup> thereon<sup>H5922</sup>, and let his house<sup>H1005</sup> be made<sup>H5648</sup> a dunghill<sup>H5122</sup> for<sup>H5922</sup> this<sup>H1836,9</sup>. 12 And the God<sup>H426</sup> that hath caused his name<sup>H8036</sup> to dwell<sup>H7932</sup> there<sup>H8536</sup> destroy<sup>H4049</sup> all<sup>H3606</sup> kings<sup>H4430</sup> and people<sup>H5972</sup>, that shall put<sup>H7972</sup> to their hand<sup>H3028</sup> to alter<sup>H8133</sup> and to destroy<sup>H2255</sup> this<sup>H1791</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> which is at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>. I<sup>H576</sup> Darius<sup>H1868</sup> have made<sup>H7761</sup> a decree<sup>H2942</sup>, let it be done<sup>H5648</sup> with speed<sup>H629</sup>.

13 Then<sup>H116</sup> Tatnai<sup>H8674</sup>, governor<sup>H6347</sup> on this side<sup>H5675</sup> the river<sup>H5103</sup>, Shetharboznai<sup>H8370</sup>, and their companions<sup>H3675</sup>, according<sup>H6903</sup> to that which Darius<sup>H1868</sup> the king<sup>H4430</sup> had sent<sup>H7972</sup>, so<sup>H3660</sup> they did<sup>H5648</sup> speedily<sup>H629</sup>. 14 And the elders<sup>H7868</sup> of the Jews<sup>H3062</sup> builded<sup>H1124</sup>, and they prospered<sup>H6744</sup> through the prophesying<sup>H5017</sup> of Haggai<sup>H2292</sup> the prophet<sup>H5029</sup> and Zechariah<sup>H2148</sup> the son<sup>H1247</sup> of Iddo<sup>H5714</sup>. And they builded<sup>H1124</sup>, and finished<sup>H3635</sup> it, according<sup>H4481</sup> to the commandment<sup>H2941</sup> of the God<sup>H426</sup> of Israel<sup>H3479</sup>, and according to the commandment<sup>H2942</sup> of Cyrus<sup>H3567</sup>, and Darius<sup>H1868</sup>, and Artaxerxes<sup>H783</sup> king<sup>H4430</sup> of Persia<sup>H6540,10</sup>. 15 And this<sup>H1836</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> was finished<sup>H3319</sup> on<sup>H5705</sup> the third<sup>H8532</sup> day<sup>H3118</sup> of the month<sup>H3393</sup> Adar<sup>H144</sup>, which was<sup>H1932</sup> in the sixth<sup>H8353</sup> year<sup>H8140</sup> of the reign<sup>H4437</sup> of Darius<sup>H1868</sup> the king<sup>H4430</sup>. 16 And the children<sup>H1123</sup> of Israel<sup>H3479</sup>, the priests<sup>H3549</sup>, and the Levites<sup>H3879</sup>, and the rest<sup>H7606</sup> of the children<sup>H1123</sup> of the captivity<sup>H1547</sup>, kept<sup>H5648</sup> the dedication<sup>H2597</sup> of this<sup>H1836</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> with joy<sup>H2305,11</sup>. 17 And offered<sup>H7127</sup> at the dedication<sup>H2597</sup> of this<sup>H1836</sup> house<sup>H1005</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup> an hundred<sup>H3969</sup> bullocks<sup>H8450</sup>, two hundred<sup>H3969</sup> rams<sup>H1798</sup>, four<sup>H703</sup> hundred<sup>H3969</sup> lambs<sup>H563</sup>; and for a sin offering<sup>H2402,2409</sup> for<sup>H5922</sup> all<sup>H3606</sup> Israel<sup>H3479</sup>, twelve<sup>H8648,6236</sup> he<sup>H6841</sup> goats<sup>H5796</sup>, according to the number<sup>H4510</sup> of the tribes<sup>H7625</sup> of Israel<sup>H3479</sup>. 18 And they set<sup>H6966</sup> the priests<sup>H3549</sup> in

their divisions<sup>H6392</sup>, and the Levites<sup>H3879</sup> in their courses<sup>H4255</sup>, for<sup>H5922</sup> the service<sup>H5673</sup> of God<sup>H426</sup>, which is at Jerusalem<sup>H3390</sup>; as it is written<sup>H3792</sup> in the book<sup>H5609</sup> of Moses<sup>H4873</sup>. <sup>12</sup> **19** And the children<sup>H1121</sup> of the captivity<sup>H1473</sup> kept<sup>H6213</sup> the passover<sup>H6453</sup> upon the fourteenth<sup>H702 H6240</sup> day of the first<sup>H7223</sup> month<sup>H2320</sup>. **20** For the priests<sup>H3548</sup> and the Levites<sup>H3881</sup> were purified<sup>H2891</sup> together<sup>H259</sup>, all of them were pure<sup>H2889</sup>, and killed<sup>H7819</sup> the passover<sup>H6453</sup> for all the children<sup>H1121</sup> of the captivity<sup>H1473</sup>, and for their brethren<sup>H251</sup> the priests<sup>H3548</sup>, and for themselves. **21** And the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, which were come again<sup>H7725</sup> out of captivity<sup>H1473</sup>, and all such as had separated<sup>H914</sup> themselves unto them from the filthiness<sup>H2932</sup> of the heathen<sup>H1471</sup> of the land<sup>H776</sup>, to seek<sup>H1875</sup> the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, did eat<sup>H398</sup>, **22** And kept<sup>H6213</sup> the feast<sup>H2282</sup> of unleavened bread<sup>H4682</sup> seven<sup>H7651</sup> days<sup>H3117</sup> with joy<sup>H8057</sup>: for the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> had made them joyful<sup>H8055</sup>, and turned<sup>H5437</sup> the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of the king<sup>H4428</sup> of Assyria<sup>H804</sup> unto them, to strengthen<sup>H2388</sup> their hands<sup>H3027</sup> in the work<sup>H4399</sup> of the house<sup>H1004</sup> of God<sup>H430</sup>, the God<sup>H430</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>.

## Fußnoten

1. rolls: Chaldee, books
2. laid up: Chaldee, made to descend
3. Achmetha: or, Ecbatana, or, in a coffer
4. brought again: Chaldee, go
5. your....: Chaldee, their societies
6. I make....: Chaldee, by me a decree is made
7. hindered: Chaldee, made to cease
8. of sweet....: Chaldee, of rest
9. let him....: Chaldee, let him be destroyed
10. commandment: Chaldee, decree
11. the children of the captivity: Chaldee, the sons of the transportation
12. as it is....: Chaldee, according to the writing